

Whimble News



June/July 2005

What's on in Whimple

JUNE

- 9th PTFA Fashion Show 7.30pm in Victory Hall
OSM Methodist Church 2:30-4:30pm cream teas and bring and buy cakes, in aid of Hospicecare. Tickets £3.00 from Hospice Shop OSM
- 11th Church Fete 2.30pm Dince Hill house
Impact Club Night 6pm Evening Beach party
Tea dance 7.30 – 11.30pm Victory Hall
- 12th S Club 11/Impact 10.45am Scout Hut
- 17th Bingo 7.30pm Cricket Club
- 20th Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm Victory Hall
- 21st Over 60s trip to Malmesbury, meet 09.00am in The Square
- 25th Bell Ringing Outing to NW Devon leaving the Square at 9.30am
- 25th Fete at Rockbears Manor 1.00 – 5.30pm in aid of Tsunami
- 26th S Club 11/Impact 10.45am Scout Hut
Tipton St John Playing Fields, Teddy Bears Picnic 2.00 – 6.00pm.

JULY

- 3-9th Village Week (see centre pages for more details)
- 10th Songs of Praise, 6.30pm St Mary's Church
- 10th VPA Open Garden afternoon—see page 42 for details
- 16th Tennis Summer Social 7.00pm Tennis Club
- 18th Parish Council meeting 7.00pm Victory Hall
- 19th Over 60's trip to Water Gardens in Weymouth, meet 09.00pm in The Square
- 29th WHS guided village walk
- 30th Casino night 8.00pm Cricket Club

AUGUST

- 5th WHS guided village walk
- 13th Flower Show

St Mary's Church

Monthly Programme of Services

1st Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
	11am	All Age Service
2nd Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Sclub11 in the Scout Hut
3rd Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
	11am	Morning Service
4th Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
	10:45am	Sclub11 in the Scout Hut
5th Sunday	11am	Joint Benefice Communion

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

If your Association has an event which you would like listed above please contact Lynda Trevena on 822876 or e-mail lynda_amelia@hotmail.com

ED the ed

First of all, may I offer my sympathy to everyone who came to the pantomime – the cast have now had an opportunity to watch the video of the whole thing, so we now know what you had to put up with! Counselling will be available to people still suffering from Post Pantomime Traumatic Stress Syndrome...but I still loved that dress!!!

We have a great mix of articles to offer you this month, including a piece on the formal opening of the Whiteway Wing at the Heritage Centre – if you haven't been since last year, do make a point of visiting. It is a great asset to the village and very professionally laid out, with some wonderful exhibits. Already it is being regarded as an outstanding achievement in Devon – John Shepherd would have been proud. An example of the quality of the information kept in the archives is reflected in Naome's excellent article on World War 2 memories from the village.

Don't forget to book up early for the guided village walks on 29th July and 5th August – always popular – see the Heritage Centre for details.

The Centre Spread is not one of the village elders spread provocatively across a high class leopard skin rug with naught to protect their modesty but a couple of well positioned staples, but details of Village Week. Lots of things going on – please support as many as you can – it is always a great week for the Village – enjoy it all!!!

Following the recent publicity to attend the Parish Council Meetings, it took Graham Fowle's planning application to attract many people to the last meeting. So many in fact, that the meeting had been moved into the Hall itself. As ever, Sara Randall-Johnson guided the meeting through the treacherous channels of procedure, and allowed the public session to over-run. In the end, the application was rejected, but it has given Graham an opportunity to put his case to the village. It is up to us to keep the Stores going – please use them!

We were pleased to include tributes to Henry Stephen in this issue, and it is warming to see what an impact he made on the village.

The Thirsty Farmer Quiz night recently gathered some £50 for the News, and then apparently, there is a bonus question called the 'Discombe stinker' – is that the question or some very rude title for John? – the extra money for that was also donated to the News, which was another £40. That is absolutely great – thank you very much from the News team for such generous support.

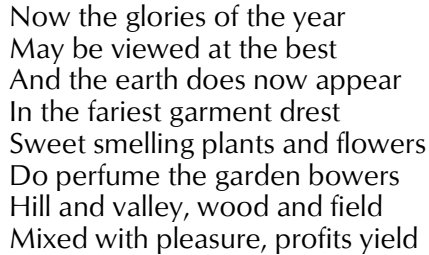
The next due date for contributions is XXXXX – please leave your articles at the PO with Jim and Alison, or direct to Bob 'if this is retirement, when do I get a day off' Scanlan on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk. Bob has recently completed part of a bike ride with a friend who had cycled from John O'Groats to Lands End – Bob had been able to join her for the Bristol to Lands End section and survived to tell the tale – we will encourage him to share some of that 'fun' with us in a future edition. Well done Bob – and no stabilisers!!!!

Enjoy Village week, and help the PTFA with their excellent work.

Ed H

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

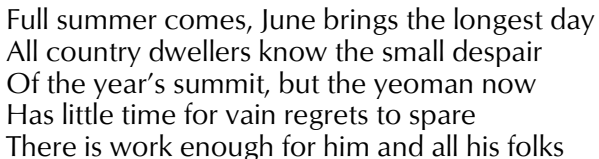
Edith Marie-Louise Grout



Now the glories of the year
May be viewed at the best
And the earth does now appear
In the fairest garment drest
Sweet smelling plants and flowers
Do perfume the garden bowers
Hill and valley, wood and field
Mixed with pleasure, profits yield

As I write my article for the June/July issue, we are experiencing what is called 'The Blackthorn Winter', a very early cold spell which always coincides with the beautiful flowering of the blackthorn blooms besprinkling half-green hedges and every year this cold spell takes us by surprise. It just shows how remote we have become from the natural world. How often have I experienced in life that hard times may stir me into new flowering?

