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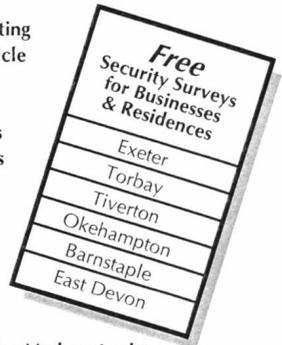
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What's On In Whimple

October

- 6th Victory Hall – Table top fundraiser; 10.30 am - 12.30pm
- 9th WI Monthly Meeting – Victory Hall at 7/7.30pm. Speaker is Jill Cobley on 'Antiquarians from the 1400s'
- 9th Over 60s Social Club – Whist, Dominoes etc
- 12th VPA Talk – 'Rejuvenating a tired garden' – Elizabeth Holman – details page 30
- 13th Autumn Churchyard working party 9.00am - details page 20
- 13th Front Row Club – Victory Hall – 7.00 for 7.30 pm. See posters for details
- 14th Over 60s Social Club – Trip to New Forest and Lyndhurst
- 14th VPA Coach Trip to Batsford Arboretum – details pages 30 and 31
- 16th Over 60s Social Club – Speaker Paul Rendell – Curious Dartmoor
- 16th Boomerang Bags Sewing Event - Victory Hall 7.30pm – details page 46
- 19th Whimple History Society Auction of Pledges and Promises Victory Hall 7.30pm – see page 47 for details
- 23rd Over 60s Social Club – Beetle Drive and Committee Meeting
- 27th Soup'n'Sarnie – Victory Hall 12.00noon to 1.30pm
- 28th Heritage Centre – 11.00am - 2.30pm – Apple Pressing – bring your own apples if you would like!
- 30th Over 60s Social Club - Bingo

November

- 3rd Over 60s Club – Saturday Coffee morning, Victory Hall at 10.00am
- 3rd Front Row Club – Victory Hall – 7.00 for 7.30pm. See posters for details
- 6th Over 60s Club – Card Craft with Mary Godsiff
- 9th VPA Quiz night –7.30pm at the Victory Hall – details page 30
- 10th Whimple Primary School 'Hand Made Market' – details page 53
- 11th Remembrance Sunday Service St Mary's Church 10.50am and 'Ring Out for Peace' at 7.05pm.
- 13th WI Monthly Meeting – Victory Hall 7/7.30pm – speaker is Robert Hesketh on 'A curious look at Devon Churches'
- 13th Over 60s Club – coach trip to Barnstaple
- 16th Boomerang Bags Sewing Event, Victory Hall 7.30pm
- 17th Whimple Primary School – Silent Disco – details page 23
- 20th Over 60s Club – Xmas Quingo
- 22nd History Society talk at the Victory Hall – Green Lanes by Valerie Belsey and Jim Causley - 7.30pm
- 23rd History Society Talk, Victory Hall 7.30pm.
- 24th Soup'n'Sarnie – Victory Hall 12.00 noon to 1.30pm
- 27th Over 60s Club – Xmas Beetle Drive

December

- 4th Over 60s Club – Xmas Bingo
- 8th Front Row Club – Victory Hall – 7.00 for 7.30pm. See posters for details
- 11th WI Christmas party – Victory Hall at 7/7.30pm
- 11th Over 60s Club – Xmas lunch at Mount Pleasant Inn Dawlish Warren

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Ed the Ed

This is a lovely bumper edition of your Whimble News – sometimes we struggle for content, but this month we have received many articles for inclusion. We are pleased to have an article from our very own Wonders of Whimble and to have them on the front cover in celebration of their poster success – see pages 32 and 33. What a great achievement!

Again I have been struggling to fit everything onto one page for ‘What’s on in Whimble’ – that has to be a simple measurement of what a very busy village we have! We have reports of events that have just happened – the very successful VPA Show, the Abba Night at the Cricket Club, Annie Bassett talking at the History Society and the always-full schedule for the WI. Congratulations to Courtneys Cider for winning awards in Japan – I know, it’s a long way away, but I will arrange a chat with Jill to explain the Japanese link and put that in a future edition!

I am delighted that we found space for Sally’s article about her ‘new’ shop in Honiton (now been open for some 5 months!) - and Sally has some great stock plus her more ‘flamboyant’ cards! Well worth a visit.

Jenny on page 46 writes about the Boomerang Bags idea from Ottery that she wants to try in Whimble – please support if you can! We try to recycle plastic bags in the shop but sadly they go out but do not return, so if you have borrowed a bag but forgotten to return it, please bring it back to the village shop and we can re-use it and make a small contribution to saving the planet. Thank you!

We also have an article about Martin Gammell from Lisa – he contributed much to Whimble, and to this magazine. Both he and Peter Bowden kept us well informed about all things local government that would affect us. Our sympathies go out to Lisa and family.

We welcome Deb MacLeod from the village as a newly qualified Nutritional Therapist, (congratulations!) and her first article is on page 25. We hope that Deb will provide us with some valuable information to help us all.

Our next edition will be out in early December, and that is when we will have all sorts of information about Whimble and things ‘Christmassy’. If you would like to submit an article to this wonderful magazine, then please send it to Bob Scanlan on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk, or drop it into Dairy Cottage opposite the New Fountain by **November 6th** – please note that we have a shorter time between magazines this time. Thank you!

Ed H



Autumn time is here again and we have stocks of seasoned logs and kindling to help cosy up in the dark nights. Tuesday and Friday we have delicious home-made cake delivered. Made in Rockbeare it is palm oil free and yummy.

It's a lovely time of year and we are looking forward to decorating the shop windows ready for Halloween. It's so lovely to see the little children in their costumes and the wonderful array of carved pumpkins.

We've had some wonderful summer produce and we are happy if you have a glut of produce to try to sell it for you. Some people sell us their produce and some people just bring it in for charity. If people do this latter we generally treat it as though we were buying it at the selling price and put the money in the current charity pot on the counter. We are really happy to support our local producers and have a good range of local ciders, beers, apple juice, honey, eggs, cake and dairy products.

