

Whimble News



June/July 2004

What's on in Whimple

June

17th	Otter Rotters meeting	Thirsty Farmer	7.30pm
18th	Tea at 3 for Hospiscare		
19th	VPA Open Garden Day		
19th	Concert - World Premiere	St. Mary's Church	7.30pm
26th	Ringers' Outing to South Devon	The Square	9.00am
27th	SClub11	Scout Hut	11.00am
27th	VPA Trip to Althelhampton	The Square	9.00am

July

2nd-10th Village Week see centre pages for events

6th	Over 60s trip to Padstow and Newquay		
29th	Age Concern Lifestyle 50+ Project Coffee Morning	Victory Hall	10am-12noon

August

6th	Over 60s evening trip to Torquay	The Square	
13th	Bingo at the Cricket Club	Cricket Club	7.30pm
14th	VPA Flower Show	Victory Hall	
17th	Over 60s trip to Forde Abbey	The Square	9.00am

September

3rd-5th	Whimple Flower Festival	St. Mary's Church	10.00am
5th	Food and Drink Festival		
12th	SClub11 starts again	Scout Hut	11.00am

St Mary's Church

Monthly Programme of Services

1st	Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
		11am	All Age Service
2nd	Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
		11am	S club11 in the Scout Hut
3rd	Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
		11am	Morning Service
4th	Sunday	11am	Holy Communion
		11am	S club11 in the Scout Hut
5th	Sunday	11am	Joint Benefice Communion

S Club 11 stops for a summer break at the end of June and restarts on September 12th.

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

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

Ed the Ed

So summer has started, and brave souls parade the village in shorts with legs that haven't seen the light of day for 12 months. Drivers are recommended to use sunglasses to reduce the glare factor from the gleaming limbs until they become a more seemly pink. A breeze around the knees and a refreshing pint of cider is the order of the day here, I say! I am really looking forward to Village Week, and you will find a schedule of events within this edition. Adrian Hewitt has been working hard on the co-ordination of the week plus his team of supporters - good luck with all of that - I would guess their job is just a little more difficult than nailing jelly to a wall. Please give them all the support they need - it's all for the village.

On a sadder note, we have lost two members of the village recently - Doris Perry, wife of Tom, and we include an extract later in this edition, from the warm tribute paid to Doris by Rob Wilkinson at her funeral. We also lost Gerald Bond, one of the very creative team who used to build the Beaver Carnival float each year. If any of Gerald's friends or relatives would like to write a tribute for inclusion in the News, we would be pleased to print it. Our thoughts go out to both sets of relatives.

Our thanks to Tanya and Vicki at the Thirsty Farmer for a very welcome donation to the News, from a Quiz Night they ran recently. There is an article about the funding of the News later in this edition.

If you have any ideas for articles in the News, please speak to any of the team at any time - we will be around on Saturday morning of Village week to take your comments and suggestions - both positive and constructive!!

The lanes are beautiful and green lately, and the rhododendrons round Hollyball are looking superb. On a cautionary note, those that have seen the current Mrs H lately, will have noticed the evidence of injury; not, I would hasten, from the Leslie Ash book of excuses. As we enjoyed a perambulation on our bikes recently, I was leading, and saw a deer in a field. My intention was to stop quietly, and point out the sylvan scene to the good lady. This I did, but underestimated her proximity, and that she was already looking at said deer. As I pointed, all I heard was a muffled cry as she applied her brakes and went over the handlebars in an attempt to stop parking her front wheel in my bottom. The end result was 7 stitches in her chin, and a fractured arm. Ottery St Mary and Devon & Exeter Hospitals were brilliant - the one scary thing was (for those of you who came to the panto this year) - was the sight of Chris McLauchlan bearing down on us in A&E. I thought that he was after more sponsorship for his London Marathon - but luckily he had his doctor's head on! And Nicky has been very brave throughout.

It has been good to see young Gordon from the PO around the village, accompanied by the fragrant break dancing champion, Heather. We wish them both a steady recovery.

The deadline for the August/September edition is Tuesday 13 July - at the PO please, or direct to 'Scoop' Scanlan on bobs SCANLAN@eclipse.co.uk.

Enjoy the summer!

Ed H

PS better late than never...Emma Palmer told me that the Xmas Eve carols in the church raised £160 for the Devon Air Ambulance...well done!!

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout

Blest power of sunshine genial day
What balm, what life is in thy rays
To feel thee is such real bliss
That had the world not joy but this,
To sit in sunshine calm and sweet
It was a world too exquisite
For man to leave without regret.