June is named after Juno the principal goddess of Roman mythology, wife of Jupiter chief god of the Romans known in Greek mythology as Zeus who reigned on Mount Olympus. It is perhaps for this reason that June is considered as 'queen of the year'. It is the time of both Christian and Pagan festivals: - the feast days of Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi, Whit Sunday - which (strangely this year with Easter being so early) are celebrated in May. The major Pagan festivals fall on St. John's Eve, on the 23rd usually called Midsummer's Eve, although the Summer Solstice, the longest day is June 21st, being of the quarter days when rents are due. It is also a time of great celebration, which at Stonehenge is still celebrated by the Druids.



Full summer comes, June brings the longest day
All country dwellers know the small despair
Of the year's summit, but the yeoman now
Has little time for vain regrets to spare
There is work enough for him and all his folks

Is there any other month of the year that can show such a delightful trio as we have in June: - roses, strawberries and green peas? The first very sweetly scented roses in my garden are Souvenir de la Malmaison a very old-fashioned cabbage rose and Evelyn Crabtree. The British love of roses is well known as they are grown in most gardens, I am sure that all in all there are many more roses than people!

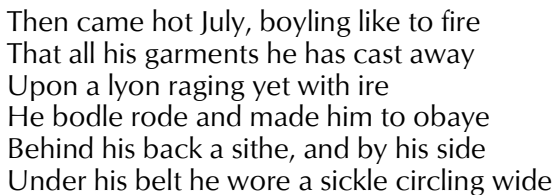
And yet, our love of roses pales with the rose mania that gripped Rome, they probably brought it with them when they invaded these islands. Rose petals garlanded heads of soldiers and worthy Romans. Rose petals floated in their wine and were also used in medicine. Imagine too - that they grew roses in winter in steam-heated greenhouses, such a novel idea, which was only re-invented in modern time. Although the early Christian church rejected the rose as being a symbol of the decadence of the Roman Empire, it soon became the symbol of the Virgin Mary.

July was named after Julius Caesar who was born in that month. It is quite extraordinary to think how many things have been inherited from the Romans. The Anglo-Saxons called it 'Maed Monad' (Mead Month) from the meadows being in full bloom. It is the time of the year when butterflies hatch and I do hope that there will be plenty about, they are such a wonderful sight.

Our great Linden Tree in the Square will be in full bloom and the sweetly scented flowers will attract thousands of hive bees. The humming sound lasts all day for weeks. In the garden, the honeysuckle is at its best. It gets its name from the sweet nectar in its corollas that make it sweet to suck. In French it is called 'chevrefeuille' because the goats (chevres) are very fond of eating its leaves (feuilles).

Like the mountain goat it leaps and bounds beyond the places where mortals dare to climb. All this brings back such happy memories of holidays in the Swiss Alps when as children we used to go with Pierre (the goatherd) and spend all day enjoying life to the full.

We were never bored, dipping in the celestial blue mountain lakes, picking wild strawberries and raspberries while we sang. Pierre had the most marvellous treble! Honeysuckle is the flower of love and poetry. For Chaucer the emblem of fidelity, honeysuckle, was traditionally presented by ardent lovers to their sweethearts. In Victorian times it stood for generous and devoted affection. The diarist Samuel Pepys called it 'the trumpet flower whose ivory bugles blow scent instead of sound'.



Then came hot July, boyling like to fire
That all his garments he has cast away
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Whimble History Society



Opening of Extension to Whimble Heritage Centre, Lockyer's Linhay, Whimble

In 2003 Whimble History Society opened the Whimble Heritage Centre in Lockyer's Linhay, a restored Devon barn originally built in the mid 19th century to house horses and carts.

They realised that the space available in the Centre was insufficient to house all their collection of artefacts and archives pertaining to the village. They started fundraising for the £105,000 needed to build and equip a two storey extension and this year completed that task. The money was raised from fundraising events and generous donations from members, particularly members of the Whiteway family.

As a result, building of the extension started in mid 2004 and was completed in that December. Since then the interior has been fitted out to include a display gallery, storage for artefacts and archives, offices and working areas for the volunteers who run the Centre, and toilets.

The extension has been titled The Whiteway Wing. This is to commemorate over 100 years' presence of Whiteway Cyder Co. Ltd. in the village, the gifting of the firm's archives to the Society and the generosity of the Whiteway family towards the cost of the centre.

The new wing was opened on Monday, 2nd May by Mr Eric Whiteway and his wife Adrienne. He was the last managing director of the Whiteway Company in 1989 and their archivist from 1934.

The ceremony took the form of unveiling a name plaque at the entrance to the wing and cutting a ribbon to declare it open. A plaque was also unveiled recording the opening by them of the new display gallery, titled the Whiteway Gallery.

The Centre is open to visitors from April to September each year, on Wednesdays from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and Saturdays 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. It has free parking and free entry.

