

# *Whimple News*

---



---

**Christmas 2006**

---

Vicki, Tanya, Roy and  
our staff wish all our  
customers a very  
Merry Christmas and a  
Prosperous New Year!

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**DINNER BOOKINGS**  
**NOW BEING TAKEN!**  
Party tickets now on Sale  
£5 each  
Fancy Dress (Optional) -  
Saturday Night Fever!

# The Thirsty Farmer

WHIMPLE, EXETER, DEVON, EX5 2QQ

Telephone: 01404 822287

## TRADITIONAL HOSPITALITY AT ITS BEST

Varied A La Carte Menu changed daily  
alongside traditional 'Farmers Favourites'

✳Great Selection of fine Wines✳

Open all day Friday, Saturday & Sunday

## Disco Dattles

**Everyone Welcome!**

Friday 1st December  
Friday 8th December  
Saturday 9th December  
Thursday 14th December  
Friday 15th December  
Friday 22nd December  
Christmas Eve  
New Year's Eve

# WHAT'S ON IN WHIMPLE

## December

- 5th Whimble Pre-School Craft Evening
- 9th Impact Club Night Formal Christmas Dinner 6.00pm
- 9th Orchard Harmony, St Mary's Church, Whimble, 7.30pm
- 9th History Society Christmas Party, Cricket Club
- 10th S Club & Impact, Christmas Special, Scout Hut, 10.45am
- 10th Christingle Service, St Mary's Church, 3.00pm
- 12th Over 60's Christmas Lunch at the Mt Pleasant, Dawlish
- 16th Christmas Special Lunch by Soup & Sarnie Team, Victory Hall, noon-1.30pm
- 17th Celebration Service, Christmas Special. Whimble Church 11.00am
- 17th Christmas Carol Service, St Mary's Church, 6.30pm
- 17th Special Impact Club Night at 6.00pm
- 24th Christmas Carols either in the Square or in the Church (see article) 7.00pm
- 29th Blood Doning Feniton C of E Primary 9.30 -11.45am and 1.30 -3.15pm

## January

- 17th Wassailing leaving from New Fountain Inn 7.00pm
- 27th Whimble Pre-School Quiz and Curry Night
- 14th Celebration Service, Whimble Church 11.00am
- 28th Celebration Service, Whimble Church 11.00am

## February

- 2nd Angela Browning & Hugo Swire, Victory Hall, 7.00-9.00pm
- 22nd -24th Panto 'Sinbad the Sailor', Victory Hall

## St Mary's Church

For Christmas services see page 17

### Monthly Programme of Services

1st Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Celebration Service
2nd Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	S club11/Impact in the Scout Hut
3rd Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Service
4th Sunday	11.00am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	S club11/Impact in the Scout Hut
5th Sunday	11.00am	Joint Benefice Communion

Please use the Whimble Diary held in the Post Office for checking availability of venues and booking events.

If your Association has an event which you would like listed above please contact **Nicky Hitchcock** on 823194 or e-mail [nickyjhitch@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nickyjhitch@tiscali.co.uk)

**PETER SALTER A.I.R.T.E.**

**MOBILE MOTOR ENGINEER**

(Member Institute of Road Transport Engineers)

Servicing & M.O.T. Preparation  
Engine Overhauls & Bodywork Welding  
Cars & Commercial Vehicles

**Telephone: Whimple (01404) 823054**

# Talaton Inn

SUNDAY LUNCH - DAILY SPECIALS  
BAR MENU AND SNACKS  
RESTAURANT OPEN TUESDAYS TO  
SATURDAY EVENING



**Good Ales, Good Food  
Pop in and say Hello**

**Tel: 822214**

## Ed the Ed

And suddenly it's December! The 'What's On In Whimple' is positively groaning under the weight of events that are planned for the next few weeks in the village – please support as many as you can. One of the events that is a personal favourite of the current Mrs H and myself, both highly trained operatic mumbler, is the Xmas Eve carols in the village. We have an article from Tom and Barbara Lambert who have organised this for more years than they care to remember, and done a fantastic job every year, collecting on behalf of the Devon air Ambulance. They are looking for some people to take over the organisation of the event for next year – so if you have enjoyed the carols over the years, and would like to get involved, please contact Barbara and Tom. It is so easy to assume that someone else will pick it up...and then next year, no carols which would be a great shame, I'm sure that you would agree. Thanks to Tom and Barbara for doing it this year.

This edition has some excellent contributions from the village – my own particular favourite is Julie Millward's 'The Visitor' - I know that when I first read it, I felt that I was there in the house with the story teller. Some wonderfully descriptive writing.

Talking of contributions...another seamless link, gentle reader...how does he do it....we are very grateful to the Thirsty Farmer for the donation after their Quiz Night recently. Please remember that it is a free magazine, and we try hard to balance the numbers of adverts against articles, as well as keeping the advert costs to a reasonable and attractive level. This still means that we value donations of any size, and most this year have been left at the PO by anonymous donors – so thank you for those.

We are also keen on contributions of the 'article' kind, so if there is something that you want to write about, put pen to paper and send it to us via the routes mentioned below. We are happy to include items for sale, and a voluntary donation would be welcomed.

Many thanks go to our resolute team of deliverers who struggle through heat, famine, fire and plague to get your magazines to you – thank you for all your help. We might have the bestest magazine in Devon, but that comes to nothing if we cannot get it to the readers! Mrs Carthew in Dince Hill Close has been delivering for many years, and has decided to hang up her News bag claiming that being in her 80s, it is a bit too much! I think she just wants a lie-in once every 2 months . Thank you for all your hard work Mrs C, we all appreciate your efforts.

Our cut off date for the next edition is Monday 15 January – either via Jim and Alison at the PO or direct to Santa's very own little Pixie helper, cherubic Bobbie Scanlan at bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk.

The Whimple News Team wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2007.

Ed H

# Waves of Whimble

**Qualified in unisex hairdressing**

**Advanced Colour Courses with L'Oreal and Wella**

**Open: Tues - Saturday: Late Night by appointment.**

**Free parking by kind permission of the Thirsty Farmer**

**TEL 01404 823400**

**New Inn Cross, Whimble. Devon. EX5 2TS**

## Liberte

**HOLIDAYS**

**...Your French connection South of France:**

**Long lazy sunny days in a beautiful French villa, with communal pool right on the Mediterranean coast.**

Sleeps up to six and includes patio garden with barbecue. Satellite TV, washing machine, bike and roller-blade hire, wind surfing, kite surfing and sand sailing, as well as horse riding and go carting and on the edge of a nature reserve.

Situated near all major airports (Flybe, Ryanair, Easyjet) and airport collection available. Auto train to Narbonne from Calais; 10 min drive from motorway. Prices from £70 p.p./during July and August (price based on 6 people sharing). Also countryside B & B available and assistance with house searches and relocation available.

Please visit: **[www.liberteholidays.com](http://www.liberteholidays.com)** or phone Janine or Paul on

**00-33-468-44-12-08**



# Whimpe Post Office News



The Christmas stamps are now in, as well as a large selection of 'From Whimpe' Christmas cards. These are very popular so to take advantage of the full range. We advise you to buy now to avoid disappointment. The message this year is certainly to post early, I know we are told that every year, but this year we feel that it is more important than usual.

To help Royal Mail to get your mail to its right destination in time for Christmas we would like to remind you of the following;

- ❖ Please use the correct post code (visit [www.royalmail.com/postcodes](http://www.royalmail.com/postcodes)); if you are not sure add a return address on the back of the envelope
- ❖ Make sure you pay the correct postage for international items
- ❖ To avoid recipients having to pay for insufficient postage –please ensure correct postage is attached – if you are not sure please ask us. Remember pricing in proportion.

Now those all-important last recommended posting dates.

## **International Air Mail**

Fri 8th December	South and Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle east, Far East, (except Japan), Asia, New Zealand and Australia.
Mon 11th December	Japan, USA, Canada, and Eastern Europe.
Wed 13th December	Western Europe.

## **UK Last Posting Dates**

Wed 13th December	Standard Parcels
Sat 16th December	Second Class
Tues 19th December	First Class.
Thurs 21st December	Special Delivery

Our Opening times will be as follows over the Christmas and New Year period.

Monday 25th December Closed.

Tuesday 26th December Closed.

Then normal opening times, until:

Monday 1st January Closed.

Benefits that are due on 25th December can be collected on 22nd December, and those due on 1st January collected 29th December.

Please remember that the private right of way that runs alongside the post office will be closed to the public on Monday 1st January, for 24 hours.

Wishing you and your families Peace and Fun this Christmas and Health and Happiness throughout the New Year.

Thanking you all for your continuing Support.

**Jim & Alison**

# FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout

Bring in a tree, a young Norwegian spruce  
Bring hyacinths that rooted in the cold  
Bring Winter Jasmine as its buds unfold –  
Bring the Christmas life into this house.  
Bring red, green and gold, bring things that shine  
Bring candlesticks and music, food and wine  
Bring in your memories of Christmas past  
Bring in your tears for all that you have lost.  
Bring in the shepherd boy, the ox and the ass  
Bring in the stillness of an icy night  
Bring in the birth of hope and love and light  
Bring in the Christmas life into this house.

This lovely poem by Andy Cope was sent to me soon after Christmas last year to inspire me in the following Christmas message. I was so touched by his gesture that I put it in a safe place and – miracle, I found it! - so, thank you to Andy.

Two thousand and six years ago there was something unusual in the heaven, but it may not have been something immediately obvious at a glance. It required imaginative interpretation or the wisdom of the Magi in astrological knowledge. That star signalled to the Magi that an infant King was born which eventually led them to Bethlehem where they presented their symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They must have had a celestial wisdom to have deduced something so specific from a simple point of light. Apart from the shepherds, the three Kings were the first strangers to know of the birth of Christ in a stable. Christmas is the most inclusive of festivals and today after two thousand and six years it is still observed by countless millions all over the world. We may be our own magi following the star. The secret of survival of Christmas is that it is a wonderful story which appeals to our imagination, an infant King born in a stable with an ox and an ass to keep him warm. It appeals not only to an artistic imagination but also to the moral imagination. It is as though we were all kinder and better than we are.

There is no lovelier sound than to hear the sound of Christmas bells and this custom goes back as far as the 7th Century when the first bells were introduced to English churches from Campania in Italy.