Time then to look forward to Christmas and don't forget you can avoid the Christmas Eve queues in the supermarkets by ordering your fruit, veg, bread, dairy and other provisions with us. We can have your order ready for collection on Christmas Eve and you can enjoy a mince pie and glass of mulled wine with us. Order sheets will be available and the shop will be open until noon on Christmas Eve.

Post Office

The Post Office will start to get busier in October and November due to the Christmas preparations. We only have one terminal so can only work as fast as that allows. If you just want to buy stamps, please let the shop counter know and if you are paying cash they will be able to help you.

Our collection times during the week are 11.45am and 4.45pm. Saturday collection is noon. To ensure your post or banking goes that day, please make sure you bring it in at least 10-15 minutes before collection time, as paperwork needs to go with end of day collection and we have to give this priority to make sure it goes every day.

Remember that there are restrictions as to what can be sent in the post so if you are sending anything with batteries, perfumes, nail varnishes, alcohol, etc please check first if the size you are sending is allowable. We are always happy to give advice on this and 'size and weight' prices and there are leaflets in store to assist you.

You will be asked at least 5 questions to ensure you are getting the correct service and your parcel is safe to send. This is for your benefit as well as a requirement to ensure mail is safe to be posted.

Where are you sending your mail? When do you need it to get there? What is inside the parcel? What is the value of the goods? Would you like a signature?

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Here are some of the last posting dates for Christmas – full details available in store:
 Monday 10th December is the last day for International air mail post to Australia, NZ
 (Friday 28th September was the last day for International economy)
 Tuesday 18th December is the last day for 2nd Class post
 Thursday 20th is the last day for 1st Class post.
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50% of the funds raised are for Whimble church and 50% goes to support all Devon's Churches.

On September 8th 2018 a vast number of churches in Devon (of all denominations) were open, welcoming visitors, including 13 churches in the Ottery Deanery and 21 in the Aylesbeare Deanery. They, like the four churches in our parish (which were open all day), offered refreshments for bikers, walkers and locals. I enjoyed coffee at Whimble and chocolate biscuits at Clyst St Lawrence and a welcome rest at Talaton when doing my 50 mile bike ride.

As two of my sponsors offered to pay per mile, I took advantage of their generosity and bicycled to Exmouth via Exeter, visiting six churches in Exmouth, followed by Countess Wear and three in our parish; that is ten churches for those who sponsored per church!

A strong cup of coffee at Glenorchy Methodist church followed by homemade lemon drizzle cake at the Salvation Army church in Exmouth sustained me for the journey, as was my lunch break at Whimble. (see photo).

I have much appreciated the opportunity to support the parish and take on the challenge, not inconsiderable for someone who normally rides a mile or two each week on my heavy old 1990's gents Raleigh bike !

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Julia (cyclist)



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Whimble History Society

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Reproduced below is the first part of the pamphlet, which contains some interesting, and surprising, details of how the factory was run during the War and the impact of war-time restrictions on its operation.

The pamphlet is signed by Mr. Ronald Whiteway, Managing Director, and, naturally, he couldn't resist a little well deserved boasting and a swipe at the German enemy!

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After inspecting the bottling, you will please turn right and we will see the various filters and also the six centrifugal clarifiers which get the Cyder partially bright and so ease the work of the filters. You will see that these are similar to a milk separator, in fact they are made by Sharples and come from your Country and are a most useful piece of machinery. We will pass through our Cask-Washing and Filling Department, and you will be interested in the modern method of scouring and sterilizing the casks by a jet of boiling water which is forced into casks at a very high pressure and absolutely cuts out any dirt or impurities from inside the casks.

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On the last day of term we had a party and the brilliant 'Gee Gee Puppets' came to entertain the children as we then said farewell and good luck to 17 children as they left us to join their next adventure at school. We

wish them all the best for their future.

We have begun this term with 20 children on roll, our new starters are settling in really well. This half term we will be making bread and blackberry muffins, learning about harvest and exploring what Autumn brings. The children will be visiting the church to sing harvest songs and will think about helping others by donating to the food bank. The children are encouraged to help sweep up the leaves in the garden, dig the flowerbed and plant spring bulbs.

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Our activities for October and November can be found in 'What's on' on page 5.

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Our Harvest Service this year was held at the end of September but if you missed our special Harvest Lunch there are still lots of Harvest events taking place at other churches in our Mission Community.

Our Autumn churchyard working party is on Saturday 13th October from 9.00am. Please come with any appropriate tools and clothing! Refreshments will be provided. More hands make light work.

Our Home Groups are now back in full swing. Full details of these can be found in The Link. We also hold a Prayer meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. Again details can be found in The Link

Please join us for our **Remembrance Service** on November 11th at 10.50am when we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

As I write this I know that Christmas is still three months away but there are a few events in early December that you might like to be aware of. Firstly our Advent Service will be on Sunday 2nd December. There are also plans to repeat the quiet Tuesdays that were held last year. Details will be available in due course.

Toilet twinning

We have finally twinned our toilet in St Mary’s Whimple! What does that mean? What it means for a small community in Malawi is that they have, for the first time, access to a toilet. It shocked me when I read the statistics that 1 in 3 people worldwide do not have access to a loo; roughly 2.3 Billion people!!!

Thank you very much for those who donated to the collecting box in the loo. Rosie will be replacing the money box and putting out information for everyone to collect and read.

We sincerely hope that this is just the beginning and we can all be inspired to encourage friends, family, sports clubs and workplaces to join in and twin their loos so that we can give the opportunity of privacy, security and basic hygiene to many communities worldwide.

Further information about services and events in the life of Whimple Church as well other interesting articles can be found in The Link magazine. Copies can be obtained from the back of church, and monthly home delivery can also be arranged—please contact Dianne Goodwin 823476 for further details. There is also lots of information on our website www.churches4all.org

Christmas Madness!

Is the prospect of Christmas already driving you nuts? Are you again wondering how you will find the time, the energy and the money for Christmas? Do you sometimes wish you could 'give it a miss'? Me too, and I'm the Vicar!