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Maurice Stapley

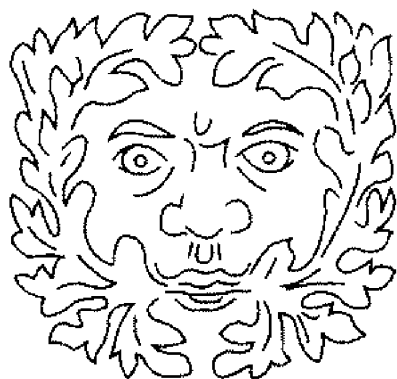
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Marathon Madness (II)

Since we wrote the article for the last edition of Whimble News (Page 19 of the April/May edition) our training schedule was decimated by injury and illness. Tendons in both Julia's ankles gave trouble (first the right one, then the left) so that for the last 2 weeks before the Marathon she had to rest and couldn't run at all. Mark had a very heavy cold and chest infection in early March, missing a fortnight of training, then recovered, and then got it back two days before the race.... But we did it!!

We crossed the line together in just under 4hrs 56minutes and, between us, we raised more than £100 per mile (a total of over £5,300) for Childline (Julia's charity) and the Parkinson's Disease Society (Mark's charity).. We got no blisters (amazing!), one very black toe, and four very stiff legs - going downstairs was agony for a few days...

Thank you everyone for your support and encouragement

Julia Green and Mark Beedell



MESSAGE OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone for your cards and messages of sympathy. These words of kindness helped me at this sad time. Special thanks go to Graham, Rob and the Bell Ringers.

MOTHER MOLLY'S HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Clean the inside of your oven without nasty smelling chemicals, and try the greener option:-

Find a deep tray large enough to hold the oven shelves, then soak them overnight in a solution of hot water and washing powder (about the same amount of powder which you would put in the machine for a normal wash). They will then clean easily with a panscrub and hot water.

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Village Life during the War

With all the recent events commemorating the 60th anniversary of VE day, can you imagine what life was like in Whimple during the Second World War? Below are some details of wartime Whimple and reminiscences which conjure up that time.

THE WOMEN'S LAND ARMY

Whimple House Farm, owned by Whiteways, which used to stand to the left of the road as you come into Whimple from the A30 (opposite Woodhayes), was used as a residential training centre for young ladies called up into the Women's Land Army – the 'Land Girls'.

Whiteways pensioners' magazine explained in 1994 that, "Hundreds of women passed through Whimple House Farm and these Land Army girls later replaced men on farms throughout the UK. At Christmas, while the farm was being used for the Women's Land Army, Mr Ronald Whiteway, the then Director of Whiteways, gave each trainee a £1.00 Christmas Box."

A PERSONAL STORY...

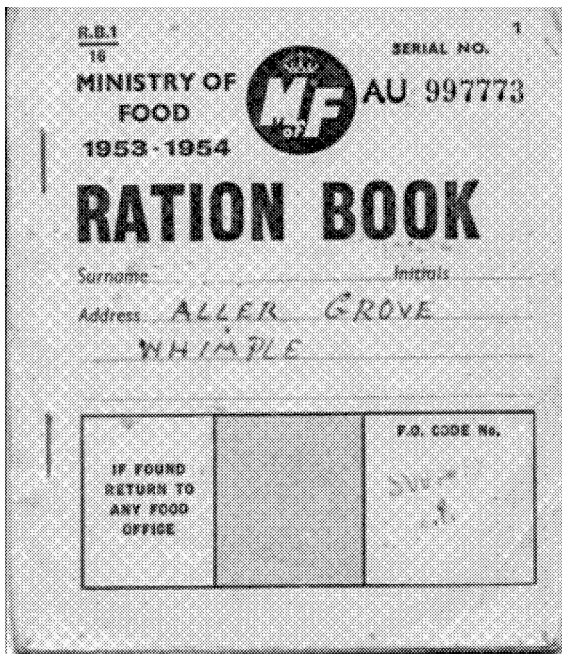
One lady, Norma Hincks, who spent three months training for the Women's Land Army at Whimple House Farm recalled in the Western Morning News in 1998 "We were given some idea of what it would be like working on a farm. We had to learn milking as well as feeding the pigs, which used to keep the grass down in the orchards. I can remember one of our group fainting with the smell in the pighouse on the first morning. It wasn't really surprising as the smell from 200 pigs kept in all night does come on a bit strong!!!"



THE BOMBING OF WHIMPLE

On 30th November 1942 at 12.35 pm, two German fighter planes flew over Whimple.

They showered machine gun bullets over Rectory Cottages in The Square and Whiteways factory. A man called Harry Allen was the only casualty of this attack but during the same raid a train was fired upon near Crannaforde. The fireman was hurt and the train pulled in at Whimple to remove fire from the boiler as this had been punctured by bullets. The fireman was taken to hospital.



A Ration Book from Whimple. These were issued during and after the war. More information about wartime Whimple can be found at the Heritage Centre

A PERSONAL STORY OF THE BOMBING OF WHIMPLE....

The story of the only man to be injured by bombing in Whimble was told by his daughter, Phyl Waring.

She recounted how her father, due to bad health, was advised by his doctor to get away from London, where he was working for Marconi in secret war work. Living in London carried with it the stress and strain of the constant threat of bombing, sleepless nights in the air-raid shelter and the difficulties of actually getting to work.