For me the simple pleasure of sitting in the tranquillity and beauty of my garden is a joy that enriches my life especially on a sunny day. I am an early riser and the bliss of those early hours when the dew is still glistening in the first sunrays, when the birds sing undisturbed, when all is perfect peace in The Square. As I sit quietly, a butterfly comes and sits on a leaf – a leaf much warmed already by the sun and it shuts his wings. In a minute he opens them then shuts them again, half wheel round and by and by – just when he chooses and not before, floats away.

When I look at the flowers they remain open for hours and the sunflowers turn their heads to follow the light and warm rays. In French they are called Tournesol 'turn with the sun' a very apt name. I am so pleased the days have lengthened. The day starts much earlier and lasts into the evening. It seems to me that not only the days, but life too lengthens. In Summer, like the butterfly, I would like to open and spread abroad my arms and gather more of it to me. I wish I could each day, when I am in the garden, I can pause and reconnect with nature and the spiritual around me.

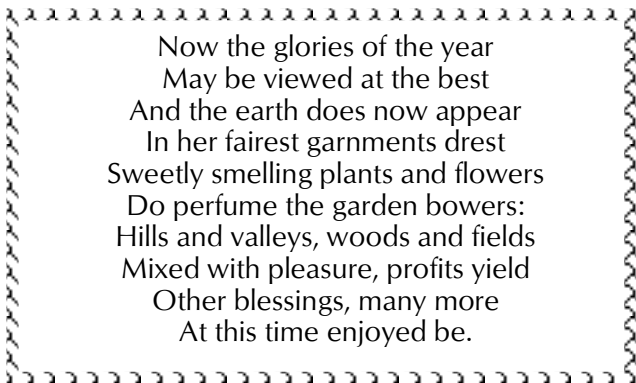


It is also the time of the year when bees become more active and I always marvel at the nimble way they get into the flowers of the foxgloves to get the pollen. I love foxgloves because they are the flowers of the fairies. I often wonder how they got their name. Its original Latin name is digitalis because of its finger-shaped flowers. Perhaps the resemblance of their flowers to the fingers of a glove. Around the countryside it has many names 'granny glove, Lady's thimble, goblin thimble'. In Ireland it is known as 'fairy cap' because fairies wear them as headgear or gloves. It is a very poisonous plant and yet it is a great healer, best known and very widely used medicine for heart disease - digitalis.

Resting in the garden for me is not idleness as I watch the movements of the clouds in the sky. As a child there was nothing I liked better than to sit on the grass under a tree on a sunny summer's day. Listening to the murmur of the fountain, the delightful sound of the crickets, watching the butterflies, and listening to the birds especially the twittering of the swallows floating through the air like ballerinas.

Even now in my advanced years the fascination of watching clouds rushed by the breeze or strong wind attracts me. Their shape and colour changes constantly, from a fleecy white cotton wool mass to a lighter wispy form, even the man-made clouds created by aeroplanes have their special beauty. They make fascinating designs. Often I can see a very well sketched St. Andrew's cross against an intensely blue sky. Then suddenly out of nowhere, dark menacing thunder clouds appear pushed by strong winds. I also like the sound of the breeze which rustles the leaves especially poplars. And how I love the scent of a Summer's evening. Creamy clusters of elderflowers not only look beautiful, they also have a heady scent and give a muscatel flavour to anything they are mixed with. 'If verdant elder spreads her silvery flowers gay shearing time approaches' is a well known country saying.

It is also the season for haymaking and the smell of fresh cut grass and then dried hay is very special. July 15th is St. Swithin's day and if it rains on that day, then it will rain for the next forty days. There is a flower I like for its heady scent - the honeysuckle, a flower of love and poetry, for Chaucer the emblem of fidelity. It was traditionally presented by ardent lovers to their sweethearts as a demonstration of their passion. In the Victorian language of flowers it stood for generous and devoted affection. Like mountain goats it leaps and binds beyond the places where mortals dare to climb so it has been called goat's leaf. I always think of my friends because Summer is like a sheltering tree. I am soon off to Donegal to visit magic gardens with my friends; something to write about for my next article.



Now the glories of the year
May be viewed at the best
And the earth does now appear
In her fairest garments drest
Sweetly smelling plants and flowers
Do perfume the garden bowers:
Hills and valleys, woods and fields
Mixed with pleasure, profits yield
Other blessings, many more
At this time enjoyed be.



.....The Rotters are coming to Whimple!!

We are very busy in Feniton and Ottery and are about to start garden waste collections in Honiton thanks to a successful bid to the CRED fund.

This has enabled us to run a tipper lorry making the routine trips to our site at Fenny Bridges swifter than with our tractor and trailer. Once Honiton is running smoothly, we will be able to start collecting in Whimple. To make this a success we would be very pleased to welcome volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, such as:

- Keeping shops supplied with tags
- Leafleting (occasional) and posters
- Helping with the rounds
- Delivering compost

.....or helping at the site with

- Tractor work
- Mechanized riddling and baggingand so on, there are no age or gender issues and it's all pretty good fun!