If the prospect of Christmas is a source of anxiety for you then let me tell you about something the church is again proposing to do during 'Advent', the time traditionally spent 'waiting' for the arrival of Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

On Tuesday evenings during Advent, from 7.30pm until 8.30pm, why not come to sit in Whimple Church, enjoy some quiet space in the sacred surroundings of this beautiful village church and simply wait? Nothing will be expected of you other than to sit quietly. We might light some candles; we might listen to the odd piece of soft music; we might hear a short poem or a verse or two from the Bible. But mostly, we'll be quiet. And, in doing so, while the world goes mad around us, my hope is that we'll recover a sense of perspective, come home to ourselves and find some joy and peace in simply 'being' and waiting.

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It seems most days we see or hear something in the news, talking about what we should or should not eat. Sometimes it's even about the same foods, other days it's about beverages. For instance, a recent report said it's ok for us to have a small glass of wine every day. Yet two days later, they say we should give it up altogether and now just to add a bit of interest, we've been told we should cut out the booze for at least two days a week! No wonder people are confused!

So what the health is going on and what's an upstanding Whimpollian to do about it? Why are there so many articles that say one thing about nutrition and our health, then turn things around and say another?

Well, some of these things have to do with advancing research. Every day, scientists are gaining more of an understanding about how the human body works – which is an amazing and complicated piece of equipment, by the way.

Another reason is due to our own body make up or genetic profile. Our genes are what make us the individuals we are, which also means we may react to foods differently from other people – even our own family members. Furthermore, our health depends not only on what we eat but how and where we eat it. Did you know that the majority of people do not sit down to eat their meals at a table and if they do, it's in front of the TV or some sort of device? All of these things have an impact on how our bodies react and respond, as do our moods, our stress levels, our environment and even the level of exercise we get everyday. So it's not a surprise there's lots of different information out there about what we should and should not consume. However, this does not mean you can eat what you feel like eating and still obey the latest directive! Sometimes the very things we love the most are the ones doing us the most damage.

I am a qualified nutritional therapist and member of the governing bodies, BANT and CNHC. In each issue of the Whimble News I will write about some of the simpler aspects of nutrition, health and well-being from a food based perspective. If you or anyone you know have more in-depth queries or would like help with problems such as diabetes, poor sleep, gut issues, recurring infections, low immunity, fatigue, low mood, hormone issues, stress, insomnia or have difficulty losing weight, please get in touch with me at debmmac@gmail.com or on my mobile on 07747 755659.

Note: Nutritional Therapy is a holistic but science-based approach to health and illness, which treats the person not just the symptoms. It promotes optimum health, wellness and peak performance by identifying and then rectifying nutritional imbalances. However, I am not a medical doctor and any health concerns or issues should always be addressed with your GP, first and foremost.

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Once again, the annual Whimple Flower and Craft Show did not disappoint. We did have some concerns that, with the excellent summer and lack of rain, there might have been a lack of exhibits in the vegetable and flower classes. Come the day, we were delighted to see nearly all the classes well supported with quality exhibits. As in previous years, the Village Hall was full of amazing exhibits from the many talented residents of Whimple and neighbouring villages. The main hall was its usual mass of colour with all the exhibits in the vegetable, flower and plant classes. These were complemented by the skilful exhibits on display in the billiard room. The Judges were again very impressed with the high standard in all the classes. For the record, we had 62 exhibitors in the Adult Classes and 12 exhibitors in the Children's Classes. This generated some 503 exhibits in total for this year's show which was a slight increase on last year. Looking back at some old records, in 2007 we had 105 Exhibitors with 601 exhibits! It was good to see some children entering the adult classes and winning prizes too!

The judges were again very impressed with the standard of the exhibits in the Children's Classes. This gave them a hard task selecting the winners. Although the number of entries was slightly down on last year, the exhibits were still of a very high standard. In the youngest class, for the under fives, Dexter Edwards won The Owen Cup. Joshua Plank won the Basildon Award for the five to eight years age group. In the nine to eleven age group it was Jemima Plank who won The Fletcher Cup. It was good to have some entries in the oldest age group this year and the winner of The Children's Challenge Cup was Grace Tierney. There was another excellent entry for the photography section with numerous outstanding photographs in the total entry of 101 photographs. As in previous years, the Judge had a difficult task in determining the winners in the ten classes. The standard seems to get higher every year in this section and again there were some very imaginative entries. The overall winner in this section, winning the Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup, was Gemma Olive. The Arts and Crafts Classes had another wonderful display of skills. In this section, the winner of the Len Rose Memorial Cup with the most points, was Jenny Sanders. Sherril Olive was the winner of the Whimple Craft Cup for the best exhibit in the section.

The flower arranging had another array of excellent and colourful exhibits and the judge was very meticulous over her deliberations. In this section the winner of the Frances Pratt Memorial Cup was Doreen Staddon. The winner of the Roy Horsburgh Trophy was Barbara Lambert and the winner of The Marie Louise Grout Cup for the best exhibit in the Flower arrangement, which was voted for by everyone who came to see the Show, was awarded to Lucie Bolden.

The Sandfords Cup, which is awarded to the gentleman who gains the most points in the combined Men Only Classes of a floral arrangement and a cake, was awarded jointly to Andy Bratt and Mark Tierney.

And so to the mouth watering Homecraft Section where we had another year with a wonderful display of culinary excellence! As usual, the judge had a difficult task in selecting the best out of a total of 51 exhibits in all the classes. This year the winner of the Sir Henry Imbert-Terry Cup with the most points in this section was Margaret Burrough.