So the family came to live in Devon and after an operation at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, her father's health had recovered to some extent and he was appointed to the post of Engineer at Whiteways factory, one of three employees in charge of the engineering side of the factory.

Phyl Waring recalled, "The engineers had to stagger their lunch times as one of them always had to be on duty in charge of the big Tangye engine that powered most of the factory. One fateful day in 1942 (30 November), when the rest of the factory had gone to lunch, my father, who was on duty at the time, happened to be standing in the engine-house doorway to get better daylight on the piece of work that he was turning on the lathe, when a lone German fighter-bomber swooped overhead and, presumably thinking the factory was in some way contributing to the war-effort, decided to give it a burst of shell-fire. Not a great deal of damage of much consequence was done to the factory itself, nor to any other person as far as I know, but my father was hit several times by pieces of shrapnel, down the left-hand side of his body and in the head.

He was quickly taken, unconscious, to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, where it was found that the piece of shrapnel in his head had entered into the left side of his brain. He did not regain consciousness and the next day it was decided to send him to the Burden Neurological Institute in Bristol. My mother and I were advised to go with him in the ambulance. Everyone in Whimble was very concerned about him and Mrs Ronald Whiteway, who saw my mother on her way into Exeter to meet the ambulance, realized that she was in a state of shock and placed the fur coat she was wearing around my mother's shoulders and insisted that she kept it until we could return to Whimble. It was indeed an exceedingly kind and caring gesture for which we were extremely grateful."

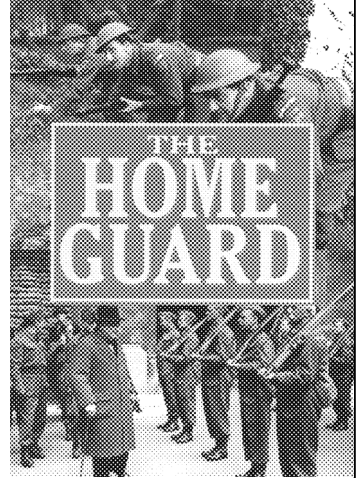
At Bristol, Phyl Waring explained that the surgeon found, "that a piece of shrapnel had penetrated about two inches into the brain and so he decided to experiment with a fairly new method of dealing with this kind of injury. He used a piece of equipment that, in order to minimise further injury to the brain, used a high-powered magnet to draw out the metal. This technique proved to be very successful and a jagged piece of shrapnel, about the size of a present day 20 pence coin, was recovered. After several weeks my father was able to return to Whimble, although it was many months before he regained his full mental capacity."

THE HOME GUARD

Whimple had a group of men forming the home guard during the war, and it was their duty to protect the village from possible attack by forces on foot or in vehicles. They were Whimple No 1 Battle Platoon of C. Company, Second Clyst Batalion, Home Guard, known as 'Whiteways Own' because they were given the use of Whiteways' dining hall as their drill hall.

'Dug-outs' (trenches large enough to hold about 6 men and some weapons) were sited at various points in the Parish. One was at the bottom of Buller's hill and the junction of Woodhayes lane. This was manned at night by the Home Guard.

In addition, searchlights were sited at Rull Farm. These were used to search the skies for enemy planes, which, when spotted, would be shot at by anti-aircraft guns which were placed alongside the lights.



A STORY FROM THE HOME GUARD....

A story told by Donald Waring recalled a time when the home guard decided to have a fire drill:

"The fire drill was held in the garages where the (Whiteways) lorry yard now is. Mr Lewis got permission to put straw in the old shed and make it all smokey, put on gas masks and crawl in and find a piece of wood (ie to resemble a person). Mr Lewis threw in fire crackers. Two Miss Bolithos came out covered in soot and everyone except them thought it funny".

Many thanks to the staff at the Heritage Centre for helping me to research the above material. If you would like to know more about Whimple during the war, or any other interesting information about our village, visit the Heritage Centre between, 2 - 4 pm on Wednesdays or 10 am - 3.30 pm on Saturdays until 1 October.

If you have any recollections of Whimple that you would like to preserve for posterity, please visit the Heritage Centre. They can receive your stories in writing, or you can record them on tape.

Naome Glanville



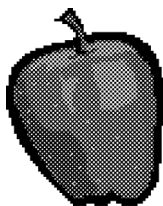
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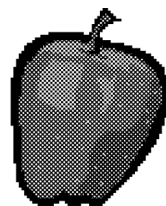
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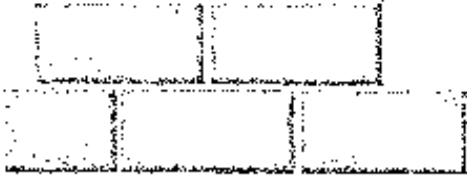
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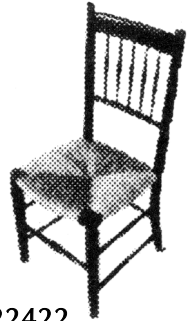
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GEORGE HE

Henry Stephen was born 67 years ago at Budlake, the son of a gardener at Killerton. He went to school at Clyst St.Mary before going to Bicton College to study horticulture. He then went to work at a market garden in Broadclyst. As a young man, he used to attend country dances, and it was at one of these at Dunsford that he met Margaret whom he married in 1964. They moved to Whimble, living first at Country House Cottage - next to what is now The Paddocks, then, after Margaret's father died, with their son Robert, and Margaret's mother, Mrs Coath, they moved to Ashclyst House - it afforded sufficient rooms for Grandma to have her own rooms, and independence. His horticultural beginning stayed with him both in his work and at home. Henry worked for Exeter City Council in the Parks and Gardens Department, and it was during his time as the Head of it, that Exeter won the Britain in Bloom competition. At home, he would prepare a large area of ground for vegetables with Rob and his little spade, "helping", and would grow all manner of vegetables with great success and in large quantities.