Hence the name of campanology for the art and science of ringing. I remember so well our celebration of Christmas in the Swiss Alps. On hearing the bells on Christmas Eve the whole family would set out with father who was singing in the choir for midnight mass. Walking with our lanterns in the glistening snow of this frosty night was magic and being a musical family we sang the carols with all our heart. The memory of it is still so vivid that I can almost hear the sound of that wonderful French carol – “Il est ne le Divin Enfant, chantez hautbois, resonne musettes” - what a joyful occasion!

This year, I helped with the research for Ottery St. Mary Flower Festival which depicted the West Country Saints. It was certainly fascinating to find out more about their lives and how they came to England. As a child I so often heard my mother telling us about the life of Joseph of Arimethea. In all four Gospels it is related that Christ was buried in the tomb of his wealthiest disciple. According to a pious legend of the tin miners of Cornwall, Joseph was Christ's uncle, a tin merchant from Tyre in Lebanon buying tin from Cornwall and lead from Somerset. He also brought Christianity to the West Country establishing the first Christian church in Glastonbury. Most importantly, he brought with him the chalice from the last supper which is how the Holy Grail came to England. For over sixteen hundred and fifty years it was said that Joseph of Arimethea before leaving Palestine to travel to the West Country had cut a staff from the tree from which the Crown of Thorns had been made. When arriving in Glastonbury he planted the staff which centuries later still lives on. A few days before Christmas the hawthorn which grew from that staff enjoys its annual hour of glory where sprays are cut and sent to Her Majesty the Queen. The Mayor and vicar of St. John's Church in front of which the thorn grows take part in a simple ceremony in this modest and simple yet magical town of Somerset. The amazing thing is that the ancient thorn has already behaved like any other normal thorn by blossoming earlier in the year. It is only the famous Holy Thorn which blossoms at Christmas as well as in May.

Last but not least a poem to celebrate my robin.

I am the proper bird for this season  
 Not blessed St. Turkey born to be eaten  
 I am man's inedible permanent bird  
 I dine in his garden, my spoon is his spade  
 I'm the true token of Christ the Child King  
 I nest in man's stable  
 Throughout his dark winters  
 I SING!



Summer Holidays  
\*  
Winter Breaks



## LOWER SOUTHBROOK FARM

### Holiday Cottages

Southbrook Lane  
Whimble  
Exeter  
EX5 2PG  
Tel: 01404 822989

*"Enjoy the peace and quiet of the Devon countryside .... space for the children to play"*



**Proprietors**  
Angela &  
Stuart  
Lang



Central Heating  
\*  
Colour Television  
\*  
Swimming Pool  
(Heated May to Aug)



## The Veterinary Clinic, Whimple

Consultations by appointment.

We also offer routine surgery and dental treatment.

Please call the surgery to arrange this.

Surgery times:

Monday and Wednesday: 8.45am - 9.15am

Monday to Friday: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Saturday: 11.00am - 12.00noon

For an appointment and for all veterinary enquiries, please call 01404 823230

# *West One*

**Hair Design**  
**01404 814 913**

**For Ladies and Gentlemen**

**3, The Old Village Hall, West Hill Road, West Hill,**  
(Nr West Hill Garage) **Free Parking**

Ladies cuts from £8.00

Men's cuts from £6.50

Children from £5.00

Our qualifications include Hairdressing NVQ 1 & 2

Diplomas in: Toni & Guy advanced Technical Colouring, Colour Correction,  
L'Oreal Colour Keys, Techniques 2000, Cutting and Perming.

**Opening:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

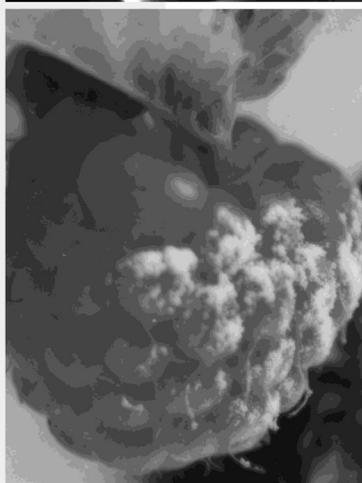
For an Appointment Please call **01404 814913** or Call in for Free Consultation.

# whatever the occasion

The Jack In The Green Inn, one of Devon's finest restaurants, is pleased to support the village Magazine The Whimple News.

Our award winning food is prepared with the finest ingredients by our uncompromising chefs.

So from bar snacks to a la carte our sumptuous meals suit every occasion and celebration.



*...we'd like you to come and see us*

THE JACK IN THE  
GREEN INN

Rockbeare, Near Exeter, Devon EX5 2EE.  
Telephone: 01404 822240 [www.jackinthegreen.uk.com](http://www.jackinthegreen.uk.com)

# MILESTONE SERVICES

TEXACO GARAGE WHIMPLE

Welcome to



-o-

GROCERIES - FROZEN AND CHILLED FOODS - FRUIT AND VEGETABLES  
WINES BEERS SPIRITS- FRESH BAKED BREAD - HOT SNACKS AND DRINKS  
NEWSPAPERS - MAGAZINES & MUCH, MUCH MORE

-o-

**LOOK OUT FOR OUR MONTHLY SPECIALS -SELECTED LINES AT  
SUPERMARKET PRICES! (EG. 3 BOTTLES OF WINE FOR £10 )**

-o-

**JOIN OUR DVD CLUB**

(MEMBERSHIP FREE) RENTALS FROM 99P

-o-

**PAYPOINT AGENT**

PAY YOUR BILLS - TOP UP YOUR MOBILE - TV LICENCE  
ELECTRICITY KEY CHARGING ETC

-o-

**CASH MACHINE IN STORE**

-o-

WE ALSO SELL CALOR GAS - COAL - LOGS - CAR CARE PRODUCTS -  
GARDEN STONWARE & COMPOSTS.

**FUELS AND OILS AT COMPETITIVE PRICES**

-o-

**LONDIS at Milestone - Best Value Locally**

-o-

**OPEN UNTIL 10.00PM**

Telephone (01404) 822005

## Fun and Games?

Oddly this month, we have had three contributions which all reflect the same theme and unfortunately this theme is a less pleasant one, and one that contributors have not had to comment on before.

As we move toward Christmas, it is disappointing that there have been a number of incidents involving some of the younger residents of the village, which have resulted in both damage to property and, more disturbingly, concern and worry to others!

In November, a number of gardens in Slewtown Crescent were vandalised, with little regard for those living there. At the same time, 'gangs' of youngsters were noisily congregating around the area and also around the Victory Hall. Whilst few people have a problem with youthful and innocent 'mucking around', a line is crossed when damage is done and when this takes place late at night. The worst of the problems took place after 10pm and involved under 16 year olds.

PC Jim Tyrrell, our local police officer, has been involved in investigating the incidents and is keen that these are dealt with seriously. He has reminded us all that if the need arises, he can be contacted directly:

Police Radio - 08456 568788 (if Jim is on duty, he will answer)

Force Central Switchboard - 08452 777444 (for messages, or when Jim is not on duty). As always, urgent and serious incidents should be dealt with on the 999 number.

As news of the problems has spread throughout the village, many comments have been passed as to whether the parents are aware of what is going on. This is a good point to raise and valid for all parents - Do you know where your children are in the evenings?

Let's all work together to help everyone in the village get along. As parents, we need to take responsibility for knowing where our children are and what they are doing. As people, we need to know that we are safe in our homes and that our safety and property are respected. Unfortunately, in the event that there are problems, we should also know how to contact help. It is clear that we have the support of the police to deal with any incidents, but let's hope that the problems seen of late are just unfortunate examples of youngsters overstepping the mark and now realising that what was done was wrong!

Feel free to tell us what you think.

**Whimble News Team**

If you live in Dince Hill Close, we have an opportunity for you to deliver 32 magazines to your neighbours every 2 months. Exercise, a contribution to the community and a chance to look in everyone's front window with impunity - please contact Ed or Nicky on 823194.

# WAC4Y Update

It is amazing to think that the “Whimble Action Committee 4 Youth” was set up almost a year ago now. Children/Teenagers may rightly wonder what has been achieved, but we want to reassure you that monthly meetings are still taking place, and the committee is still trying to improve facilities for you.

The Playground: has now been flattened and grassed and play equipment for young children has been painted (by youngsters). It is now awaiting a goal post, boards put in place for youngsters to decorate and a fence erected to protect pedestrians.

The Parish Field: a very successful sponsored cycle ride took place on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The kids were brilliant and it was good to see so many making use of the field. It was suggested that perhaps this could become an annual event and that next time parents, grandparents and friends would participate!!!

The Youth Bus: Some youngsters (11-16 year olds) have benefited from the “East Devon Youth Bus” visiting the village on Monday evenings. Two qualified youth workers are on hand to organise sport, craft etc. for a couple of hours. Unfortunately it is not always possible to find an appropriate parking site, so although this facility has proved popular with youngsters, it is only a temporary arrangement.

However: A Youth Club?

Last but by no means least; Mino has very bravely decided to open a youth club for 11-16yr olds, hopefully to be held in the Scout Hut on Friday evenings, starting in February. This is a project that needs and deserves our support as we have a very high number of children and teenagers compared with other East Devon villages and there is virtually nothing for them to do.

In order for a youth club to become a reality again, Mino will need a lot of adult support. (Please adults keep reading!). A small committee would have to be formed and a team of helpers available for her to call on. PLEASE whatever age you are, if you can spare a few hours, a year, a month or a week, contact Mino on 823897. Perhaps you have, or know someone who has, a hobby, craft, skill that could be shared with teenagers.

If any potential youth club members are reading this, just keep nagging anyone you think would help! Also any comments you have on any of the above would be useful to read in the next magazine.

Good Luck Mino, and Happy Christmas and New Year to everyone.