Finally, we come to all the exhibits in the main hall and it was a relief to see such a good number of exhibits in these Sections, particularly the vegetable classes. There were 37 exhibits in the Pot Plant Section this year, all of a very high standard. With slightly less exhibits than last year, it was a little easier to stage them all. Once again, the exhibitor with the most points in this section and the winner of The Briar Shield was Colin Northcott. And so to the Vegetable and Flower Classes where there were a total of 228 exhibits this year. It was so good to see so many exhibits in all these classes which gave the judges plenty of work to do! Of the 43 classes there were only two with no exhibits. There were many individual class winners in this section but The Slewton Cup for the most points in the vegetable section was won by Mike Hawkins. The runner up in this section winning the Cranny Brook Cup was Donna Baker. The winner of the Novice Cup for the person entering the vegetable classes for the first time was Donna Baker. In the Flower Classes, the winner of the Win and Bob Shepherd Cup for the most points in this section was Mike Hawkins and the runner up, winning the President's Cup, was Graham Bidgood. Finally in this section, the winner of the Otter Nurseries Rose Bowl for the best exhibit in the Flower Classes was Graham Bidgood for his prize winning Decorative Dahlias. However, when the results for both sections were combined and the points in both sections were added together, the winner of The Whimble Folk Cup for the third year running was Mike Hawkins, so many congratulations to him on winning this magnificent trophy.

And finally, there was the Whimble Challenge Cup which was once again for a Freestyle Scarecrow. We retained the theme of a scarecrow hoping for a good number of exhibits and we were very pleased to have four excellent entries this year all of which were of a very high standard. The judges decided that best exhibit in this class, winning the Whimble Challenge Cup was made by Jeannie Vincent with Angeline Rowe taking the runners up cup.

This year we were delighted to have Mike Ellingham to give out all the prizes. Mike has been a good supporter of the Show over a number of years and we felt it would be very fitting to have him give out the prizes knowing that he was planning on moving out of the village. All the cup winners and Class winners have been posted on our website so can be seen there.

We would like to thank and congratulate all of you who made the effort to enter the Show for without you there would be no Show! We are also extremely grateful to all our judges who give up their time to do this difficult task with such quality exhibits. The Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped us set up the Hall for the Show and clear up afterwards, it is very much appreciated. It is quite amazing that at 5.30 we were still in the throes of prize giving but by 6.30 the hall had been completely cleared and you would not have known the Show had taken place!

For those of you who were entering for the first time we hope you enjoyed the experience and we look forward to seeing you at next year's show. If there are any ideas that any of you have for the various classes we will be more than willing to consider them for the 2019 Show. For those who like to look forward, the Show next year will be on Saturday 10th August 2019!

Our next event will be on Friday 12th October in the Village Hall, when we will be having a talk by Elizabeth Holman on "How to Rejuvenate a Tired Garden" commencing at 7.30pm. After the amazing weather we have had this summer, this could be the ideal opportunity to find out how to give our gardens a boost for next year.

Following that, on Sunday 14th October, we are running a coach trip to Batsford Arboretum at Moreton-in-Marsh. The Arboretum and Wild Garden is home to a unique collection of some of the world's most beautiful and rare trees, shrubs and bamboos. A booking form is appended at the end of this article so please complete the form as soon as possible if you would like to go. The coach will leave Canaan Way car park in Ottery St. Mary at 08:00hrs and The Square in Whimple at 08:15hrs.

Our final event of the year will be another Quiz Night. After the huge success of last year's quiz, we will be having another one on Friday 9th November at 7.30 in the Village Hall. The format will be much the same as last as this proved to be very popular. So, for an entertaining evening, join us on the night.

Reports on all our activities over the past year, together with the Flower Show results, are all on our website. So please go to www.whimple-vpa.co.uk to find all our information.

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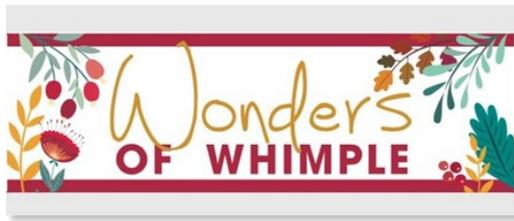
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Last year the 'Wonders of Whimple', created by the amazing Gill Wilson and Sue Draycott, raised money for two Breast Cancer Charities and the 'Body Image Movement', with the launch of our very own 2018 Whimple Calendar. Women of all ages got nearly naked, but in the best possible taste, at a selection of well known local landmarks. Whimple supported us enormously and together we raised over £5400.

Out of the blue in July, came an email from Gill, who was away on her holiobobs at the time. She wanted to know if there were any WOWs available for a photo shoot in London two days later! This was to produce some marketing and publicity posters to promote Calendar Girls - The Musical produced and written by Tim Firth and the actual Gary Barlow. Although this was incredibly short notice, my head was buzzing. There was a battle between my heart and my head....should I try to do this? Could I get time off work? My husband said, 'Go for it'. My heart said 'Why not?'. My head said, 'Don't be stupid!'....I went with my heart!! So glad I did... what an experience. I am sure I can speak for the other WOWs who also took part in the 'shoot'. (Suzanne, Tanya & Susan).

So with emails going to and fro between us and the marketing team in London we got the thumbs up. We were going to Town, all expenses paid. So still not really knowing what to expect, we all met at Whimple station, underwear free, and very nervous. The little voice inside my head was screaming, 'What are we doing? With all the chit-chat on the train it was no time before we were at Waterloo station. Within a few minutes of arriving we got a text from the marketing company to say that our taxi was waiting for us outside, so off we went full of excitement and trepidation.

We were taken to a photo studio in North London and we were warmly welcomed by Maddie and Rebecca who made us feel very much at home by offering us all a dressing gown just like Calendar Girls the movie! Now remember, up to this point all of our photo shoots had been done by the very talented Sue and every shoot had been strictly 'Women only'! This time, however, the photographer David and his assistant Dafydd, were both men!! We were offered nude underwear for the more bashful, but we just said 'No...we are professional WOW's...we don't do underwear!!' We had something to eat and drink and met the photographer and his assistant who explained what they were intending to do with us. EEK!

We were photographed individually in an all-white studio for 30 minutes jumping, running on the spot, doing star jumps...it was a real workout!! The photos were all taken from behind as they were going to transpose us onto the Calendar Girls poster showing us running through a field. OMG!

After the shoot, they packed us off in our taxi back to Waterloo. The journey back to Whimble flew by as we de-briefed the day, helped by a couple of chilled glasses of Prosecco on the train.