Every year, the family, including Grandma, would go on holiday to Penzance. Rob remembers Henry packing the Austin 1100, with 4 suitcases and a large quantity of essential items that Margaret had packed into bags and boxes. Henry would point to a bag, Rob would pass it and Henry would try to wedge it into a space half its size, while announcing "We'll never get all of these things in!" In the end, he did, by packing them round the passengers, and testing the car's suspension.

Margaret was a teacher, working part-time at Whimble School, and part-time at Feniton, until she became full-time there. Many of our contemporaries will remember fondly the country dances that Margaret and Henry used to put on in the Victory Hall for children. They were great fun and well attended. Margaret instructed - never raising her voice, and Henry was in charge of the music - supplied by his record-player. Sometimes they would demonstrate, and it always struck me that for a big man, he was very light on his feet. Those dances sparked my interest in folk music, and as well as enjoying dancing, I am now part of a band that plays for ceilidhs (country dances), with some of those same dances.

When Rob took up cricket, Margaret and Henry were very supportive, going to watch matches (often from the car). One team member, having just been dismissed, said "I think I'll go and have a walk and see Henry, I bet he's got a polo!" In fact, as Henry wasn't an ex-player, he would be less critical than others, and say something like "Isn't the outfield looking nice today". Margaret took turns to supply the cricket teas - they were always greeted with enthusiasm.

At one time, Henry also looked after the tennis court at Heavitree, on one occasion, he prepared it for a visiting European Champion.

Margaret developed Parkinson's disease and died in 1998, a terrible blow for Henry and Rob.

Rob's marriage to Cath and the arrival of their 2 daughters, gave Henry an immense amount of pleasure, and he travelled up to Cumbria to visit them many times. I often wondered how Henry made himself understood there with his "fairly strong" Devonian accent!

HENRY STEPHEN

As we know, Henry became ill last summer, and despite a major operation just before Christmas, died in March. Throughout his illness, he never complained to Rob or anyone else about his health, and they were both very grateful for the help he received from various friends in the village. He will be missed, as is Margaret, but I'm sure not forgotten by the many people they knew over some 40 years in the village.

Emma Palmer



A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed

Soon after Jack and I moved to The Old Manse we had a visit from the Rector, The Reverend Harold Ticker, whom we had met when he paid us a visit of welcome to the village, as was the norm in those days.

We were asked whether we would agree to have the Sunday School here for half an hour every Sunday, which we were delighted to accept as both Jack and I were fond of children. The Sunday School teachers, Margaret Stephen and Liz Roberts, brought the children and then took them to church for the service, which we found an excellent idea. That is how we first came into contact with the Stephens. As our interests were very similar, the Church, the garden and history, it soon developed into a long-standing friendship.

Margaret, Henry and I were all judges at the Annual Flower Show of the Whimple Village Produce Association, one of the great events in the life of the village. When the History Society was created we were founder members with the unforgettable John Shepherd as chairman and Margaret Stephen vice-chairman, and at one time acting chairman. Margaret and I worked relentlessly in our research at the Records Office in Exeter and little by little the society took shape and today it is a very flourishing society and a great asset to the village.

It was so sad and a great blow to all of us when Margaret passed away - what a great loss to the church and village in general. It is after that bereavement that Henry showed his true colours of a friend in need to so many. He often told me that helping others helped him. He was so good at visiting friends in hospital and how often did he take me to see John Shepherd.

His cheerfulness was a sunray for everybody. When I myself had a knee replacement operation, he came every day with all the stacks of mail, and he did banking and shopping for me. After my operation I had to go back frequently to the Orthopaedic hospital and later to the Opthamology Centre, and without asking for help, Henry was always there. We worked it out as a pleasant outing, going early and having lunch together in the canteen before appointments. They were such jolly occasions. I owe so much to Henry - I never had to ask, he always offered, and I would like to end my tribute to him by quoting Mahatma Gandhi, the great Indian statesman and philosopher:-

The test of friendship is assistance in adversity
and that, too, unconditional assistance.

Edith Grout

Whimple Village

Saturday 2nd July

Kids disco: Key stage 1 6.30pm: Key stage 2 7.30pm till 9pm. Victory Hall

Sunday 3rd July

Quiz night 8pm Thirsty Farmer.
Playgroup Whist drive time TBA watch for posters

Monday 4th July

Summer Music concert in the Church start 6pm tickets available from Whimple Primary school
Darts competition in the Thirsty Farmer

Tuesday 5th July

Walking Treasure Hunt Starting 6 - 6.30pm from History Society
Darts Finals Thirsty Farmer
Open Skittles Thirsty Farmer

Wednesday 6th July

Toddler Group open day 2 till 4pm Victory Hall
Country Sports and cow pat betting 6.30pm Slewton Fields
Open Skittles Thirsty Farmer

Thursday 7th July

Bingo Young Farmers eyes down 7.30pm Victory Hall
Open Skittles finals Thirsty Farmer

The PTFA would like to thank Adrian Hewitt for all his hard work organising the Fashion Show and The Rag Collection.