The aim of all of our activities is to provide a garden waste collection service thus removing the need for numerous environmentally damaging trips to distant recycling centres, and to make a good quality PEAT FREE compost available in the village. Sample the bag at 41 Grove Rd , leave your details and I will deliver. (£2.50/20kg) We will also be selling 120litre garden bags at the same price, or we can supply used compost bags.

Otter Rotters will be having their first Whimple meeting at the Thirsty Farmer on June 17th at 7.30pm. If you would like to hear about our activities, you will be most welcome.

Please contact me if you would like to get involved, or buy compost.

Many thanks

Hugh Roberts 822651

A big thanks to all who donated their jumble for the PTFA collection. The total raised is unknown at present but the response was tremendous! A big thanks too to Rob Palmer and Sarah Griffin who gave up most of their day to collect the bags.

Adrian

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WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Well this year's Plant Sale and Coffee Morning has gone down in the records as the best ever. Our Chairman, Andy Bratt, has made comment in this edition, that we are extremely grateful to all of you who came along and supported us and especially those of you who donated plants. It certainly was a busy morning with over one hundred people coming along.

Our next event will be the Open Gardens Day on Saturday 19th June. We have persuaded a number of friends and members to allow you to trample all over their gardens, and there is even an allotment to view. Although there will be a charge for this, the proceeds will be shared with a local charity. Full details will be posted around the village to ensure you know where to collect the list of gardens, but we have pencilled in the Station Yard as a starting point and refreshments will be available along the route, courtesy of Branco and Jenny Love at Perro, Hindstrete.

Our coach outing this year is on Sunday 27th June – please note that, as with last year, it is not on Father's Day! We are going to Athelhampton near Dorchester. By the time this edition is printed there may be one or two seats left on the coach so you will have to be quick if you want to go. Full details can be obtained from Pauline Rogers at Lyndon, Church Road. Tickets are only £12.00 and that includes everything, what a bargain!! The coach will leave The Square at 09.30am prompt!

The schedules of the classes for this year's Flower Show on Saturday 14th August will soon be finalised and will be distributed shortly. If you do not receive one, then we hope to have copies available at the Post Office and Corner Stores. With all the fine weather we are currently enjoying in the middle of May we are looking forward to some excellent entries particularly in the Flower and Vegetable Classes.

Paul Wilson,
Hon. Secretary.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES FOR FLOWER SHOW 2004

- 0701** Print (coloured) A landscape i.e. a vista or distant view without a dominant man made feature
- 0702** Print (coloured) Reflecting the title "A Sporting Moment"
- 0703** Print (coloured or black and white) Reflecting the theme "Loneliness"
- 0704** Print (coloured or black and white) Portrait – head and shoulders, human subject
- 0705** Print (coloured) Your favourite wildlife or pet
- 0706** Print (black and white) Any subject
- 0707** Coloured slide of any subject

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES FOR FLOWER SHOW 2004

THEME: CHILDREN'S FICTION

0501 SNOW WHITE – An arrangement of flowers and foliage for frontal effect. Arrangement not to exceed 560 mm x 560mm. No accessories. A niche will be provided for this class. CLASS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY WON A TROPHY IN THIS SECTION BEFORE.

0502 TINKERBELLE – A petite arrangement of flowers and foliage, accessories permitted, not to exceed 230 mm x 230 mm. Arrangement for all round effect to be staged on an open table.

0503 ROBIN OF LOXLEY (ROBIN HOOD) – An arrangement of flowers and foliage using only your own or friends' flowers, i.e. no bought material, not to exceed 560 mm x 560 mm. A niche will be provided for this class.

0504 JUNGLE BOOK – An arrangement of flowers and foliage (accessories permitted) for all round effect not to exceed 600 mm x 600 mm. Separate tables will be provided for this class, but exhibitors must provide their own table covering.

0505 TREASURE ISLAND – An arrangement of flowers and foliage, including dried materials and other accessories if wished, not to exceed 300 mm x 300 mm. A niche will be provided for this class.

Thank you

I should like to thank everyone who contributed towards making the VPA's plant sale on Saturday 8th May such a success. To everyone who so generously brought plants to the sale; to everyone who came through the doors and bought what I thought was really high quality produce; and to the industrious committee who put so much work in - to all of you a massive thank you. Last Saturday became our most profitable sale in the history of the VPA. I hope everyone who came along and joined in enjoyed it too!