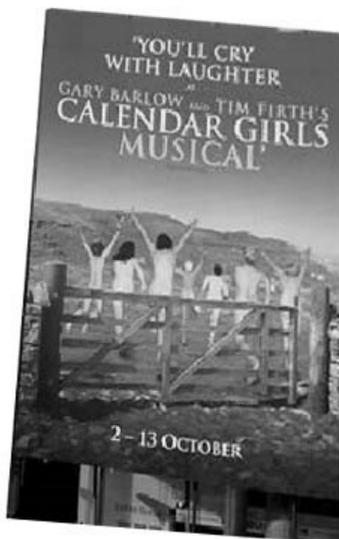
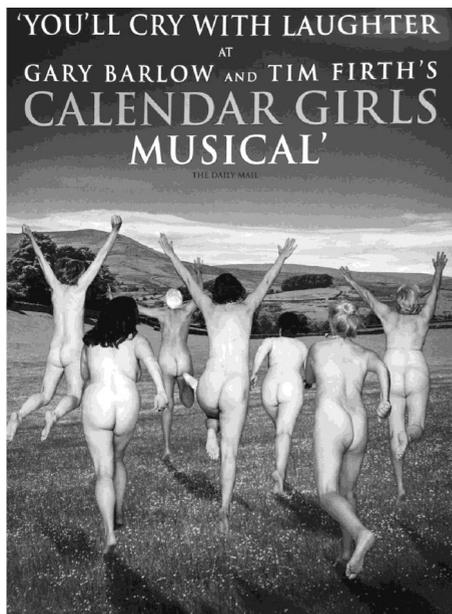
We had the most wonderful, amazing experience and are now on the posters butt naked promoting Calendar Girls the Musical for theatres across the UK.

It's been a great journey for me personally to actually not change anything with the way I look and "Love the skin I am in" We all hope that our WOW Adventure has helped others to just enjoy being who they are.

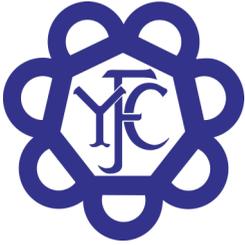
The WOW's having been working incredibly hard this year on another project, once again to raise money for 'Breast Cancer Now' and the 'Body Image Movement'. All will be revealed soon, but all we are saying for now is, please don't buy your Christmas Cards too soon!!!!

Written by **Teresa Jarrold**.

On behalf of **Suzanne Rothwell, Tanya Hynd, Susan Pearce.**



The promotional poster featuring some of our 'Wonders'. Edinburgh chose to add a five bar gate to their poster, causing a lot of controversy in the media and an interview on BBC Spotlight for Gill Wilson, Suzanne Rothwell and Teresa Jarrold (see pic on front cover).



Whimble & Broadclyst YFC would like to thank everyone who came and supported our annual Big Bank Holiday Breakfast in August. We sold 127 breakfasts making over £900 to be split between Macmillan Cancer Support and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute!

The events we hold in the village hall wouldn't be half as successful without the support of the Whimble residents. Look out for further adverts of our next events such as our 'Dung Sale' and 'Christmas Bingo' which will be in aid of two different charities - dates TBC.

If there are any young people of Whimble or the surrounding area interested in joining our Young Farmers' Club don't hesitate to get in touch. We are a very social and active club, you can join up from the age of 10-26. You don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer!

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What an amazing summer we have had! It has been fantastic weather for the village events so far this year. All have been well attended which is great news for all concerned who have put in the hours to organise these events for all of us to enjoy. The emails and phone calls to me regarding a wide variety of village issues have highlighted the commitment and vigilance of residents of Whimble. The desire to maintain equilibrium across the spectrum from political to personal opinion. Please do keep up the communication via the wide variety of channels available to us all, I will do my best as always to support. I would like to especially mention the 'Whimble What's on' Facebook page; well done to the 'administrator' for managing this and keeping it well organised. It is a great source of information and I would urge anyone who is not a member (follower) to become one as it is a great for just about everything that goes on in the village.

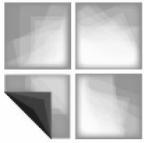
This December will see the relocation of the East Devon District Council Offices to Honiton. I have been assured that services will not be affected and you will be able to contact the offices by phone or email. Either continue to use the numbers provided or use the EDDC App that is available for both Android and iPhones. As most of you are aware the Whimble Neighbourhood Plan has been available to all to complete for most of this year. I would like to reiterate the importance of it. If you have not completed it, there is still plenty of time to do so, either go online at:

<http://www.whimble-survey2017.co.uk/>

or visit the Post Office where a paper version can be obtained. I cannot express enough the importance of completing this; your input is so important to the future of the village, sensitive topics such as new homes being built, other major projects and facilities we might want for the village will all be based on what we put into the plan, in particular, holding back the growth of Cranbrook into the Whimble Parish area; the plan will give us a sound basis for the future of our village.

There will I am sure, be plenty of communication regarding the closure of Whimble Station during September, as they are carrying out major works within the area of the main line. There will be a bus service to cover the existing rail service, however, please let me know if you do have any problems with the replacement service so I can report this accordingly. Finally please do get in contact if you have anything you would like to discuss! Have a great autumn.

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History Society Talk by Annie Bassett

When I first heard that Annie was coming to talk to the History Society, I had to ask “But who is Annie Bassett?” However, even if I didn’t remember her name, I immediately recalled the press coverage of the first female football manager and was amazed to discover she lives here in Whimple. So, on a rather dismal September evening, I was amongst those who came to hear her talk :*Tragedy, Ambition and Glass Ceilings*.

Annie started by addressing the question of ambition – it was never, she said, about money, but about being heard and achieving that most difficult of commodities, respect.

She was a grocer’s daughter and remembered a home full of her mother’s laughter, music and sitting on her father’s knee, listening to the results and learning the names of football clubs.

Annie was 18 when she met her husband and sailed with him from Tilbury 1st Class to Sydney, Australia. Her mother sent parcels of M&S clothes for the children and at that time, in the 1960s, you had to book a phone call home to the UK a week in advance. However, the relationship with her husband was difficult – something Annie bravely talked quite openly – and on returning to the UK they separated.