We would also like to thank Devonshire Lavenders and Herbs for their generous donations of plants.

Village Day Morning - Stalls in the Square

Once again there will be stalls in the Square from 10.00am on Village Day. To book a pitch for just £10 please ring John on 823614 or Pam on 822262

ge Week 2005

Friday 8th July

Murder Mystery by the Whimbletons 7.30pm Victory Hall
Mid Life Crisis at the Thirsty Farmer 8pm onwards.

Saturday 9th July Village Day

Bell ringers 9.30am
Stalls in the Square 10am
Registration for fun run 10am
Morning coffee in the church.
Fancy Dress Parade in the square 1.30pm
Fete 2pm Victory Hall
Family theme night 'The 70s' Victory Hall - 7:30p.m. to 11p.m.
(tickets available from the usual places).

Sunday 10th July

Thirsty Farmer Family fun Day
Songs of Praise 6.30pm Whimble Church

(Please buy tickets early and look out for posters).

For more details on any of these events contact:

Vicky Kendrew 07966 550260.

WHIMBLE VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION GRAND PLANT SALE

Saturday May the 14th was a rainy and morose day, but as soon as you arrived at the Village Hall, it was as though the Sun had burst out. Coming in you were greeted with a smile and the Hall was full of people keen to get plants for their gardens.

I would like to congratulate Paul Wilson and his team of garden enthusiasts for the excellent show and the quality of the plants. The variety of plants known and unknown were a feast to the eye and I understand that the final financial result was also gratifying.

Well deserved success to all you who took part, it was such a real village do. I am already looking forward to our Flower Show in August, always a greatly awaited event in the village.

Edith Marie-Louise Grout



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Morning Coffee in Church

Don't forget the Saturday morning coffee sessions in church! They are now in full swing and continue up to and including 17th September. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee, choose from a selection of delicious homemade cakes and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere anytime between 10.15am and 12noon.



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We have had a busy couple of months. At our April meeting we had a very interesting talk by a chiropodist who gave us lots of helpful tips on keeping our feet healthy, and she had brought along various footcare products to help achieve this.

In May we discussed the two resolutions to be presented at the AGM at the Royal Albert Hall. Both are very topical, one concerning the low price of milk paid to our dairy farmers, the other on the care of our environment and ways of reducing waste and packaging. We were expecting to follow this with a gentle session of "exercises in a chair" and were all a bit taken aback when our instructor had us all up and doing a proper keep-fit session, the tea was very welcome afterwards.

During the past few weeks we have had day workshops on "sugar-craft flowers" and "making a machine patchwork quilt in a day" both of these courses were taken by our own members. We are now looking forward to a class on photography to be led by the husband of a member.

In April, seven members attended the Spring Council Meeting of the Devon Federation of W.I.s. There were excellent speakers from the Met. Office and The National Gardens Scheme, but the highlight of the day was a talk by Pam Ayres, she was hilarious and had us all in tears with laughter.

Also in April, members attended the group meeting at West Hill when the talk was entitled "Mind and Personality", a fascinating subject which gave an explanation for our "senior moments" ! Whimble won the competition (for an 85th birthday card), with a superb sugar-craft card made by Liz Roberts.

This year is the 85th birthday of the Devon federation. To celebrate this there will be a two day event at West Buckland school in North Devon to include exhibitions, entertainments, a gardeners question time, an antiques road-show and many other attractions. As it is also our own 85th birthday we are having an outing to this event on Wednesday 24th August, this will be open to non-WI members, so if you are interested contact the secretary Ann Bowden.

We are always pleased to welcome new members at our meetings, held on the second Tuesday in the month at the Victory Hall.

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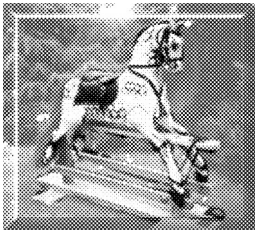
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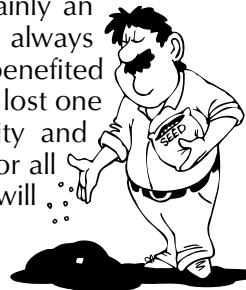
Our plant sale and coffee morning on 14 May was, to say the least, an outstanding success. The Village Hall was packed with the largest number of plants we have ever had and there was certainly something there for everybody! At one point we did wonder where we were going to put all the plants but somehow we got them all in and with the other stalls there it was a truly magnificent display. Despite the awful weather the support was incredible. People came from all over, not just Whimple and we seem to have set a standard that we will hope to maintain in future years. Our grateful thanks to all of you who brought your surplus plants to sell, it certainly helped. The proceeds of the morning were way in excess of what we were expecting and we will be seeing how we can put something back into the community as a result. A number of ideas have been put forward, but we are still a little shell shocked at the success of the day.