With my thanks and best wishes and hoping to see you at the Village Flower and Produce Show on the second Saturday in August,

Andy Bratt (VPA Chair)

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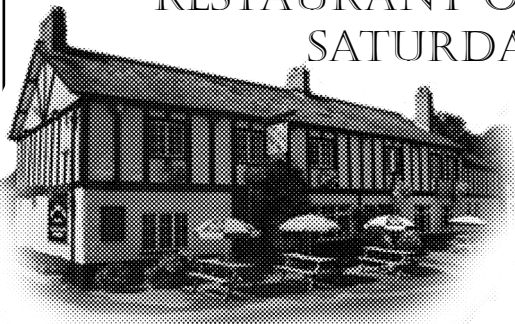
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On a sad note, Sue Thompson the deputy head teacher, will be leaving at the end of this term. Following a change in the method of funding primary schools of our size, we have had a reduction in our budget and the Governors had to seek a redundancy. Sue volunteered and has accepted early retirement.

We shall all miss Sue. She has taught the children of our village for thirty four years and I'm sure that many people who are no longer connected with the school will wish to contribute to a leaving gift. Your donation can be left with the school Secretary or if you prefer I will collect it from you.

Pam Scanlan, Vice Chair of the Governors 01404 822262

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Annual Parish Meeting various reports were given on village matters.

The Councillors were pleased to note that all the allotments have now been allocated and are grateful to Paul Wilson for organising this. There is now a waiting list so if anyone would like an allotment, please ask Paul to add your name to the list.

The footpaths throughout the parish have all been cleared so if you find any that are faulty, please let us know.

While walking through the village please use the dog waste bins that have been provided - they are emptied on a regular basis.

The Square is often very busy and with buses and lorries passing through there is little space for parking safely. In order to free up the available spaces, please use the car park whenever possible.

As summer seems to have arrived the children are able to play outside - please be careful when playing ball games - be aware of the traffic and have consideration for neighbours.

Finally, there will be a skip for public use at the Land of Cannan in Ottery St Mary on 13th June and 11th July.

Gerri Turner, Clerk to the Parish Council
Penraddon, Hand and Pen 823385 or e-mail at whimplepc@tiscali.co.uk



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We will be in The Square on Saturday 10th July in Village Week with our collecting buckets. We need to make up a shortfall of some £300 this year in order to meet the printing expenses of the magazine. We have discussed various options at our News meetings, and we do not want to charge each household for the magazine – mainly because none of us like the principle of that! In the past, we have been fortunate to receive anonymous donations via the Post Office. We now need to be a bit more direct, which is why we will be asking for your help on the 10th.

If you value this magazine's contribution to Whimple life, please donate what you can on the morning, or if we miss you, please leave your donation at the PO. Thank you very much!!

Ed The Ed

WHIMPLE OVER 60s CLUB

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|-------------|--|
| 6th July | Outing to Padstow & Newquay
9.00 a.m. from the Square |
| 6th August | Evening trip to Torquay
5.00 p.m. from the Square |
| 17th August | Outing to Forde Abbey
9.00 a.m. from the Square |

No meetings during August but we meet every Tuesday at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Snooker Room.

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Church Flower Festival

There will be a meeting for the people who will be arranging flowers on **Thursday 22 July in the Church at 7.30pm**. Anyone who has volunteered to help in other ways during the festival would also be most welcome if they would like to come. I look forward to seeing you.

Rosemary Horrell.

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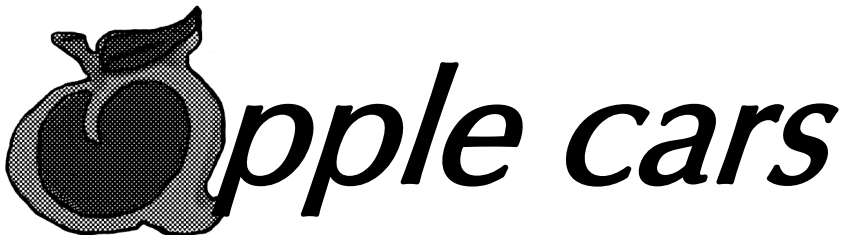
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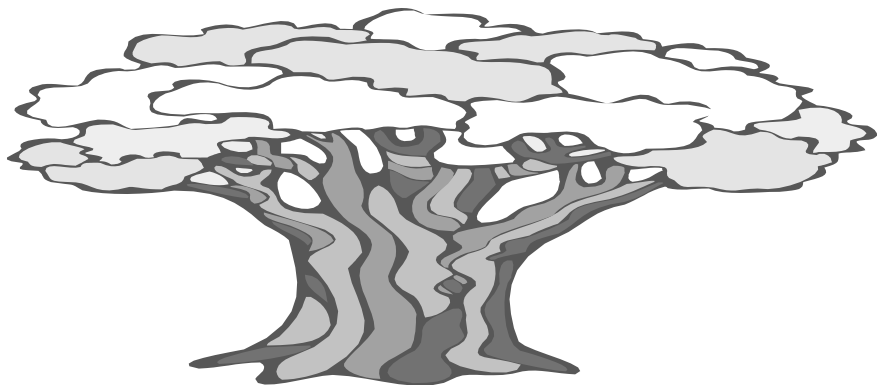
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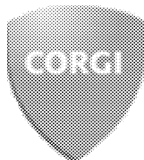