**Liz Silk** - Chair of action committee.



The Whimbletons  
proudly present

# SINBAD

22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February

at the

**Whimble Victory Hall**

Tickets available to buy  
from Whimble Stores

**Sponsored by:**

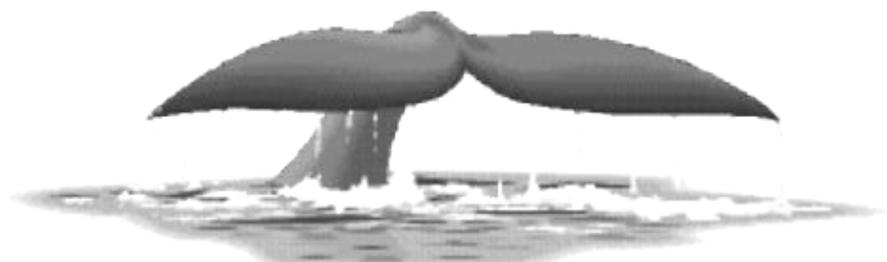
Halls Estate Agents

O'Hanlons Brewery

Willow View Park

# THE SAILOR

*... or the Whale's tale!*



# THE PENSION DRAWDOWN COMPANY

## INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISERS

FOR UNBIASED, QUALITY FINANCIAL ADVICE BASED ON YOUR  
CIRCUMSTANCES PROVIDING SOLUTIONS TO YOUR NEEDS  
INCLUDING

**SAVINGS    INVESTMENTS    PENSION PROVISION**  
**RETIREMENT OPTIONS inc ANNUITIES**  
**LIFE AND CRITICAL ILLNESS COVER    INCOME PROTECTION**

Contact: Bob Diamond at Waterlake Meadow, Church Road, Whimpe  
On 01404 822865 or Email [r.diamond1@ntlworld.com](mailto:r.diamond1@ntlworld.com)  
For a free initial consultation

Appointed Representative of The Burns-Anderson Independent Network PLC,  
which is Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority

# Martha Mockford

## Quality kitchens at affordable prices

*manufactured and expertly fitted by our own staff  
better value for money than DIY stores*

**Also re-fronts & new worktops**  
**Carpets, vinyls and wooden flooring**

Complete, friendly service from a local family business

**Hotpoint, AEG, SMEG, Franke, Blanco**



# 01404 44189



# WHIMPLE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

St Mary's Church - Services to be held over the Christmas period

<b>Sunday 3rd December</b>	8.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Advent Carol Service (at 8.00am)
<b>Sunday 10th December</b>	3.00pm Christingle Service
<b>Sunday 17th December</b>	8.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Celebration Service 6.30pm Carol Service
<b>Sunday 24th December</b>	11.00am Service of Holy Communion 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion
<b>Christmas Day</b>	11.00am Family Service - followed by Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 31st December</b>	There will be an 11.00am United Benefice Service with Talaton and Clyst St Lawrence at St Mary's.

The Advent Carol Service marks the start of the period of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. At the start of the service we are in darkness but as it progresses an ever increasing number of candles are lit, symbolising the moving from spiritual darkness into The Light.

We hope to welcome you to this and some of the other services being held over the Christmas period. Members of the PCC wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



## CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICER

### PC JIM TYRRELL

There appears to have been some confusion in the past regarding telephoning me in the first instance, rather than the Force Central Switchboard Number.

If I am working I can be contacted directly on my Police Radio on 08456 568788. If I am working and you call me on this number I will speak to you albeit I must point out that the clarity of telephone calls I receive on this number are frequently of poor quality. If I am not working you will be directed to leave a message on voicemail.

Can I please ask you NOT to do this but to leave a message for me on the Force Central Switchboard on 08452 777444 if it is a matter which can wait until I am next on duty.

**JIM**



# WHIMPLE

The Perfect Village

“A great community, good amenities and excellent accessibility”



We have a constant stream of enquiries for property of all types in and around Whimple.

**ASK FOR A FREE VALUATION**

01404 814306

[www.redfernsproperty.co.uk](http://www.redfernsproperty.co.uk)

Tim Wright



Children at Whimble School threw themselves into the spirit of 'Children in Need' last Wednesday when they were visited by Pudsey Bear and Radio Devon. The children and staff dressed in red and yellow for the day, and donated money to the charity.

Headteacher Di Brice said – "It was great to see everyone enter into the spirit of it, the excitement before Pudsey arrived was like waiting for Father Christmas." Pudsey joined the Key Stage 2 children in "Take 10" – exercises to wake up the brain, and Key Stage 1 children in a rousing rendition of The Grand Old Duke of York.

So far, the school has raised approx. £100 for the charity – as well as the non-uniform day, a group of Key Stage 2 children made and sold Pudsey biscuits and cakes, very enterprising – well done. **Emma Palmer**

**S Club 11**

**&**

**IMPACT**

**S Club 11 & Impact 10:45am in the Scout Hut  
Dec 10th (Christmas Special), Jan 14th and Jan 28th**

**'Celebration' services in Whimble Church: Dec 17th (Christmas Special)**

**Impact Club Night @ 6pm: Dec 9th Formal Christmas Dinner**

# DC DECKING & JOINERY

*Quality Carpentry Services*

## BESPOKE HAND CRAFTED GATES

- *FREE ESTIMATES*
- *MANY REDWOOD DESIGNS*
- *SUPPLY & INSTALLATION*
- *TOTAL SECURITY*

## CARPENTRY

- *FREE ESTIMATES*
- *KITCHENS & BEDROOMS*
- *BUILT IN WARDROBES*
- *UPVC INSTALLATIONS*

*Many years experience,*

*Fully Qualified*

*Large Portfolio*

## QUALITY DECKING SERVICES

- *FREE DESIGN & PLANNING*
- *QUALIFIED INSTALLERS*
- *TREATED MATERIALS*

## JOINERY

- *HAND MADE GARDEN FURNITURE*
- *ANYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE MADE OR REPAIRED*

*For a friendly, efficient & professional service please contact our team*

*Telephone : 01404 822126    Mobile: 07980 889968    Email: dcd decking@aol.com*

# A Chance to say “Hello” and “Thank You”.

Angela Browning, who has been our MP for the last 14 years, has decided to retire. Also, from the 1st January the political boundaries are due to change such that Whimble will no longer be part of her existing Tiverton and Honiton constituency. We will instead become part of Hugo Swire’s East Devon constituency. Nevertheless, Angela will continue to represent us and will remain as our MP until she retires at the next General Election.

Therefore on February 2nd 2007 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm, you are invited to a very special evening reception in the Victory Hall where both Angela and Hugo will be present. There will be live music, a glass of sparkling wine, a licensed bar, the finest canapés the ladies of Whimble can provide and a chance to speak to both MPs and fellow guests in an informal atmosphere.

Angela has been the MP for Tiverton and Honiton since her election in 1992 and has held a number of posts in Government and in Opposition. Angela excelled as Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food from 1994 until 1997 and has since served as Shadow Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, as Shadow Spokesman on Education and Disability and as Shadow Leader of the House. She is presently Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party where she is applying her business experience and acumen to the party organisation and campaign issues.

Angela is also well known for her work with the disabled and the National Autistic Society, wherein she is a specialist counsellor, and with the Alzheimer’s Disease Society.

However, we will always remember her unstinting work as a true ‘Constituency’ MP and her dedication to helping anyone who asks for assistance, regardless of their political affiliation. Angela and David have lived in the village for almost 30 years and they have given total support to local issues and campaigns. This reception will give you the opportunity to introduce yourself or just to say ‘Thanks’ – whoever you might be and whatever political views you may hold.

Hugo was elected to parliament in 2001 as MP for East Devon and with his wife and two children, lives in Sidbury. Hugo has served in the Grenadier Guards, worked in television, became the first Head of Development at the National Gallery and is a past Director of Sotheby’s London. Hugo is one of the country’s leading charity auctioneers and has been involved in raising millions of pounds for different charities over the years. His interest in the Arts has given rise to his appointment as Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport following a number of posts in Foreign Affairs and work with the Conservative Middle East Council, various select committees and other public bodies. The reception in February will give many of you an opportunity to meet Hugo for the first time.

The occasion will be all ticket, restricted to those who live in the parishes of Whimble, Talaton and Clyst St Lawrence and will be advertised in January 2007.

**Peter Bowden**



SOLICITORS

The Complete Legal Service for  
families, individuals and businesses  
throughout East Devon

**We will visit you at your home if you wish**

For further information and to arrange a  
free initial consultation please telephone

**813446 (Ottery)  
or 41221 (Honiton)  
or David Smith on 822123**

HDR

## **Records & Pop Memorabilia Wanted**

**Good prices paid for the following**

**Records. CD's, Rock & concert Memorabilia**

**Tour Programmes/ Old Tickets/ Magazines/ Sheet Music**



All types of music, large or small collections

Rock - Pop - 50's - 60's - 70's - Punk - 80's

John W Griffiths

Phone: 01404 823480

Mobile: 07836 369740

Email: [hdicksrecords@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hdicksrecords@yahoo.co.uk)

# Christmas Eve Carols

That time is almost upon us again, when we don our woollies, grab our instruments and sally forth for the annual musical extravaganza known as Christmas Eve Carols.

You may recall some negative feedback after last year's event, due to the fact that we held the Carols in the Church, even though it wasn't raining, (we also had some positive feedback because it was in the Church!). We responded to the comments by asking for volunteers to help run the event – we have received no offers of help following the correspondence, but need some now if the event is to continue.

There are extra issues to be considered if it to be held outside;

- The need for good lighting in order that the musicians can see the music;
- The need for extra vigilance by parents, with regard to the safety of their children – in the past, there have been drivers who have needed to drive through the Square during the carol singing;
- More volunteers to take round the collecting boxes.
- Someone with a loud voice to announce the carols, Julia Green who has been "Master (mistress) of Ceremonies" for the last few years is unavailable this year. We are very grateful for her input recently.

If it is held outside, it will not be possible to gather all the children at the front to perform, primarily because of the safety aspect.

Having run this event for the last 25 years – nearly the length of this tradition, we feel that the time has come for someone else to take over. During that time, we have arranged, copied and distributed music to the musicians, copied words, and liaised with the Devon Air Ambulance about the collecting boxes.

If we get no offers of help for this year, the carols will be in the Church. As we get older and less mobile, it is harder and less comfortable for us to play outside.

If we get no volunteers to take on the event for next year, we fear it will not happen. That would be a terrible shame - we have always felt that Christmas has really started when we go down to the Carols, the shopping is done, the visitors have arrived and we can all relax and enjoy the festive season.

Please help to keep the tradition going.