Our next event will be an "open garden" afternoon. By kind permission of Lilian Braund, you are cordially invited to walk around her wonderful gardens at Woodside and enjoy the magnificent display of plants and shrubs. This will be on the afternoon of Sunday 10th July 2005, from 2.00pm till 5.00pm. Admission will be £2.00 per person and car parking will be available. For those in need of refreshments, creams teas will be available at a very reasonable cost. The proceeds of this event will be shared with the VPA and a local charity of Lilian's choice. So make a date to view these wonderful gardens on 10th July, just follow the signs!!!

Our annual Flower Show will soon be upon us and the schedules are now available. A number were given out at our plant sale and regular exhibitors will have one delivered. For those of you not on our lists and wish to enter, copies will be available at the Post Office and the Whimple Stores, so just go along and ask for one. If you have any queries on what or how to exhibit, there are contact numbers on the front of the schedule. The date for this year's show is Saturday August 13th.

In the last edition of the News I said that Henry Stephen would be at our plant sale to answer questions on the Vegetable and Flower Classes. As we all know, this sadly was not possible. We have all been saddened at the death of Henry, he was a great supporter of the VPA and also a very important part of our Flower Show, having been part of the Judging team for the Flower and Vegetable Classes for many years. His comments as he went about judging the exhibits were certainly an enlightening experience and always very entertaining. He was always willing to share his knowledge and I am sure many of us have benefited from the helpful tips he was only too pleased to pass on. We have lost one of the great characters of the Village and his warm personality and friendship will be greatly missed. We are very grateful to Henry for all his help and wisdom over the years and this year's flower show will certainly be very different without him.

Paul Wilson,
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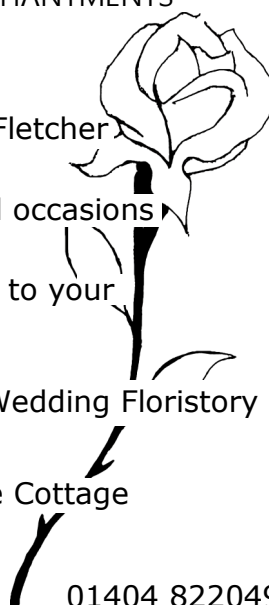
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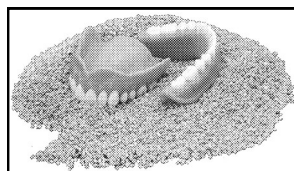
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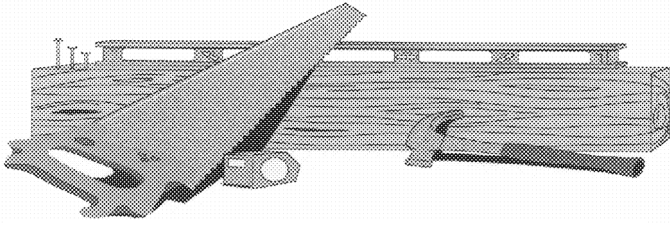


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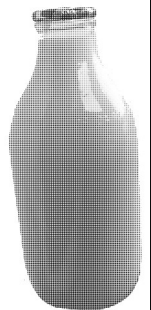
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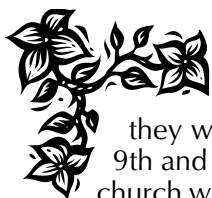
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Church Flowers

Some of the Church Flower Arrangers have already said that they would like to decorate the church for Village Day and the Sunday, 9th and 10th July. There is no specific theme and the intention is to fill the church with colour.

If there are any other members of the regular team who would also like to be involved, could they please let me know.

This would also be an ideal opportunity for anyone else that would like to try their hand at decorating the church, but has been reluctant to "have a go!" The more people that are involved with Village Day, the better.

Rosemary Horrell Tel: 822013.

NEW RING & RIDE TRIPS

This is a Honiton based service which has been available to senior villagers (plus a companion if required) for 'door-to-door' Monday morning trips to Otter Nurseries or Honiton town, plus Tesco, Argos, Homebase, Richleys and Rainbow stores.

A purpose-built bus has recently been purchased, and was featured on the front page of the local newspaper. The bus was officially unveiled on the 29th April, after £40,000 was raised for the purchase.

The Whimple Passenger Club has been formed and we have been offered the chance of short Wednesday afternoon trips to various places of interest in the locality. Costs vary from £3 return upwards. The bus will be driven by a very experienced driver and will be available throughout the year.

We had our first trip in April to Darts Farm, which was enjoyed by all. The next trip proposed will be to Seaton which will have taken place by the time the Whimple News has been delivered.

July 15th could be a suitable date for our future trip, maybe to the seaside again. Other suggestions for this year have been visits to Budleigh, Beer, Exmouth or Trago Mills. What do you think? Let's hope the weather is enjoyable this summer.

Come and see me at Lyndon, next to the New Fountain Inn, if interested for more details (Pauline). For bookings phone Honiton Ring & Ride on 01404 46529. Ask for Julie or John.