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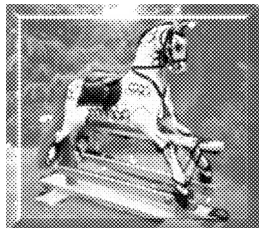
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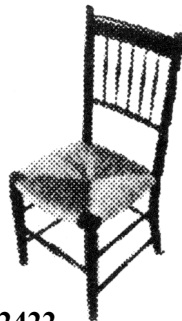
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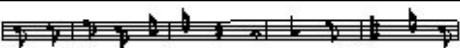
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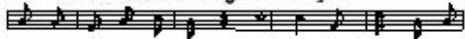
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2004

**Friday 2nd July
to
Saturday 10th July**



Friday 2nd July

MUSICAL QUIZ at the Victory Hall at 7.00pm

Saturday 3rd July

CASINO NIGHT at the Cricket Club 7.00pm

Sunday 4th July

New Fountain Inn and O'Hanlon's Brewery
REAL ALE FESTIVAL at the New Fountain Inn
12.00pm - 5.00pm - Please book in advance.

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Young Farmers CAR TREASURE HUNT
leaving the Thirsty Farmer at 2.00pm

QUIZ NIGHT in the Thirsty Farmer at 8.00pm

Monday 5th July

BEETLE DRIVE in the Victory Hall at 6.30pm

Tuesday 6th July

WALKING TREASURE HUNT starting 6 - 6.30pm
from the Heritage Centre and finishing back at the
Heritage Centre for prizegiving at 8.00pm

SKITTLES & DARTS PLAY-OFFS
at the Thirsty Farmer 6.30pm

Wednesday 7th July

WORM CHARMING, COW PAT DROP
and ROTTEN EGG THROWING at the
Old Cricket Ground, Slewtun Field, Talaton Rd at 6.00pm

SKITTLES PLAY-OFFS & DARTS FINALS
at the Thirsty Farmer at 6.30pm

ORCHARD HARMONY
singing at the Thirsty Farmer at 8.00pm

Thursday 8th July

Young Farmers BINGO in the Victory Hall
Eyes Down 7.30pm

SKITTLES FINALS at the Thirsty Farmer
Children 6.30pm - 8.30pm/Adults 6.30pm - 10.30pm

Friday 9th July

MUSIC by 'Mid Life Crisis'
at the Thirsty Farmer at 8.30pm

Whimbletons MURDER MYSTERY
in the Victory Hall at 7.30pm

Saturday 10th July - VILLAGE DAY

VILLAGE DAY BREAKFAST in the Square 9 -11.00am

VILLAGE SQUARE STALLS FROM 9.00am

COFFEE MORNING in the Church from 9.00am

FUN RUN 10.00am in the Square

INFLATABLE SUMO WRESTLING, GIANT JENGA and
GIANT CONNECT4 at the Thirsty Farmer from 1.00pm

VILLAGE DAY FAIR

2.00pm at the Victory Hall

FANCY DRESS PARADE - Judging
at 1.30pm in the Square - Procession at 1.45pm

4.00pm GRAND BALLOON RELEASE!!

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Community Theatre School

The Theatre School being held in Payhembury has been very successful so far. Several new plays were started under the expert direction of Nick Stimson, playwright, ex-*Young Vic* Director, Associate Director at the *Theatre Royal* Plymouth and writer/director of the wonderful Exeter Community Play, 'Matthew Miller'. The plays' topics include a human interest story by Ali Owen set in the context of the Ottery barrels and an intriguing plot from Rose Watts which involves a time-shift between the deaths of four German airmen who fell from an exploding Junkers 88 bomber at Danes Mill and their modern day counterparts. This latter play formed the focus of the third Directing Workshop (taken by Rod Dixon, Director at the *Barbican Theatre*, Plymouth) and it is hoped that, when completed, the play will be performed in the area.

Around twenty people are expected for the acting workshops to be held on 24th April and 15th and 22nd May. These are being led by Martin Harvey who trained at RADA and spent six years as a member of *Theatre Clwyd* and Associate Director at the *Northcott Theatre*. He will be assisted by Patrick Romer who has worked seasons at the RSC and the National Theatre.