Needing a job to support herself and the children, she set up Annie Bassett Promotions, which was based in a friend’s double garage. As a now successful businesswoman, in 1985 Reading Football Club offered her the job of Commercial Football Manager. She discovered this to be something of a poisoned chalice when she turned up to find the previous chap, who’d been there for 16 years, had been sacked the night before. Realising the club was in the doldrums with largely empty stands, Annie set about raising the profile of the club within the town by taking a Roadshow into schools and improving the hospitality environment with a family enclosure, new toilets and a tuck shop. Two years later, with the club at last in profit, Annie was offered the role of General Manager with the words “OK Bassett. You get the job and if you get it wrong, I’ll be a laughing stock for the rest of my life.”

Unsurprisingly perhaps, the media went wild about the woman who had disrupted this bastion of masculine exclusivity. She was criticised for too much ‘housekeeping’ and not enough football. If the press could be unkind so could the industry itself. Ron Atkinson commented “A woman’s place is in the kitchen and in the boudoir.” Hmmm! The day to day management of the club also had its trials. There was the time the groundsman sheepishly turned up in her office with the dreadful news “We’ve put weed killer on the pitch instead of fertiliser!”

However, despite all the challenges, the impact Annie made was recognised. Channel 4 got in touch to discuss the film series *The Manageress* that was inspired by her achievements and in 1989 Annie became ‘Woman of the Year’.

Eventually, Annie moved on to Birmingham FC – a much more difficult challenge, then Bournemouth FC and after that Fulham FC whilst she was also lecturing at Middlesex Uni. Mohammed Al Fayed bought Fulham and moved Annie and her team to an office in Harrods where she acquired one of the highlights of her career – a car parking pass for the store.

In 2003, Annie became commercial director for Exeter City where she was responsible for brokering the sponsorship deal with Flybe, which is still in place today. Shortly afterwards, however, she found herself out of a job and willing to take on anything to support herself and the family. She found herself covering books in a warehouse. Quickly spotted by HR, who maybe hadn't read her CV carefully enough, she was moved 'upstairs' to develop a training and mentoring programme which eventually she managed largely from a home in France.

Thirteen years ago Annie discovered and then moved to Whimble. Music still plays a large part in her life.

Annie closed by referring to her divorce as a tragedy – but as being something that reset her life and facilitated the regeneration which enabled her to shatter that 'glass ceiling'.

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Whimple Cricket Club.

That's it, all done for another year. The 2018 season is finished and what a summer it's been.

On a cricketing front both senior teams needed to win the last game of the season to avoid relegation, and they did. Now this might not sound like something to celebrate but the league structure changed at the start of the season and the goal was for both teams to stay in their leagues so it was a great achievement. We have just had the Youth Presentation evening which was a great success as was the Friday night training sessions. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this possible, the bar staff, those manning the bbq, the coaches. Special mention to Kirsty Sherwood who has taken on the youth development role. I'm sure with some structure this will continue to grow.

We also ran All Stars Cricket for 5-8 year olds on Monday nights which was a great success. If it wasn't for Dave Culshaw, these nights wouldn't have been able to go ahead so thanks for him for all his planning and time spent helping the youth section.

We are aiming to have an open meeting in the near future where anyone can come along and discuss any thoughts or ideas to improve the youth section and the club as a whole so watch this space.

I think somewhere else in here there is a write up on another successful band night; it didn't go as smoothly as it appeared though. Last year we were sweeping water away, this year we had to water the grass in places to enable us to dig trenches for power etc. Also on the morning of band night, poor Slippy fell through a roof (not at the club) and ended up spending five days in hospital!!! He's on the mend now and somehow the club pulled together and managed to get the night on. We also had the support act drop out on the Saturday morning but hey ho. Plans are already in place for next year.

Sunday Cricket is booming and they managed to win a game towards the end of the season!!! It's a great social occasion with a bit of cricket thrown in. Well done to Daniel 'Taffy' Williams for being the only person to score a 100 at the ground in all cricket this season.

You might see that we have made a few improvements to the club. New gates have gone in and we have also had a new square put in for the first time in over 30 years!! Please can we ask you to keep your dogs away from this area if you're walking them at the club. We were able to do this due to the support we received from the village on various social occasions over the summer. We didn't plan to do anything for the World Cup but somehow it happened and just grew and grew. Again, thanks to all those who helped behind the bar and Martyn Randall for all his efforts on the bbq, that seemed to get better and better. It nearly came home!! And thank you again, your support was terrific.

A special mention to Courtney's cider from Whimple for their support during the 2018 season, we hope you enjoyed the Silly Cow!

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As many of you know, I have been 'very brave' as many people have described it, and opened a Card and Gift shop in Black Lion Court, Honiton. I have been in sales most of my working life, repping for various Home, Stationery and Gift companies, but decided that I needed to stop getting in the car every morning and driving away from beautiful Devon - it was time to set up my own business nearer home and be static for a while!

I have to admit that it took a lot of hard work to get my chosen site transformed from an obligatory 'dingy' look it had as a music shop, to a light and airy gift shop. Luckily, we have some amazing tradesmen in Whimple and I could not have done it without them. Fantastic friends also rallied around helping with logo design, the website, furniture assembly, sorting the shelving, cleaning and slaving away with a pricing gun!

The idea for the name came from my USA travelling companion, Ann. We both love the band the B52's and had flown to Vegas to see them last June. We met up again just as I had taken possession of the keys, but still had no name. "What is your favourite B52's song?", she asked. "Planet Claire", I replied. "Well, you must call it 'Planet Sal', then", she decided - and it was perfect.

I had a little pre-opening ceremony, with Ed The Ed cutting the ribbon and making a little speech (involving lots of innuendo, of course) - then my first official day was June 1st this year, with lovely Pete and Jo Sibley being the first ones through the door!

My ethos for the gift products I buy is that they have to be a bit unusual, but have a use of some sort. My cards are all from small UK designers and printed in the UK. We have some great talent here and I love to hear the customers giggling away at the humour ones (some of the cards are a bit rude!).