**Barbara and Tom Lambert** - 822344





# ★ DRAIN-WIZARD

Pitch Fibre Specialists  
Drainage & Light Plumbing Services

**24 Hour Emergency Service**

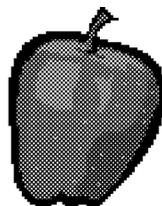
Blockages, Jetting, CCTV, Repairs, Lining,  
Renewals, Septic Tank & Soakaway  
Problems, Toilets, Ball Valve & Leaks

Tel: Whimple (01404) 822913

Mobile: 07815 064669



## Berry Farm



Apple juice, Cider, Eggs, Pork,  
Fruit & Vegetables

Please call Jenny on 01404 823930

Or visit us in Clyst St Lawrence



**Ford Simey**  
Solicitors

**Make a Will**  
**and we will donate half our costs to your**  
**Church or a charity of your choice**

**For a straightforward Will we charge £80 and for husbands**  
**and wives "Mirror Wills" we charge £100 plus VAT.**

**We will donate £40 and £50 respectively**

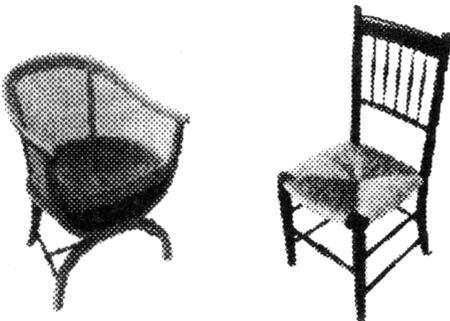
**For full details call**

**Victor Donson on 01392 274126**

**8 Cathedral Close, Exeter EX1 1EW**

**[www.fordsimey.co.uk](http://www.fordsimey.co.uk)**

**CHAIR CANING**  
**RUSH SEATING**  
**SKEINED WILLOW**



**Tel: 01404 822422**

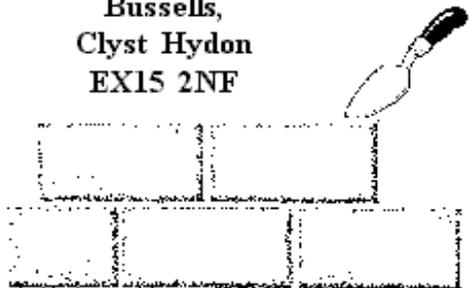
Higher  
Slewton  
Whimple

**Rosemarie Burrows**

**TWW BUILDING**  
**SERVICES**

**EXTENSIONS, PATIOS, PONDS,**  
**STONEWALLS, FIREPLACES**  
**PAINING ETC.**

**Bussells,**  
**Clyst Hydon**  
**EX15 2NF**



**Tel: 07749 715187**

# THE HISTORY OF BUTCHERY IN WHIMPLE

In the past, there were many traditional trades carried out in Whimple, including bakery, saddlery, builders and butchery.

On 22 September, the History Society was treated to a fascinating evening, when Richard Webber and Margaret Bucknell, whose families had both been involved in the butchery trade in Whimple, delivered talks about different periods in the history of the butcher's business that used to stand at the end of the Square.

Margaret Bucknell was the first to take up the story. She explained that her grandfather, PJ Chard, who had previously been apprenticed in 1891 to F Clapp, a butcher in Exeter, bought the business at the turn of the Century. He rented the shop at that time from TC Turl.

Margaret still has some of the financial records from her grandfather's business and the books recorded that in 1900, in Christmas week, he spent £144 9s 1d on stock and doubled his money through selling the meat. His books also included records of who he bought the animals from for slaughter, and the records show that he bought pigs from the Mingo family, who also lived in Whimple. Apparently, PJ Chard obtained business not only from Whimple but also from further afield. The story goes that he even sent his children out to take orders for meat around Exeter before school!

PJ Chard was a well respected member of the community and he was a Parish Councillor. Amongst other things, he was responsible for the introduction of a sewerage system in Whimple.

There were a number of shire horses attached to the Butcher's business. Most of them were requisitioned during the First World War and never came back. However, one horse was retained.

Richard Webber then took over the story from Margaret Bucknell to explain that his father was apprenticed in 1908 to PJ Chard. Under the terms of his apprenticeship, he received no money at all in his first year! After that he did receive one shilling a month plus board and lodging.

In those days of the early 20th Century, people ate a lot more fat on their meat, and pigs were fattened up to about 300lbs. People didn't get heart attacks so much because although they ate fatter meat, they often had strenuous manual jobs and they worked it all off. Richard explained that nowadays, supermarkets will not take pigs that weigh over 100lbs.

In 1914, Richard's father went off to war – he was about 18 years old. He was awarded a military medal for his bravery during the First World War and was lucky enough to survive. When he returned from the War, he bought the butcher's business from PJ Chard in 1919. He married in April 1923 and shortly afterwards, his sister Bessie, who had hitherto looked after him, got married to Henry Lewis, the Builder.

The current Richard Webber was born in 1925. He told the story that when he was born, he only weighed 4lbs, so the doctor and the vicar were called, because they weren't sure if he would survive – well, he's still alive and well today to tell the story!

Richard Webber Senior was also to eventually buy the premises, which hitherto had been rented from TC Turl.

Richard Webber and his brother took over the business when his father died in the 1950's. They built up and extended the business over the years, and bought stock from farmers over a wide area – Richard particularly recalled the purchase of up to 400 fat cattle per year from a farmer at Powderham. The fat stock markets at Exeter, Taunton, Hatherleigh were places where animals were purchased, usually by Brian Turner, the Manager of Webbers. Up to 70 fat cattle per week were slaughtered at Whimple as well as pigs and lambs.

The butcher's and abattoir closed in the early 1990's shortly after Richard retired. There is now a small housing estate, Webber's Close, on the spot where the abattoir stood, and the butcher's shop now houses the vet's surgery.

**Naome Glanville**



**Picture: Staff at PJ Chard Butchers c 1910**

# PETER COSSLETT

**CARPENTER AND BUILDER**

**QUALITY WORKMANSHIP**

**KITCHEN FITTING**

**DOORS AND WINDOWS**

**TIMBER CONSERVATORIES**

**EXTENSIONS AND MINOR**

**BUILDING WORKS**

**COMPETITIVE PRICES**

**&**

**FRIENDLY SERVICE**

**Tel: Whimble (01404)823279**

**Mobile: 07768 436042**

# S.H. DANIEL

**ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR**

**CROCKERNHAYES**

**WHIMPLE**

*PRIVATE ADDRESS*

Malham House

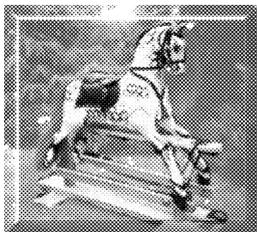
Awliscombe

Devon



# BANFIELDS

*Traditionally carved rocking  
Horses & Restoration*



18 Rectory Close, Whimble,  
Devon EX5 2UF

Tel 822162

E-mail Banfieldgew@msn.com

# D. GARLAND

**Specialist in  
Built in Furniture,  
Carpentry and  
Joinery**

# DG

**10 Elliot Close  
Ottery St Mary  
Devon**

**EX11 1GZ**

**Tel: 01404 811465**



## Longfield Cattery

heated single and double chalets  
personal care and attention



(now also looking after small animals)

01404 822275

Longfield ~ Church Road ~ Whimple ~ Exeter ~ EX5 2TF

*"Learn a life skill with a Professional"*



# J.C.Ball



**Driving Standards Agency Approved Driving Instructor**

- FREE:- First hour for beginners
- FREE:- Loan of Videos and Books
- FREE:- Pickup in Exeter & East Devon

2 Manley Close  
Whimple  
Devon  
EX5 2UG  
(01404) 822764

*Refresher and Motorway Lessons*

*"Safe driving for life"*

# The Visitor

I was enjoying a soporific moment in front of the fire that had completed its task for the evening. You know the sort.... chin touching your chest, dreaming of every satisfying mouthful of the meal you'd eaten earlier. All was quiet and at peace when a strange noise that seemed to come from up the chimney gave me a 'start'. I sat quietly, listening harder, still drowsy from the withering glow of the embers. Nothing changed, nothing moved, even the dog wasn't barking – must have been hearing things! *Don't trouble yourself, it's just your imagination.*

The hypnotic colours of the fire lulled me away for the second time. Then, I heard it again, an odd mix of footsteps, jingling and rumbling and most definitely coming from the roof? Wary of what was going to happen next, I forced myself away from the fire and crouched behind the settee – was it a burglar? Suddenly, along with the smell of soot there followed a smattering of fine glittery dust, settling on the hearth like someone had gone crazy with a can of decorative spray. I could feel my eyes swelling to the size of saucers with fright; every single hair on the back of my neck prickling up like a scrubbing brush, all in grim anticipation of what might come next. I barely took notice of St Mary's bells in The Square announcing the arrival of midnight. Now, a commotion of huffing and puffing was clearly audible from the chimney. *Be still, DON'T MOVE!*

It stopped, all quiet again, nothing moved; when without warning, a quiet thud announced the arrival of one pair of hefty black boots whose owner deftly straddled either side of the dwindling fire. Every bone in my body wanted to turn and run, get help, alert the dog – anything but get caught. But it was too late; my only escape route was now blocked. *Don't panic no-one can see you!*

By virtue that he had come down the chimney backwards, his ample backside entered the room first followed by his arms still above his head. This whole event gave rise to someone who was perfectly at ease with sliding down strangers' chimneys. (Though I suspected that the whole experience was proving a little tight of late)! He wasn't very tall, quite rotund wearing a knee length, hooded cloak made of the most luxuriously quilted crimson velvet trimmed with long white fur. At first, he concentrated on dusting off the soot with his smart, white gloves. Satisfied he'd done a good job he took them off and undid the cloak throwing it on the chair. His suit was of the same fabric, the jacket skimming his backside, trousers tucked neatly into the top of his black, calve length boots. A wide, black belt circumvented his middle. I was surprised by the amount of hair falling down his back in long, luminous white ringlets. Whilst I was observing him from a safe distance he stretched both arms to what was left of the fire and savoured the warmth to his hands and feet. Obviously enjoying the thawing out process, he then turned to appreciate the full benefit of the heat on his rear end. In doing so, the gold buttons of his jacket glinted in the fire glow, along with the huge buckles on his belt and tops of boots. Despite the long hair, I could make out his face though I had absolutely no way of telling how old he was; Two dark, twinkly eyes set beneath white, large, bushy eyebrows; Dimples crinkling into round and ruddy cheeks either side of his bulbous but only slightly red nose. A neatly clipped white moustache atop his mouth, finished with an equally well trimmed beard. Curiosity had really got the better of me now. *I know I have seen his face before, but where?*