Still to come are: the Technical Workshop led by Jon Primrose, Technical Director of The School of Performance Arts, Exeter University (May 29th at the University). This workshop is filling fast and there is a maximum attendance of twenty-five, so if you want to take part, contact Sally Boom (01404 841786) at once; the Design Workshops led by Meg Surrey (June 12th and 19th) in which it is expected that participants will work on designs for the two plays mentioned above; the Music Workshop led by Paul Wilson from *Wren Trust* and an expert in community music; and the Marketing Workshop on June 26th.

It is exciting to see such expert and highly experienced theatre people operating in Payhembury Parish Hall and given that we have some money to allow a professional theatre worker to support the material that results from the workshops, we hope to see some new, locally written plays in the area in 2005.

John Somers e-mail: J.W.Somers@ex.ac.uk, 01884 277390

OVER 65s SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

For the tenth successive year the Cricket Club are holding a Bingo Evening at the cricket pavilion on Friday 13th August at 7.30p.m. to raise money for this year's party. Please support this event. Draw prizes would be appreciated.

Lucy Smith

Date for your diary!
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WHIMPLE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our institute continues to thrive with membership now at 50, and we would be very happy to welcome more members. At our May meeting we discussed the very topical subjects of "GM crops", "the Trafficking of Women and Children", and "the funding of the Air Ambulance Service", these are the resolutions due to be voted on at the W.I. A.G.M. to be held in Sheffield next month. If passed, these subjects will have the backing of approximately 250,000 women, and the National office will then follow up by lobbying government etc.. We then lightened the evening by having a demonstration by David Bailey from the Rockbeare Garden Centre on the best way of planting up a hanging basket. The finished basket was given as a raffle prize.

Whimble was the venue for our group meeting at the end of April. We were very lucky to have Angela Browning as our speaker and she gave us a fascinating and amusing talk on her varied life as an M.P. The talk was totally non-political but gave us an insight into some of the highlights of her career. The proceeds of the raffle for that meeting were donated to the National Autism Society, which is very dear to Angela.

On June 8th the Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall, Maria Wallis, was our speaker. We are extremely lucky to have her. She told us about her experiences as a woman serving in the police force at different stages in her career.

During the past year we have supported the Operation Sunshine Appeal with clothing, blankets and household goods. The proceeds from our raffles have also gone to this very worthwhile charity.

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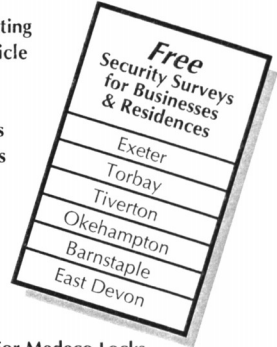
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Dates for your diary are:

Friday 2nd July Musical Quiz Evening Village Hall
Wednesday 7th July Singing outside The Thirsty Farmer

As we have expanded in numbers, we are now rehearsing in the Village Hall from 7.30pm – 9.30pm – new members are always welcome!

Rehearsal Dates are:

Thursdays: 10th, 17th June, 1st July.

Contact **Julia Green**: 823585 for more information.



Tea at 3pm Friday 18 June

At this time, all across the UK people will be having a cup of tea to raise money for their local hospice.

Would you like to take part and help to raise money for Hospiscare this year? How about arranging a small tea party for 5 or 6 friends in your home or a teddy bears' tea party for a few children? Please ask your friends to make a small donation to Hospiscare for their tea.

Otter Vale Friends of Hospiscare can provide leaflets for your party and a collecting tin if you would like one. Last year for tea at three, there were 8 tea parties in the Ottery area all at the same time. It would be just terrific if there could be twice as many this year!

If you would like to take part please contact:

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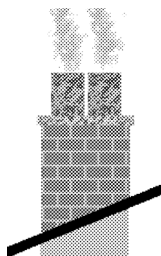
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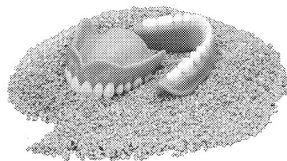
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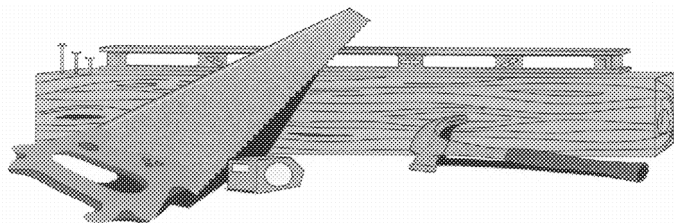


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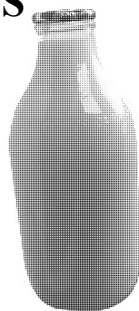
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CHARITY POOL MATCH

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There were two teams of fifteen players, and John Kendrew Welton's team came out on top, winning 10 games to 5 (but it's not the winning or losing is it John, it's the taking part, having a good time and raising money for local charities).