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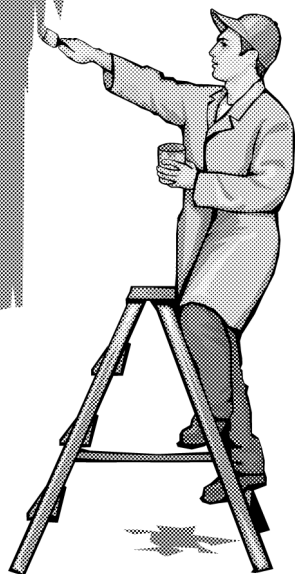
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Saturday 11th June	– 2nd Eleven vs Kilmington
Saturday 18th June	– 1st Eleven vs Stoke Gabriel
Saturday 25th June	– 2nd Eleven vs Upottery
Saturday 2nd July	– 1st Eleven vs Thorveton
Sunday 3rd July	– 1st Eleven vs Chard
Saturday 9th July	– 1st Eleven vs Lustleigh
Sunday 10th July	– 1st Eleven vs Broadclyst
Saturday 16th July	– 2nd Eleven vs Tiverton Heathcoat
Sunday 17th July	– 1st Eleven vs Taunton
Saturday 23rd July	– 2nd Eleven vs Uplyme and Lyme Regis
Sunday 24th July	– 1st Eleven vs Exmouth
Saturday 30th July	– 1st Eleven vs Dawlish and Teignmouth

Bingo

Friday 17th June – eyes down at 7.30p.m.

Casino Night

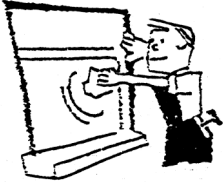
Saturday 30th July Starting at 8.00p.m. more details on posters

The Club would like to thank all members and our friends in the village for supporting the Race Night held recently. We would like to take this opportunity to reminder members of the community that Social Membership of the Club remains at £2.00 and £1.00 for senior citizens. Membership forms can be obtained at the Pavilion.

A RARE TASTE OF SUCCESS FOR THE FLYERS

Congratulations to Phil Faulkner, Captain of the village's 'Fountain Flyers' skittles team, who compete (?) in the East Devon Hunt League. At the recent end of season presentations night, Phil beat representatives from every other team in Division 2, to win the individual's cup competition....Some consolation for the Flyers who otherwise found success hard to come by during the season, despite their best efforts to increase bar profits at the Cricket Club and at every other pub visited for away matches! The good news is that relegation to Division 3 was avoided - just!

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- opening your curtains and taking in newspapers, post and milk before you leave the house every morning
- don't leave valuable items in view while you are out
- leaving lights and/or a radio on while you are out and using a timer switch if you are away overnight and especially when you go on holiday
- asking your neighbours or a friend to keep an eye on your home if you are going away - perhaps they could come and draw the curtains for you and collect your post, as this will help to make your house look lived in - you can then do the same for them while they are away
- don't forget to cancel your newspapers and milk while you are away.

WINDOWS A third of burglars get in through a back window. Visible locks may deter some thieves as it means they have to break the glass and risk attracting attention. You can help keep out thieves by:

- fitting key operated window locks to all downstairs windows and easily accessible upstairs windows, such as those above a flat roof or a drainpipe
- glueing in slats in louvre windows so that they cannot be removed easily
- if you are replacing windows consider laminated glass.

DOORS If your doors are not secure then neither is your home. Secure your doors by:

- fitting a good lock to all your doors - a good five lever mortice lock is recommended by all locksmiths
- patio doors should have special locks fitted to the top and bottom (ask for advice at your local locksmith)
- glass panels on doors are particularly vulnerable and should be replaced with laminated glass
- make sure doors and frames are in a good and strong condition
- if you are thinking of buying PVC or metal framed doors/windows, make sure they come with good built in locks and a fitted chain, as these can be expensive to add afterwards.

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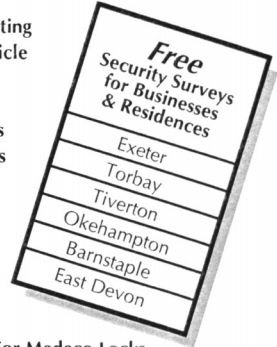
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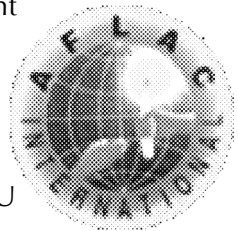
The owners of Rockbeare Manor have very generously offered their home and grounds for use in this project, and we intend to stage a 'Fete-style' afternoon with stalls (cakes, lucky dip, tombola, bric-a-brac, children's activities), a Dog Show (1.30pm), Country Dancing by the children of Rockbeare Primary School (2.30pm), refreshments, a raffle and a hog roast. A fire-engine from Exeter Fire Station will be there too! The afternoon will be rounded off by a rousing Concert by the Royal Air Forces Association (SW) Concert Band. Admission to the Fete is by donation, suggested entry for an adult is £1 and 50 p for a child (under 3 free). Rockbeare Manor is off the old A30 (turn off is just after the Jack in the Green pub if you are coming from Exeter) and is between Rockbeare village and Marsh Green.

Anyone interested could purchase a pitch for the event, at only £20 (please bring your own table and canopy if desired) and you keep the profits from your sales. Please phone 07855 706449 if you would like to book a pitch.

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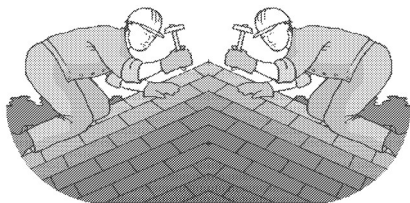
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2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?

4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

ANSWERS:

1. The third. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it and hung it up to dry.
3. Charcoal
4. Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!
5. The letter "e," which is the most common letter in the English language, does not appear once in the long paragraph.

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