He bent to pick up a folded letter I had noticed earlier on the hearth. He smiled as he read it, and then bent towards the fireplace letting the small remains of the fire catch the paper. He let go as the corner turned black and to my disbelief – the whole letter floated up the chimney! He then startled me by clapping his hands and rubbing them together in a ‘let’s get things done’ fashion. To my utmost astonishment, there fell from the chimney a large sack spattering yet more soot and gold dust around the room! The contents turned out to be brightly coloured packages all painstakingly finished with green, red and gold ribbons tied in bows. With great care and attention he placed each package carefully under the Christmas tree; it was as if he was giving each parcel his blessing as he positioned them. He stood back at the fireplace appreciating the scene, then without having to look, his hand went up to the mantelpiece where unbeknown to me he found a mince pie. He popped it into his mouth in one, but chewed slowly, savouring the fruity mix of mince and sweet pastry. Then followed what I presumed to be an alcoholic beverage – ‘just cleanse the pallet’. He wiped his mouth with the seasonal serviette, at the same time stifling a small burp of appreciation. *Who is he and why does he look so familiar to me?*

The hurried sound of bells jingling from up the chimney attracted his attention. Having finished the task he put back on his cloak, wrapped up the sack and tucked it under his arm. Smiling to himself, he pulled up the hood and busied himself putting the pristine gloves back on. I was so transfixed watching, that I totally forgot I was supposed to be in hiding. He was so intent on pulling his gloves on properly that I never dreamt that he would notice me. But, I was so wrong, his eyes cast about the room as if he had forgotten something when it happened, he fixed on me! I was rooted to the spot with fear. Our eyes locked for what seemed hours but in reality was just seconds. *Don’t be afraid he isn’t going to hurt you, he’s got kind eyes remember!*

He grinned broadly, then with a conspiratorial wink, turned and slowly disappeared back up the chimney; his exit sounding far less strenuous than his entry (was he being winched)? As his boots ceased to be visible a small current of cold air whisked around the room seemingly collecting up every speck of soot and every fall of gold dust. Even the footprints that his boots had made on the rug disappeared too! As all this was going on, one of the cards that had been pinned up high on the beams fluttered to the floor. Large, red words that I didn’t understand were set above a bright green and red border of holly. While the main picture depicted a cheerful, chappy – flowing beard, red suit; the likes of which had been stood in this room not two moments ago. Realisation hit me like a fast train running. Without thinking of the consequences I ran ‘like the clappers’ to the back door, I wanted desperately to know what all that noise was, where was he going next, who else had seen him, how many of them were there? – so many questions! I could still make out the sound of jingling bells above the roof but in my haste to reach the outside – BANG – I ran headlong into the cat flap. I’d forgotten that it would be closed by now. Then strained my neck to try and see through the Perspex of the small door. *No good, try upstairs*

I dashed up to the landing window where I could just make out his silhouette against the night sky, the sound of jingling bells waning away on the air. Too late. St Mary’s peeled again, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, and twelve! It was as if nothing had happened, but I know it did, and I know he will return. Until then I shall sit on this very window sill and remain sentinel of this patch, watching, waiting, still.

Merry Christmas everybody!

**Dimpsy Doodle** Guest Correspondent

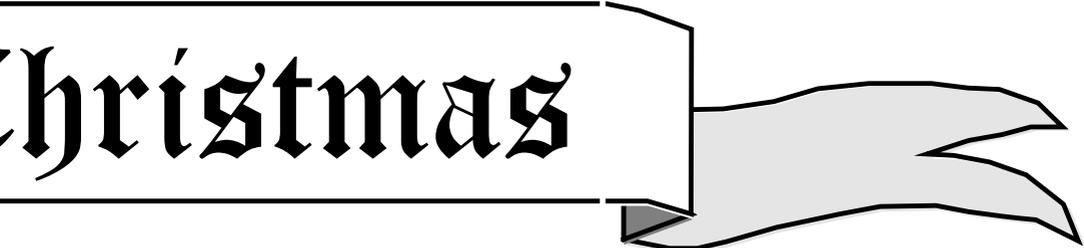
# Merry C

## Christmas & New Year

(as normal i

		St Mary's Church Special Services (see page 17)	Post Office	Whimble Stores
Saturday	December 23, 2006			
Sunday	December 24, 2006	11.30 pm Midnight Communion		8.00am-1100am
Monday	December 25, 2006	11.00am Family Service and Holy Communion	closed	closed
Tuesday	December 26, 2006		closed	closed
Wednesday	December 27, 2006			
Thursday	December 28, 2006			
Friday	December 29, 2006			
Saturday	December 30, 2006			
Sunday	December 31, 2006			8.00am-1100am
Monday	January 1, 2007	11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion	closed	9.00am-11am
Tuesday	January 2, 2007			

# Christmas



## Business Opening Hours

(If blank)

Whimble Surgery	Ottery Surgery/ Pharmacy	Vale Veterinary Surgery	New Fountain Inn	Milestone Garage	Thirsty Farmer
		11.00am-12.00pm			
				8.00am-8.00pm	Noon-12.00am
	closed	closed	Noon-2.00pm	closed	Noon-2.00pm
	closed	closed		8.00am-8.00pm	
Surgery as normal					
		11.00am-12.00pm			Noon-11.00pm
			Noon-2.30pm 6.30pm-12.30am	8.00am-8.00pm	Noon-1.00am
	closed	closed		9.00am-8.00pm	closed

# **BARRY SEAFORTH DECORATING SERVICES**

Est 1979



**PAINTING WALLPAPERING**

**SPECIALIST FINISHES MURALS TILING**

**COVING CARPENTRY ALTERATIONS**

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE**

**Call Barry 01395 513729**

**Free Estimates**



**Little Cot  
Hembury Fort  
Honiton  
Devon  
EX14 3LE**

**Tel  
01404 841699  
Mobile  
07976725516**

**M P SMALL ENGINES  
Mike Persey**

**SERVICE & REPAIR TO**

**All makes and types of  
Horticultural / Garden  
Forestry and Small Agricultural  
Machinery**

**Specialist in the repair of older  
Machinery and Sports Club machinery**

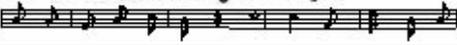
**Makeovers and rebuilds undertaken**

**New machinery at competitive prices**

**Collection Service**

# SLACK MA GIRDLE



for  
Ceilidhs, parties, weddings,  
Christmas sing-a-longs.  
The local band  
for all occasions



Tel 823083

Not as interesting as Granny's!

*Aromatherapy*



*Therapeutic Massage*



*Hopi Ear Candling*



*Sally Baker C.H.Ed (Dip Mass)*  
*(DipAroma)*

*Complementary Medical Association Registered*

*Whimpe*

*Tel: 01404 822315*

*Mob: 07870 112071*

*email: salbaker63@hotmail.com*



**Heritage  
Taxis**

**At your service  
01404 81 55 44**

**Tom Vanneck**

**Furniture Restorer  
&**

**French Polisher**

**Modern & antique  
commissions undertaken.**

**Tel. 01392 860502**

**Mob. 07812810846**

## On Course for a Skate Park in Ottery

The Ottery and District Skate & BMX Club were recently delighted to receive confirmation from Devon County Council that a site for a skate/ BMX etc park is to be made available in Ottery. This was also reported to the Ottery Town Council Meeting by Councillor Roger Giles.

The Ottery and District Skate & BMX Club, a community group, which started about 18 months ago, received support from Devon County Council Community Officer, The King's School, the Ottery Youth Club and Devon Youth Network, Ottery Town Council, Councillor Roger Giles and various other groups, who all recognised the need for safe facilities for skaters, BMX and other bike riders, roller bladers etc. It is hoped that the facility will serve young people in the area, starting with tricycles and scooters, beginners on skates and bikes, right through to those of highest level competition status. Of course, once open, it will be a facility that Whimble residents can use.

The Ottery and District Skate & BMX Club consists of young people supported by an adult committee, both fully constituted, have not only worked towards this long overdue facility but also in the meantime have arranged trips for skaters to other facilities as far away as South Wales, Cornwall and London.

Much preparatory work for a skate/BMX park has already been done by the adult committee, including a fundraising draw which raised £1,500. Ottery Town Council has set aside £10,000 for the skate park, and much more work now awaits this small band of local people to get it all off the ground.

This is an ambitious project which needs physical and financial help from as many individuals and groups as possible to help achieve its aim.

If you are interested in becoming involved, or helping the Group financially to make the Skate Park happen, please contact Elli on 01404 812268, or email [elli@ellipang.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:elli@ellipang.wanadoo.co.uk)



## WAVES OF WHIMBLE

NEW YEAR .....NEW IMAGE ..... NEW NAME.....FOR WAVES

It's Time For A Change!

We would like the people of Whimble to help to choose a new name for your salon. Could all entries for our name change competition be placed in an envelope together with your name & address and be left at the salon.

Closing Date : 31st Dec 2006

A MEAL FOR TWO AT THE THIRSTY FARMER FOR THE LUCKY WINNER



## *TAYLOR MADE DRIVING*

Beginners

Pass plus

Pre 17 lessons

Refresher lessons

Diamond advanced driving

Motorway driving

\*\*\*\*\*

Theory & Hazard Perception Tuition

\*\*\*\*\*

Male & Female instructors

High 1st time pass rate

\*\*\*\*\*

Patient, Friendly & fun tuition

\*\*\*\*\*

A local independent driving school

Teaching local people to

**“DRIVE FOR LIFE”**

**CALL FREE 0800 652 66 69**

Andrew & Jill Taylor

# HOLES IN THE GROUND

## or GOINGS ON AT THE STATION HOUSE, PART 2

There's an old nautical description of a boat as a hole in the water into which you pour lots of money. Replace "water" with "ground" and you get a good definition of an old railway station.....



It all began last year while we were writing Part 1 of the saga. We decided that the garden needed a small workover, basically to remove gravel and widen the flower beds. This turned out to be an inspired idea as the Monkey Puzzle tree, which had been heavily pregnant for over a year, decided her time was come to go forth and multiply, and the entire neighbourhood was showered daily with seeds. I shudder to think how we would have kept them swept up if they had fallen into the gravel.

So far so good BUT the area around the house itself had a Tarmac surface, which had been generously refurbished each time Railtrack had resurfaced the platform, with cheerful disregard to damp courses and air bricks. And so our first hole in the ground came about as the Wheatons ripped up layer upon layer of Tarmac until they found the (broken) drains in the clay subsoil and we found the back doorstep a foot above the intended ground level. Several weeks and a lot of money later we had a handsome garden and fewer worries about damp in the house.