I am now about to enter my fifth month of trading and am loving it. I had a very busy August with tourists, even though locals are still just finding me! Black Lion Court is a lovely little pedestrian courtyard, with only independent shops allowed by the private landlord. Happily they are all full now and trading well. We have my shop, a lingerie shop, two cafe's, a hairdresser, a dressmaker and a computer shop.

Honiton is a thriving town and the businesses there are well-supported. We are hoping that East Devon District Council moving their offices to the town in November will give us a big boost.

Do visit me if you need a card or small gift that is a bit quirky and different - or just to say hello. Christmas cards will be in soon - including the amazing Wonders of Whimple charity cards!! Please also support Whimple Stores and Cards 83 in Sidmouth - all run by wonderful Whimple residents.

Sal Wilde — See my advert opposite for details





Boomerang Bags Sewing Event Tuesday 16th October

Ottery St Mary have some exciting things going on with their plastic free campaign. Many of the shops are offering 'boomerang bags' for reuse.

These are fabric bags that you can buy to use yourself or you can take and bring back for reuse by someone else. Either way it saves using a plastic bag.

There are kits available at the Silver Otter Café to make a shopper and bags for produce and bread.

We would love to become part of this movement and wonder if there is any interest in the village to help.

We would need fabric and willing sewers to make bags for use in Whimble Stores and for people to join in with the spirit of them buying their own bags or bringing the reusable bags back.

We have patterns, labels, some fabric and available sewing machines to set up our first preparation session. So if you are interested in helping either by cutting or sewing or just have some donations of fabric or thread, please join us on Tues 16th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall committee room.

Emma Bonnor-Moris (01404 371276)

Jenny Sanders (jls.sanders@btinternet.com)

MUSIC NIGHT AT THE CRICKET CLUB



Many thanks to everyone involved in the Abba Arrival night at Whimble Cricket Club.

Having overcome some difficulties on set up day, everything came together.

The evening was dry and calm and everyone had a great time.

Some good fancy dress efforts and lots of dancing and singing.

Whimble can give Mamma Mia a run for its money (money, money) **Sal**

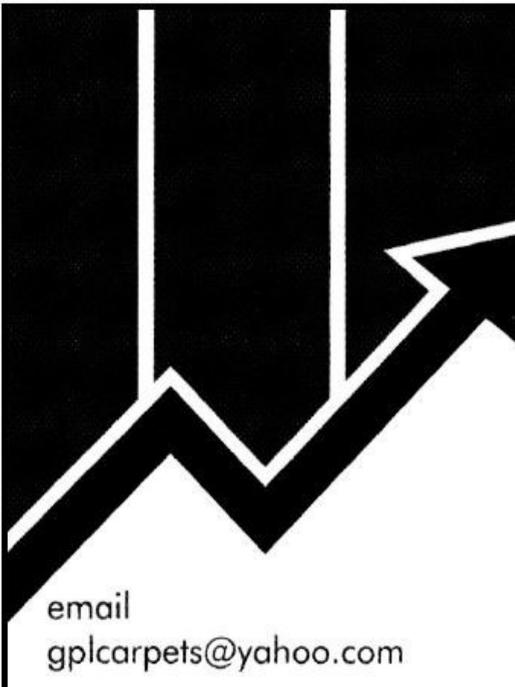
Whimble History Society

The Auction of Pledges and Promises 19th October Victory Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Entry will be by catalogue, costing £1.00 per person, which can be purchased in advance or on the door. Each catalogue will be numbered and a draw will be made at the interval for a bottle of whisky.

The Committee has already secured a number of promises/pledges but we would be grateful for any more. Anyone wishing to provide a pledge should contact the Secretary on 01404 822244

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A national and international event marking the Armistice, will see more than 1,000 churches and cathedrals participate by ringing their bells simultaneously at 7.05pm on the night of November 11th 2018.

Pageantmaster Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR is encouraging bell ringers to take part in Ringing Out for Peace. "We want this to be the most widespread ringing of church bells since the First World War," he said. "It would be a fitting and moving tribute to the 1400 or so bell ringers that we understand lost their lives during World War One".

Ringing Out for Peace is part of Battle's Over, a unique day-long commemoration of the end of the First World War taking place throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and at scores of locations overseas, including Australia, Canada, Denmark, Somaliland, the United States and Germany.

It begins at 6am on November 11th 2018 with lone pipers playing Battle's O'er, a traditional tune played after a battle, outside every cathedral in the country. At 6.55pm buglers will sound the Last Post at more than 1,000 locations, where at 7pm WW1 Beacons of Light will be lit, signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of war. At 7.05pm church and cathedral bells will be Ringing Out for Peace.

Whimble bells will be joining this tribute and this year Armistice Day, 11th November, is a Sunday as well. Whimble's bells will ring half muffled for the morning service of remembrance, as they usually do.

Supporting the two-fold initiative, across the country 1700 people have come forward to learn to ring bells – some returning to the art, others novices. This exceeds the aim to match the 1400 ringers who lost their lives in the Great War.

If ringing appeals to you speak to any of our ringers or contact me.

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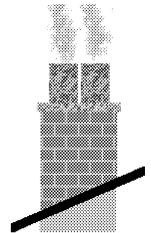
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Our educational visit this year, by popular demand, was to NT Cotehele near Saltash on the 19th July. The weather was wonderful, the coach comfortable and we had a very affable driver – except he had never been to Cotehele before and was unsure of the special route for coaches. Two hours later our scenic mystery tour arrived at our destination! With spirits undimmed, we began a thoroughly enjoyable trip to a lovely house and enchanting grounds. The walk through beautiful woodland, down past the quay (did anyone stop for a cream tea I wonder?) and onto the saw mill, was well worth the effort. It was a relaxing day with good company and only one and a half hours for the homeward journey over beautiful Dartmoor. Our sincere thanks go to Gerri Turner for arranging this delightful day.

The Summer Garden Party on the 14th August was held this year at Primrose Cottage and our grateful thanks go to Louise Walmesley for providing this beautiful venue. The weather was kind, the food delicious and the ladies who attended had a most enjoyable afternoon – thank you to everyone who helped with the organisation. Those of our ladies who went on the Over 60’s outing instead missed a good event. Hopefully the dates won’t clash next year!