This is the fourth charity event John, his wife Vicky and myself have organised, having played two cricket matches and a skittle match where we raised money for S.E.N.S.E, the History Society, and the Over 65's Christmas Party. Just for the record, my team won three but that's by the by and we just look forward to our next event.

Many thanks to The Thirsty Farmer for letting us use the pub pool table free of charge for the evening and laying on some refreshments mid way through the night. Thanks to all the players and customers who took part in the pool match and the draw. A couple of people deserve special mention – Vicky Kendrew Welton for collecting the players' money on the night, but also for selling the draw tickets throughout the evening – so I thought it only fair that I should let her win her game of pool – well done Vic!

Also thanks to Ben Silk for his magic show and the post match entertainment – and last but not least, Sean Window for his wet trouser trick?

Once again, thank you all for making the night a big success.

Geoff Delves

Whimble Food and Drink Festival

Due to the extra events in Village Week at which bands will play and beer will be drunk we have decided to postpone this event until later in the year.

Vicky Kendrew-Welton and Lynda Katz invite you to our new Summer Festival on Sunday 5th September 2004.

Look out for details in the next Whimble News

Vicky Kendrew-Welton

DORIS PERRY

Doris sadly passed away in April, and our thoughts are with Tom, and all his family on their loss. Rob Wilkinson led the service at the Exeter Crematorium on 26th April 2004, when many people from the village attended to pay their last respects and to offer support to Tom, a well loved character in Whimble. We have taken an extract from Rob's tribute and printed it below -

"Doris was born in Chard, Somerset, on the 15th April 1918. She was a member of a large family, being one of thirteen children. Sadly, with the exception of Phyllis, her only and younger sister, the rest of her immediate family has predeceased her.

Life was very different from what it is today in the early post First World War days in which Doris grew up, but nevertheless the attraction between men and women remains the same, and in due course she met and fell in love with Tom. Their friendship developed over time and on the 14th October 1939 Doris and Tom had the joy of being married in the parish Church at Cullompton. At the time Tom was living in Gateshayes Cottages and Doris' long association with the village of Whimble thus began.

Doris and Tom had two sons. Tragically one died very soon after birth. The other son Michael is with us today, so our thoughts and prayers are especially with Tom and Michael today.

Throughout her life, Doris had a number of different jobs. She worked in her Aunts Fruit & Vegetable Shop in Exmouth. For a while she drove a Baker's Van, she helped in Dr Gardner's home and in the early 1950's she worked in Dince Hill House, Whimble, for Lieutenant Colonel H Goring, who used to run Dince Hill Fruit Farm and Nurseries.

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Doris loved her family, and in particular I am told that her two grandchildren Andrew and Michelle were a special joy to her.

As you know, for a number of years Doris' health has not been the best and as a consequence she didn't get out and about very much. During that time many of you have helped Doris and her family, and on their behalf I have been specifically requested to express their sincere thanks to you for all you did for Doris. Tom, Michael and the family are extremely grateful for your support and help over the last years of Doris' life."



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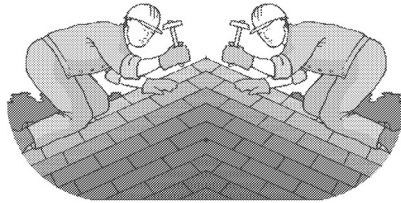
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Nip Garden Crime in the Bud

Police and gardeners are joining forces to nip garden crime in the bud. During the summer, more people are out and about in their gardens, the police are reminding gardeners to be vigilant. In Devon and Cornwall there were 1472 thefts and burglaries from sheds across the two counties between April 2000 and March 2001. The majority of these occurred in the Spring and early summer.

Gardening is Britain's number one hobby and is supported by a massive multi-million pound industry of garden machinery, equipment and tools.

Very few gardeners are aware of how much they have spent on their gardens and how expensive it would be to replace stolen items and therefore take few precautions to protect their property. Theft and disposal of garden items has been made easier with more people having access to vehicles and a proliferation of car boot sales, but it can be made much more difficult with a little thought and effort.