Meanwhile, we had begun working on the interior. We particularly wanted to restore the main bedroom to its former glory, with an elegant window and beautiful cast iron fireplace. Many years ago it had been clumsily divided into two very pokey rooms, so the dividing wall had to go. After lots of fun with rotting windows and getting rubble down our 21 stairs, a really lovely room emerged. However, one big bedroom left us with only a small spare room, clearly inadequate when the family call. The solution seemed obvious: make a room in the loft over the dining and sitting rooms. The "only" problem would be getting into it. Once again, our guardian angel was on hand and pointed out a card in Homebase, leading us to a brilliant architect who enjoys a challenge (so he said at the time and I dare not ask him now!) Mike prowled around the house, measuring every millimeter and pronounced the house the most "unforgiving" he had ever seen. Finally he cracked it: pull out the dead straight staircase and replace it with a very complicated one in an entirely different place. Deep breaths were taken and we made the plunge.

The builders sharpened their teeth on the project by giving me a "dream" kitchen first (the only true dream kitchen would be entirely self-cleaning) and then turned their attentions to the dining room where a supporting wall for the new staircase was to be built.

And this is how our second hole in the ground was born. Inspection under the floorboards revealed a void about 4 feet deep under the entire house, presumably to allow for the raised platforms at rail-side. All very interesting and with great potential for mushroom farming maybe, but the second revelation was far less cheering. "An example of Bad Practice" remarked the builder cheerfully, as he balanced precariously on a joist nailed to an unsupported joist and leaned across to pick out a piece of rotten timber which should have been holding up the floorboards. So now we have a large rectangular pit where the dining room used to be, and will soon have a large pit of unspecified shape in our bank balance!

We took a week's holiday while the house was without a staircase at all, and gratefully thank John and Jan for giving us a bed for the eighth night..... The new room will be taking shape over the next few weeks. Cue to take a holiday as far away as possible, and here's hoping we come home to a wonderful home in December.

### Martin and Marion Gammell

By the way, Martin has succeeded in rearing a handful of baby monkey puzzle trees. If anyone is interested in growing another type of Whimple Wonder, please let us know.

I write this just before the computer gets switched off as its location is at the bottom of the new staircase and we cannot work out where else to put it until the dust has literally settled. So, Farewell dear readers until the next report in 2007.

This little piggy went to market...



this little piggy stayed home...  
and ordered everything online from  
Own!



For food that's  
Local, fresh, convenient, delivered.

[www.ownonline.co.uk](http://www.ownonline.co.uk)  
or contact Dave, Keith or Sue on 01392 832000

# Compassworks

MOOR THAN NAVIGATION

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO:

**Learn to map read / develop existing skills?**

**Learn by practical experience?**

**Learn from specialists in a friendly atmosphere?**

**Know more about GPS and Navigational Software?**

**Find out what else COMPASSWORKS has to offer?**

**Tel: (01566) 783236 / 07711 055961**

**[www.compassworks.co.uk](http://www.compassworks.co.uk)**

For all your daily requirements  
of  
MILK, CREAM, EGGS, FRUIT JUICE,  
NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES  
POTATOES, FRUIT & VEGETABLES  
PET FOODS & REQUIREMENTS  
AVAILABLE AT COMPETITIVE RATES

Delivered to your door

Please contact

VICTOR AND MARIAN DANIEL

Summerbridge, Whimble, Devon

Tel: Whimble 822458



# WHIMPLE FAIRTRADE



A huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who recently supported the very successful TRADCRAFT evening in the Church.

What a great way to spend a November evening! –a glass of wine followed by some chocolate and coffee – or a cup of tea and a nice bit of fruit cake- not forgetting a little bit of shopping! PERFECT!

There's still time to place orders for Christmas Cards and Gifts – there are catalogues in the Church, Post Office, Vets and Hairdressers – or contact Maggie Spicer 823640, Dy Beedell 823675, Aubrey Curry 822295 or Sarah Smith 822123.

We will also have a supply of tea, coffee, dried fruit, sugar etc. at the Cotley Farm Christmas Shop from the beginning of December.

Thank you very much!

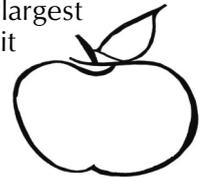
---

---

We are delighted to report that the annual wassailing, conducted for many years past, actually works!

From the Bramley in Town Orchard (a tree believed to be some 60 or more years vintage) a recent faller weighed in at 1 lb 4oz with a girth of 15 inches.

We would be delighted if this begins the search for the largest apple to fall from a tree in the Parish of Whimple (picking it would be deemed to prevent actual maturity) and trust that wassailing will continue to appease the evil spirits and lead our parish to ever fruitful harvests.



**Peter and Ann Bowden**

Do you have a niggling health problem? Do you need more energy?

## Homeopathy can help

No side effects – safe and gentle for all ages

Can be used with your current medication

**Call Karen 0779306619**

Fully supervised homeopath. Charge is for supervision only

# *Simon Turner*

## *Independent Financial Consultants*

For

**Independent Advice**

on Pensions

Mortgages

Investments

Life Assurance

Inheritance Tax Planning



Tel : **01404 822587**

For free initial consultation

# WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Now we have all had time to recover from the heady excitement of the flower show and another excellent year of gardening, no doubt you are all eagerly planning for next year! This is a good time of year just to sit back and reflect on the gardening successes of the year and still hopefully enjoy the excellent crops everyone has grown.

Back in September you may have noticed some strange goings on at various locations around the village. Well, as a result of the success of the VPA, we have funded a large quantity of spring bulbs which we hope will bring a little more colour to the village early next year. Some ten sites have been worked on so we shall just have to see how well they all survive the winter.

We are planning to hold our AGM sometime in January when we also be planning our events for the year ahead. So if anyone, particularly newcomers to the village, feel they want to make a contribution feel free to come along. We would certainly welcome any helpful suggestions you may have regarding the Flower Show.



**Paul Wilson**

Hon. Secretary.



## Coffee, Cakes & Cards



The coffee morning on 4th November was again a great success and we owe a great debt of gratitude to all supporters and our regular band of tireless and hard working helpers. There appeared to be rather fewer people than last year, but that could have been imagination as the total raised was £706. It was a superb result and I can only say "thank you all so much".

It was pointed out recently by Hospiscare's Chairman that, whereas ten years ago Hospiscare cared for 400 patients and their families in one year, this year the figure will be in excess of 1200. Thank you for helping this wonderful service to continue.

**Rosemarie Burrows**

**FOR ALL YOUR  
SEWING REPAIRS**

**&  
ALTERATIONS**

No job too small

Also dressmaking, table linen  
& Personalised machine  
embroidery



Call Molly on

Office. Tel 01392 460970

or 07748 985830 evenings,  
Wednesdays or Sundays.

14 Bramley Avenue, Off Lower  
Hill Barton, near to the Met  
Office

**CPM Plumbing & Heating**



205961

Your Local  
Plumbing  
& Heating Service



Registered  
Business

Repair & Servicing of Oil Gas & LPG  
Heating Systems Boilers & Appliances

Using Hi-Tech Analysing equipment

Fully Insured - All work guaranteed

No Job Too Small - Free Estimates

CORGI & OFTEC Registered for all appliances

For a friendly professional service call:

**Gary Clarke**

Phone: 01404 822523 Mob: 07812013434  
Garlands, 3 Dince Hill Close, Whimble

**MASSAGE**

**in Whimble**

FOOT MASSAGE

HEAD MASSAGE

BODY MASSAGE

(Half- or one-hour sessions)

Book your appointment with Lucy Ambler, Dip APNT

on 07808-720577

## WHIMPLE FIREWORKS 2006

Thanks to Graham and his team for all the hard work that they put into the Firework display this year. It was a superb display with many enormous fireworks lighting up the sky above the Cricket Pitch, with sonic booms to match!!! There was an excellent turnout from the village this year, and the weather stayed dry for us. There was so little wind that at one stage it looked as if we were on the set of a horror movie, as all the smoke from the fireworks stayed close to the ground and failed to disperse upwards - some very spooky smoke was slowly rolling across the pitch towards us!!!

Thanks also to all the local businesses that sponsored the event - I know that many villagers wanted to contribute something on the night - so whenever Graham starts up the donations for fireworks in 2007 (and that is me assuming that he is happy to continue) please be generous if you were unable to contribute on the night. Thanks.

Well done Graham, and not forgetting young Karen on the raffle prizes (no,no no, Karen was not a prize, but was 'her in charge' of said prizes)

Ed H

### Whimple Victory Hall

### *Christmas Special Lunch*

*by the Soup and Sarnie Team*



*from 12.00noon until 1.30pm  
on Saturday 16th December*

***Come and Join us***

*for further details ring John 823614 or Pam 822262*

### PADDOCK TO RENT

Attractive level field of 3 acres available immediately located on Allercombe Hill between Whimple/West Hill. Rental of £200 p.c.m for sole use inclusive of water. Please call 01404 823172 in order to view.

# REMEMBERING THE SECOND WORLD WAR

**On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December,  
Ottery St Mary and District Later Life Forum  
will be holding a one-day event about the 1939 – 45 War  
at the Institute, Yonder St, Ottery St Mary,  
between 10.30 am – 4.30 pm.**

There will be displays from the South West Airfield Association, Ottery and Whimple History Societies and the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter, covering subjects such as the Home Front, Devon and it's people during the War, bombs, casualties and damage.

A film will be shown 'We Were There', Ottery Silver Band will play songs and marches from the War period, there will be a sing-along session with John Eborn, where you will have a chance to sing along to well-remembered tunes of the time.

Most importantly, you are invited to come and recall your (and your family's) experiences during the War, providing a snapshot of living in war time. and for younger people to hear about these

**Admission is Free, with free cups of coffee and tea for all**

A light buffet lunch will be put on for £3.00 per person – you can purchase a lunch ticket on arrival.

**For further information and lunch reservation call:**

**David: 01404 811228 or Elli: 01404 812268**

## **Whimple History Society – Auction of Pledges and Promises**

The Committee of the History Society is pleased to report that the auction of pledges and promises, held on 20 October, was a resounding success! Due to the generous bids made by those attending, we raised about £1,500 which will be ploughed back into the upkeep of the Heritage Centre and the cost of staging events and exhibitions for all to enjoy.

A big thank you goes to those who contributed to the 57 lots, to those who bid so generously for the items, and also to Mr David Williams of Oaks and Partners, the auctioneer on the night, who gave his services for free and made the evening highly entertaining with his brilliant sense of humour.

**Naome Glanville**

# EXETER CARAVAN CENTRE

For Sale - pre-owned caravans  
also caravans sold on owners behalf.  
Caravans always bought and sold.