A party of us had a lovely evening on the 21st when we went to the Manor Theatre in Sidmouth to see a performance of “Funny Money” – a very amusing (slightly naughty) play which was enjoyed by all of us. Hopefully we will see another play in the near future.

Our Social Lunch was held at the end of August, this time at The Thirsty Farmer and was well attended. The quality and quantity of the food was good value as always and our thanks to Jane Clements for organising.

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We continue to offer our pupils a broad and varied curriculum, which includes interacting with many groups in the community. This term the children are exploring the village they live in and the older children are learning about World War 1. You may well see them heading off to the Heritage Centre to investigate a variety of historical resources. The Year 6 children have started a quilting project linked to Killertons Apple Day and in the next few weeks you will see them out on their bikes learning how to ride safely.

Our Fantastic Friday curriculum also continues; this involves a wide range of activities including Forest School, crafting, cookery, drama, to name a few. If you have any interests in these areas, please get in touch. It does not have to be a long commitment, even one Friday a month or a block of four weeks, all helps.

For more information please check out the school website, this will include the dates for school tours for the next round of school admissions.

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Mrs **Carole Shilston**, Headteacher.



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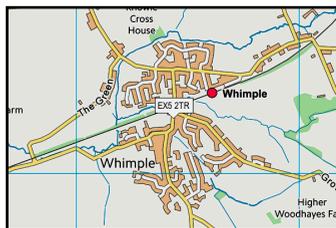
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WHIMPLE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Snow Warden Scheme/Extreme Weather

In winter, DCC focus on salting the major routes which carry the most traffic. This sometimes means smaller communities don't receive as much help as they would like. The Snow Warden is the key point of contact between Devon County Council (DCC) and the local community and is primarily a co-ordination role. Cllr Paul Walsh is the Snow Warden for Whimble



What type of work can be done by a volunteer? Examples include:- store some grit at a property in the village, spread grit, clear snow, refill grit bins and bags, report issues with grit bins and bags online, clear flooded drains/gully's, help to clear streams of blockages. etc

The Parish Council is now looking to update its list of volunteers who are willing to assist the Snow Warden and fellow Councillors during extreme weather such as heavy snow fall and potential flood risks

How to get involved:- Email whimpleparishcouncil@gmail.com or send your details to Kevin Finch, the Parish Clerk c/o 48 Slewton Crescent, Whimble EX5 2QA

Cllr Denise Dearden

We are delighted to congratulate Denise and Mark of the birth of their first child. Henry Mark arrived on 18th of August and are all 'doing well'

Martin Gammell

We were saddened at the passing of Martin Gammell who served as a valuable District and Parish Councillor for many years. Our thoughts and best wishes to Lisa and family

Kevin Finch, Whimble Parish Clerk, whimpleparishcouncil.weebly.com

Remembering Martin Gammell

I am sure many of you will now be aware of my Fiancé, Martin Gammell having passed away peacefully at the RD and E Hospital on the 12th August 2018. He was surrounded by our family and typical of Martin, the room was filled with sunshine, bird song, laughter and chatter, along with our Grandson playing his noisy steam train book, which Granddad had purchased!

Martin moved to Whimble from North Hertfordshire in 2004, after his 'final' retirement from many years teaching in both Further and Higher education. I use the word 'final' due to the countless times we have heard this over the years, with the first 'retirement' in 1993 after his heart attack and the last time after his attempt to stand again for the EDDC election in 2017.

Considering how many times Martin had endured serious illnesses over the years, it was his taste for adventure, intellectual curiosity, mischief and his ability to nurture and encourage others with their education, that would bring him back with a bounce every time. I mean, how many seventy five + year olds with poor health, climb to the top of the Scot Monument, especially having consumed a £30 shot of whiskey (don't ask) and decided we would travel to Peru for a friend's wedding on impulse!

When Martin moved to Whimble, he had no time for 'retirement'. He had achieved a childhood dream of living in and restoring a Railway Station and not just any station, but one with a working line. To a railway enthusiast this would be amazing, but to others the insistence on scrambling up out of bed at 3.00am in the morning, to view the mysterious works machinery on the line had its disadvantages!

Martin established himself as part of the Whimble community, throwing himself into village life and participating in various activities including volunteering at the Heritage Centre, where his beloved Whimble Train nameplate will be on view when the Centre re opens next year. He also became involved with the DA, OSM Heritage Society, NT and and OSM League of Friends.

Martin was very proud when elected to serve as EDDC District Councillor for Talaton and Whimble between 2011-15 and valued being able to help and support others within the community. He would always look to advocate and ensure fairness regarding planning applications, offer advice, support and time to listen to individuals concerns, frequently leading to a cold supper, given his sociable nature! After losing his seat in 2015, Martin continued to remain actively involved with the East Devon Lib Dems and Whimble Parish Council.

Alongside politics, Martin had a wide and varied number of interests; birding, geology, steam trains, learning Spanish, playing the flute and most recently walking old railway lines and viaducts, which were often very steep and 'breath taking' when pushing a wheelchair, but well worth the view and delight whenever we reached our goal.

I would finally like to say a big thank you to the people of Whimble for all the kindness and support shown to both of us, especially during the last year, as Martin's health declined further. As for me, I will remain in the Station House until it is sold and continue with the downsizing as planned. The Station House now feels very empty, without his lively personality and constant chatter. However, I am sure somewhere out there is another railway buff, like Martin who will be able to give the house the love it so rightly deserves - though on reflection maybe I should say someone 'similar', after all my Martin was a one off character, I think you will all agree...

Best wishes to you all,

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Summer

The sun shines down on Earth below
no looking now on fields of snow.
Let's make the most when days are bright
and evenings late to lose their light.

When midnight animals are hunting late
to feed new young – before warm nights are gone.

When my child laughed in summers gone bye
But when nights darkened began to cry
So next year – when summer comes
When there will be no baby sucking thumbs.

Enjoy the life that summer brings of
children's laughter on their swings.
For summer goes then Autumn's here
Bringing winter's chill winds even near
But – summer will return each year.

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