- *Firmly fix statues, bird baths, sundials etc. and photograph them. Keep these features out of sight of main roads and footpaths as exposing expensive items creates temptation.*
- *Lock sheds, garages and greenhouses and keep items such as wrenches, wire cutters and crowbars out of sight.*
- *Do not leave equipment or tools lying around.*
- *Firmly attach hanging baskets to their chains and bolt these into supports.*
- *Spiky plants or even thickly grown shrubs and bristly conifers as a boundary deter unwanted visitors.*
- *Trellis on top of walls or fences increase the height of boundary protection without reducing too much light.*
- *Lock side gates wherever possible and remember to lock doors and close windows while working in the garden.*

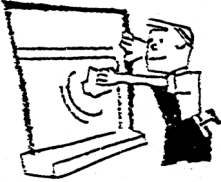
As the weather gets warmer people are outside more, often leaving doors and windows open while they work in the garden. If you are out of sight of the house or engrossed in a task, an intruder **can be in your property within minutes.**

The garden is the outer perimeter of your property and if boundary walls, fences and gates are secure then this goes a long way towards protecting not only the garden but also your home.

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FROM MY WINDOW IN THE CROSSING KEEPER'S HUT (AND FROM THE DRIVER'S WINDOW OF THE FORD TRANSIT MINI BUS!)

It's official – Spring is here and The Knees are out – 17th May 2004, 14:00–22:00 (they have seen short spells of exposure prior to this but only on a trial basis). Network Rail Control are looking under Section T1 para 3 Amendment 15 of the new Rule Book but can't find anything banning them yet!

On the railway front – sorry we are still unable to offer Apex/Superadvanced tickets due to the new Avantix machine being late in arrival (looking at early August now!). But please come and see us for all types of tickets, manually drafted travel plans (much better, safer and accurate than anything a computer prints out!). We also sell most types of railcards and we have longer opening hours than Exeter St Davids - 06:00 – 22:00, every day, all summer – and we have train travel literature too.

And on a closing note, here's some jargon I came across at work the other day. The right answer will win a pint of beer from me during Village Week. What does 'CAPED' mean? It took me 10 months to work it out!

See you soon

Alex

PS....The Knees give their apologies for the Annual History Society Auction in October half term but they will be taking their long suffering wife and many offspring on holiday to Roggant in Scotland. The 'hotel' is actually a camping coach but don't tell her! The bonuses of being a railway employee, eh?!

SCOUTS

Just to say a big thank you to the gallant few who attended our AGM on 11th May 2004. We welcome Phil Dominey as Chairman, John Holton as Secretary and Joan Bellamy as Subscriptions Secretary. Well done! Also thank you to Andy Hart who is continuing as Treasurer.

Shelly Spry is now Beaver Colony Leader with Jane Souter-Frost as Assistant leader (from September) and Melanie Morris as weekly helper.

The Scout Troop will be attending an International Jamboree in August, in Dorset – good luck to you all. I'm sure they will do a brilliant job of representing Whimble at an International level.

The Jumble Sale will now be held over until September/October when the tropical weather we seem to get now has subsided a little! Keep your eyes out for collection dates.

Cheers - **Alex Spry**, S.G.M.





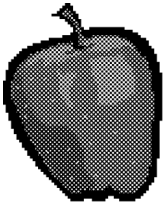
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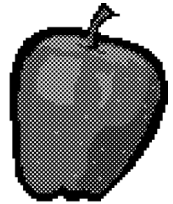
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Anyone wishing to try this type of bowls will be very welcome. All you will need is a fairly flat soled pair of shoes and a sense of humour! No previous bowling experience is necessary.

Our aim is to form a club, but for this to be viable we need more regular players.

Why not come along and have a look at what goes on and maybe have a go.

For more information telephone **Alan Smith** on 822977

London Marathon

Chris McLauchlan says thanks to all sponsors and supporters.

I would like to thank all of the above who helped me to raise well over £2,000 for the Lords Taveners charity who support disadvantaged and disabled children "to give them a sporting chance". It also helped to be more than a little bonkers?! Further sponsors would still be welcomed and I am slowly getting round to collect from those that I have not yet knobbed (feel free to drop in to 17 Dince Hill Close if passing!)

You will be pleased to know that the last 10 miles was pretty painful! I took it steady in just over 5 hours in intermittent drizzle and it was cold and wet at the end. It was however moving and uplifting to see the thousands of good people running or supporting the many charities, often for quite personal reasons; e.g. "in memory of dad" etc... It was also humbling to see the efforts of many less able of folk completing the distance along with quite heavy rhinos and so forth in good times. My own memories were of the great camaraderie, the meaningful contributions and the overall amazing organisation of it all.

In summary, painful but uplifting , thanks again.

Whimble Fashion Show

Thanks to everyone who attended the fashion show which raised £210 for the Whimble PTFA. It seemed to be a highly enjoyable evening and hopefully we'll do it again next year. An extra special thank you is deserved by the models, Jenny Sanders, Sue Wilson, Cathy Sharkey, Rebecca Dominy, Julie Bowden and May Kendrew-Welton, who strutted their stuff along the cat walk — all gorgeous they were too!

Adrian

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