01404 822116

or

07985 179399

London Road, Whimple



## SOFT FURNISHINGS & TRADITIONAL UPHOLSTERY

Loose Covers to Recovers  
Cushions to Footstools  
Headboards to Bedding  
Curtains—Blinds—Pelmet  
Swags & Tails  
And much more

**Jo Harris 01884 277519**

## ***Trimeasy***

*Your Local Interior Decorating  
Service*

Our award winning company has the expertise to provide fast professional workmanship, including stripping existing wallcovering, surface preparation and hanging all types of paper. Ceilings, Skirting Boards and Door painting.

**No job too big or small.**

*Free no obligation estimate.*

*Contact Alec Janaway to discuss your  
requirements.*

"Mellifera" Church Road  
Whimple, Devon. EX5 2TF  
Tel/Fax: 01404 823019



Reg no: 4094



# O'DELL PLUMBING & HEATING

Tel: 01404 811773 Mobile: 07974 818833

FOR ALL TYPES OF GAS AND OIL HEATING INSTALLATIONS.

BOILER SERVICE, REPAIR & BREAKDOWNS.

BATHROOMS & SHOWERS.

UNVENTED HOT WATER SYSTEMS

**Garden Design and Construction**  
from a single border to a total make-over

**A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE WITH EXPERT  
PLANT ADVICE - FREE CONSULTATION**



**Golden Leaf**  
L a n d s c a p e s

**Louise Turner N.D. Hort**

**Robert Mogridge R.H.S. Cert Hort**

Tel 01392499074 Mob 07811781137

e-mail: [info@gardenlandscapes.co.uk](mailto:info@gardenlandscapes.co.uk)

[www.gardenlandscapes.co.uk](http://www.gardenlandscapes.co.uk)

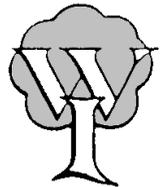
# Whimpe Women's Institute

A variety of activities have kept members busy over the past two months. Our October speaker/singer entertained us with a variety of sea shanties and then persuaded members to join in the singing of a number of well-known folk songs. November brought the Annual Meeting when Ann Bowden was unanimously re-elected as President. Delia Myers was elected Secretary.

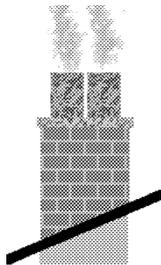
There have been several day classes, including 'How to make decorative bears', 'Getting to know your sewing machine' and 'Making a patchwork bag'.

We are always pleased to welcome guests and potential new members so, if you are interested, why not come along to our Christmas meeting on 12th December at 7.30pm. For further information contact Ann Bowden (823450) or Rosemary Horrell 822013).

Rosemarie Burrows



## Chimneys Wood Burners Fires



Swept, Installed, Repaired,  
Lined and Built

"All your chimney needs"

Alf Butler

**Tel: 01404 841611**

A fully insured and HEATAS  
registered Company

## ARK POTTERY

STUDIO, SHOP & GALLERY

Wide choice of affordable  
pottery direct from the potters, all  
designed and made on site. Also  
sculptures, pictures and cards.

**ENTRANCE & PARKING FREE**

- Have a go on the wheel!
- Pottery Parties
- Commissions
- Team Building Groups

Find us just off the Ottery/Sidmouth  
Road at Wiggaton (Follow the brown  
tourist signs from Ottery.)

**OPEN DAILY 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.**



What could you do with ten minutes of your time?

## 'The Mortgage Makeover'

Ten minutes is all it takes to determine if you're paying too much for your mortgage.

Ten minutes is all it takes to see whether we can save you thousands of pounds.

Ten minutes is all it takes to decide whether you can afford to pay your mortgage off early.

Ten minutes is all it takes for impartial, independent financial advice.

Contact Stephen Clare on 01404 823375

or email – [stephenclare@thinkpositive.co.uk](mailto:stephenclare@thinkpositive.co.uk)

or by post - Longfield Whimble EX5 2TF





## PARTY TIME?

**Family Celebrations,  
Milestone Anniversaries**

## *Marquee de ParTee*

**Pretty Party Marquees and  
Pavilion Tents hired for  
*Your Special Occasion***

**Complete service for tables  
chairs carpets lighting etc.**

**introductions to  
Caterers & Hogroasters**

**Philip & Angela Crisp**

**Kennford, Exeter.**

**01392 83 27 75**

**OR Visit us at:**

**[www.marquee-de-partee.co.uk](http://www.marquee-de-partee.co.uk)**

## *The Jays*



The Square, Whimble. EX5 2SL

Jan and John offer a friendly and relaxed stay at the Jays.

Close to Exeter Airport for which transfers are available

Colour TV in all bedrooms

Guest Lounge with tea/coffee.

Several local Pubs and Restaurants within easy reach -(pick up service)

Bed and full Breakfast menu:

£18:50 per person per night.

No smoking preferred

Phone: 01404-823614

Fax: 01404-823629

e-mail: [jaydiscombe@supanet.com](mailto:jaydiscombe@supanet.com)

## OAKS & PARTNERS

### AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

invite entries for their regular sales of antique & later furniture, porcelain, silver and plate, jewellery, metalware, paintings & prints and items of general interest at

**The Old Tannery, Exeter Road, Cullompton**

[We're easy to find on the Honiton side of Junction 28 of the M5]

The saleroom is open for receipt of items for sale  
Monday to Friday between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm  
Bring items along for valuation on a Friday morning

We will be pleased to call to your home  
to discuss valuations without obligation or collect items for sale  
Individual items to full house clearances

**Tel 01884 35848** for further details or **01404 - 814540 / 812356** after hours

We will attend Sandfords, Whimble (by kind permission of Mrs Pratt) from 10.30 to 11.30am  
on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss valuations or collection of items for sale

Sale catalogue can be seen on <http://www.invaluable.com>

e-mail address [roger.shenton@btclick.com](mailto:roger.shenton@btclick.com)

EASY TO FIND      LOVELY VIEWS

*Alec and Christine Janaway*

**Tel/Fax: 01404 823019**

Email: BandB.Busybee@Virgin.net



**BED & BREAKFAST**

**B**

*A warm welcome awaits at  
"Mellifera" Church Road*

**WHIMPLE Exeter**

**usy East Devon EX5 2TF**

**& Ideal for Coast, City or Airport**

Transport to - from

Airport by arrangement

Private/Holiday Car Parking

**B**

**ee En-suite Rooms**

**Guests Day Room with**

**Excellent Facilities**

£16/£18-Cheaper for longer stays & Senior Citizens  
1/2 mile Train or Bus

"FLORAL ENCHANTMENTS"

Designer:

Morven Fletcher

Flowers for all occasions

Floral designs to your  
specification

Specialist in Wedding Floristry

Bodley Bridge Cottage  
London Road,

01404 822049

**Historic  
Buildings**

**Advisor on Conservation Repair /  
Sympathetic Alterations**

**Vernacular Buildings-  
Assessment, Proposals & Options**

**Listed Buildings-  
Planning Applications  
&**

**Building Regs**

**Michael Board**

**Building Consultancy Ltd**

**Modern  
Buildings**

Little Cot  
Hembury Fort

Honiton

Devon

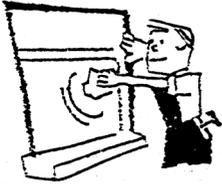
EX14 3LE

Telephone

01404 841699

**Design Service for  
New Build Home  
Projects**

**Extensions and Alterations to  
Properties-  
Designed & Drawn for  
Planning/Building Regs**



WINDOW

CLEANER

PAINTING & DECORATING  
TILER

PATIO PRESSURE CLEANING  
SHED ROOFS - RE-FELTED  
GENERAL HANDYMAN

(Excellent references if required)

*For that personal service*

Phone Mr Evans on 01404 822120

## N C HAMLYN

FARM MACHINERY  
REPAIRS AND SERVICE

(Welding, fabrication etc.  
and garden wrought iron work)

Workshop facilities and mobile  
service

Contact Nigel Hamlyn on 01392  
466720

or 07702 431244 (mobile)

Paynes Farm  
Broadclyst

Tree & Hedge Planting & Aftercare ●

Contract Work ●

Garden Maintenance ●

Herbicide Application ●

Chainsaw Crosscutting ●

Strimming ●

Brushcutting ●

Call Daniel On:  
07974 385834



**DRM**  
WILLIAMS  
TREES & GARDENS

WORKING WITH

PERRIE HALE  
FOREST  
NURSERY



## M.J.COLES ENGINEERING

(R.T. I.T. B. & CITY & GUILDS)  
SERVICING. ENGINE RE-BUILDS .

WELDING MOT. RECOVERY.

PICK UP SERVICE

FRIENDLY LOCAL MECHANIC

15 YEARS EXPERIENCE

FOR ALL YOUR MOTORING NEEDS

CALL

**MARC**

ON

WHIMPLE 822095 OR  
07785 740473 (MOBILE)



# 2007 Resolutions

Recently there have been a number of incidents of vandalism, some of which villagers have thought **not significant** and have not made a report to the police. These incidents when brought together give the police the "BIG PICTURE" which is important for them to take any appropriate action.

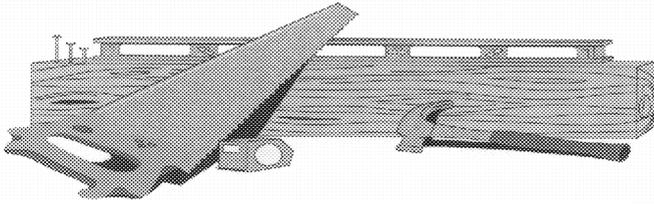
The advice is to report any such incidents to the police control room on **08452 777 444** as quickly as possible. *Every little helps as the saying goes.*

Over the past few years, we have covered a number of practical neighbourhood watch advice/recommendation in 'Whimble News', some of these are briefly noted below. In no particular order, my top ten would be:-

1. Shredding of all personal information before disposal.
2. Marking/serial numbers -Property marking kits are available FREE from the police. Don't forget postcode and house number.
3. Going away - don't make it obvious that the house is empty, so lights and radio on time switches - radio 4 playing. If you normally leave valuable pedal cycles or similar items in your shed, consider putting them in the house. *Are they security marked?*
4. Close curtains at night/door chain on doors. All doors locked.
5. Over night visitors/guests, - informed them where a door key is at night in case there is a fire or emergency.
6. Alarm zones - if you have an alarm system that can isolate unused zones at night, then set those zones.
7. Smoke alarm check/vacuum them monthly and change batteries each year. Most alarms need replacing after a few years.
8. Telephone preference service. Ring 0845 07 007 07 to register.
9. No Christmas gifts left on show/No valuables visible in your car.
10. Update your insurance inventory, lock valuables in a safe place.

Wishing you all a very happy festive season and safe 2007.

*John Munslow 01404 823456*



fencing, pergolas, gates, trellis  
and sundecks.

**01404 823002**

free estimates and over 25 years of quality  
workmanship  
also patios, and brickwork.

**P. R.  
S  
M  
I  
T  
H**



JOIN US AT



## ***ANDY'S RESTAURANT***

PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING SCHOOL, STRAIGHTWAY HEAD, WHIMPLE  
A LA CARTE MENU

BAR SNACKS

PARTIES CATERED FOR (UP TO 30 PEOPLE) - CREATE YOUR OWN MENU

SUNDAY LUNCHES

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

*ALSO ASK ABOUT OUR WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:*

*ADULT SWIMMING LESSONS, AQUAFIT*

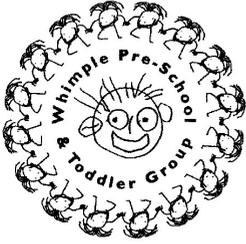
*CHILDREN'S SWIMMING LESSONS, MOTHER & TODDLER SESSIONS, CHILDREN'S PARTIES*

*SAUNA, SOLARIUM*

*AND NOT FORGETTING OUR 'NATURE'S WAY' BEAUTY CLINIC WITH A FULL RANGE OF TREATMENTS INCLUDING MESSAGES, WAXING, AROMATHERAPY, FACIALS, MANICURES ETC.*

TELEPHONE NOW ON: **01404 822196**

OR CALL IN AND HAVE A LOOK ROUND!



Registered Charity No: 1025316

## WHIMPLE PRE-SCHOOL & TODDLER GROUP NEWS FROM WHIMPLE PRE-SCHOOL

We thought we would give you an update on what is going on in Pre-school, I would like to thank everyone who supported the Willow chair course. It was a really good day and we raised lots of money which is great.

We had a donation from Geoff Delves from the Charity cricket match for which we would like to thank him, and to the Thirsty Farmer for the donation from the Quiz night. Both lots of donations went towards buying a new cooker which cooked our Christmas cakes beautifully. So thank you for your support.

We are at present looking for some one to take over being our Treasurer, I would like to appeal to anyone in the village who has a bit of spare time which they would like to give to pre-school. It involves about ½ hour a day logging receipts, writing cheques, preparing a report and attending meetings about once termly. So if there is anyone out there who would like to donate their time please ring me. (Sally 823228).

Don't forget the Christmas craft evening on 5th December. Tickets are on sale in the Post Office and Village shop. Please join us for a really fun evening and learn how to make your own Christmas decorations from fabulous mantle pieces to gorgeous door wreaths.

Look out for the Quiz and Curry on the 27th January, tickets will be on sale in the usual places at the beginning of January. Get them quick as they always sell fast!!

**Sally Young** Chairperson.

### Blood Donor Sessions

The next blood donor sessions will be held at  
Feniton C of E Primary School,  
Station Road, Feniton  
on 29th December at the following times:  
between 09.30 and 11.45am  
and between 1.30 and 3.15pm

Inspections - Pruning - Felling - Replanting

**Major Tree Services**



APPROVED  
CONTRACTOR

**01404 822993**

[www.majortreeservices.co.uk](http://www.majortreeservices.co.uk)

**JULIAN  
WILSON**

**Electrical Contractor**

1 Higher Woodhayes  
Farm  
Whimple

Tel: 01404 822641

**Your Friendly local  
Bed and Breakfast**



**David Brown  
Holway Barton  
Whimple  
Exeter**

**Telephone: (01404 822477)**

**Visiting Practice**

Day and evening  
Appointments by arrangement

**QUALIFIED**



**CHIROPODIST**

**BOB SHEEHAN** MSSCh MBChA

**3, Railway Cottages  
Whimple  
Exeter**

**01404 822372**



# Orchard Harmony



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Haydn Nelson Mass plus a selection of Christmas Music.

*Featuring professional soloists and instrumentalists*

**7:30pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

**St Mary's Church**

**Tickets (to include a glass of wine/soft drink): £5.00**

**Available from Whimpe Post Office or call 01404 823585**

# Complete Locksmithing Service



- 24 Hour Emergency Service
- Standard & Computerised Key Cutting
- Duplicate Keys Cut For Any Vehicle
  - Car Transponder Keys Cut
  - 24 Hour Lock Out Service
- Replacement Lock Installations
- Aluminium & Upvc Door Locks
  - Master Key Suites



MASTER LOCKSMITHS

- ☛ Free Security Assessments
- ☛ Locks Supplied & Fitted
- ☛ Safes Opened
- ☛ Burglar Alarm Installations
- ☛ CCTV Systems



Agents For Medeco Locks



# 01392 411887

## FAX 01392 424817



A Wide Range of Security Products Available For Demonstrations At....

- 131 Sidwell St. Exeter EX4 6RY
- Unit 1, The Space Place, Alphinbrook Rd. Marsh Barton, Exeter.

www.guardian-security.sagenet.co.uk



# DEVON HOME IMPROVEMENTS LIMITED

*"Why Move - Home Improve"*

Your local home improvements specialists for all those building and maintenance needs

Devon Home Improvements can provide you with hands on design and planning, together with a comprehensive supply of tradesmen and materials

We pride ourselves on our expertise and we believe we offer the most friendly and efficient service at very competitive rates.

- **Kitchen & bathroom design / installation**
- **Exterior & interior decoration  
incl. plastering services**
- **Landscaping, patio, decking, garden walls,  
garden structures**
- **P.V.C.u Facia & guttering incl. cladding**
- **Garage door installations**

Call today for your no obligation quotation

**01404 823880**

Or visit our website at

**[www.devonhi.com](http://www.devonhi.com)**

<b>Whimble Parish Council</b>	
<i>Chairman:</i> Sara Randall Johnson	822524
<i>Clerk:</i> Mrs Gerri Turner, Penraddon, Hand and Pen	823385
<b>St. Mary's Church</b>	
<i>Contact:</i> Rev. Rob Wilkinson	822521
<b>Devon County Councillor</b>	
Mr. D.Button,	
<b>East Devon Councillor</b>	
Andrew Dinnis	850363
<b>Whimble County Primary School</b>	
<i>Headteacher:</i> Mrs. D. Brice	822584
<i>P.T.F.A. Chair:</i> Mr R.Camp	823392
<b>Whimble History Society</b>	
<i>Chairman:</i> Richard Webber	822038
<i>Secretary:</i> Roger Smith	822244
<b>Whimble Mothers Union</b>	
Margaret Burrough Gateshayes Farm	822257
<b>Whimble Pre-School &amp; Toddler Group</b>	
<i>Chair:</i> Sally Young 11 Chard Ave	823228
<i>Playleader:</i> Jo Westney Glencroft, Church Road	822168
<i>Toddlers:</i> Karen Bell 5 Lower Woodhayes Court	823443
<b>Whimble Womens Institute</b>	
Mrs. Ann Bowden, Bradcott House, The Green	823450
<b>Whimble Over Sixties Club</b>	
Mrs B. Iball, 11 Rectory Close	822905
<b>Whimble Recreation Trust</b>	
<i>Knowle Cross Sports Ground.</i> Mr P. Garraff, Luppit	891206
<b>Whimble Village Produce Association.</b>	
<i>Chairman:</i> Adrian Williams, 47 Slewton Crescent	822430
<b>Whimble and Broadclyst Young Farmers' Club</b>	
Mr. R. J. Burrough, Gateshayes Farm	822257
<b>Whimble Football Club</b>	
<i>Chairman:</i> Ben Silk	822389
<b>Whimble Tennis Club</b>	
<i>Secretary:</i> Judith Imbo	823240
<i>Treasurer:</i> J. Hughes	822659
<b>Whimble Cricket Club</b>	
Mr. R.J.Smith	822244
<b>Whimble Victory Hall Management Committee</b>	
<i>Secretary:</i> Pam Scanlan, Albecq, The Green	822262
<i>Booking Sec:</i> Fiona Randall	822793
<b>Whimble Post Office</b>	
Alison and Jim Creasy	822359
<b>Whimbletons</b>	
Emma Palmer	823083
<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>	
John Munslow, 44 Slewton Crescent	823456
<b>St. Mary's Bellringers</b>	
<i>Captain:</i> Liz Silk	
<b>Whimble Scout Group</b>	
<i>Group Scout Leader (and Marquee Booking):</i> Alex Spry	822844
<b>Otter Rotters</b>	
Hugh Roberts	822651
<b>Whimble Book Group</b>	
Katy Howard, 9 Whiteways Close	823038

## The Whimble News Team

### **Editor**

Ed Hitchcock 823194

### **Production**

Bob Scanlan 822262

Naome Glanville 823167

Vivienne Leonard 822415

### **Delivery**

Ed & Nicky Hitchcock 823194

### **Advertising**

Julie Millward 823985

### **Community diary**

Nicky Hitchcock 823194

### **Treasurer**

Miles Leonard 822415

# LIVING AND SELLING LOCALLY



**HALLS ARE PLEASED TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES**

- **FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS**
- **STRONG LOCAL KNOWLEDGE**
- **SUPERB COLOUR DETAILS**
- **HIGH IMPACT ADVERTISING**
- **FREE VALUATIONS**
- **ACCOMPANIED VIEWING**
- **FLOOR PLAN SERVICE**
- **RESIDENTIAL LETTINGS**

**TEL: 01404 812000**

**View all properties on the UK's No.1 website: [www.rightmove.co.uk](http://www.rightmove.co.uk)**



**15 Broad St, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1BY**  
**Tel: 01404 812000 Fax: 01404 815777**  
**Email: [halls@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:halls@eclipse.co.uk) Web: [hallsestateagents.com](http://hallsestateagents.com)**

# *The New Fountain Inn*

*Whimble, Devon*



*A Traditional Olde Freehouse Village Inn*

*As recommended by CAMRA ,  
The Good Beer Guide, The Real Ale Guide  
and the Quiet Pint Guide*

*Real Ales  
Home Cooking*

*Lunchtime & Evening Meals 7 days a Week*

*Sunday Roasts etc - Vegetarian Choices  
Handmade Desserts, Children's Menu  
& Toddler Portions*

*Join us for a Friendly Drink, Bar Snack or  
an A La Carte Meal*

*Bookings are Advisable*

*Tel: 01404 822350*