

Whimble News



Aug/Sept 2004

What's on in Whimple

August

13th	Bingo at the Cricket Club	Cricket Club	7:30 pm
14th	VPA Flower Show	Victory Hall	
17th	Over 60s visit to Forde Abbey	The Square	9:00am
19th	Race Night	Thirsty Farmer	
28th	Family Fun Day	Thirsty Farmer	

September

3-5th	Whimple Flower Festival	St Mary's Church	10:00 am
11th	Sponsored Bike Ride - local churches		
12th	S club 11 starts again	Scout Hut	11:00 am
18th	Quiz Night for church	Victory Hall	7:30 pm
25th	Harvest Festival Service	St Mary's Church	11:00 am
25th	Harvest Lunch	Victory Hall	12:30 pm

November

20th	Big Night In - Angata	Victory Hall	
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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 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

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Another Village week over...and a strong weather challenge for Adrian and his team! It started with the Beer festival at the Fountain on the first Sunday of that week...some excellent music from the group 'I love Bobby' who made the trip from and to the Isle of Wight in one day! They played some great music during the afternoon, and it was accompanied by a fine Ploughman's (courtesy of Gill and Paul) and a couple of halves of Yellow Hammer (courtesy of John O'Hanlon). Despite some rain, we managed to arrange cover, if only to protect the beer from dilution!

The music theme continued with Orchard Harmony on the Wednesday (I have to admit that I wimped out on that due to the heavy rain, but they did move indoors), and then an excellent session in the Farmer on the Friday with Mid Life Crisis, who, in my opinion, get better and better. And on Saturday night in the Victory Hall, we had the 2 local bands, Bare Wires and White Spirit who entertained a good-sized crowd.

Nicky and I had great fun judging the Fancy Dress on the Saturday afternoon (we were delighted to have been asked) – everyone had gone to great lengths, with some brilliant examples of creativity. The Square was full of children and adults sporting all manner of costumes – well done to everyone who took part. The judging was not an easy task...so next year when you see Camilla bearing down on you to ask you to judge...time to hide!!

Congratulations to Adrian and his team, not forgetting the bunting team who did a great job, despite a coach deciding to take some of it with them one day! Adrian now is known as 'Mr Beefburger' because it seemed that every time there was something organised during village week, there he would be with his BBQ and rolls! People are now scared to gather in small groups in The Square, fearing the rattle of a BBQ and the question from the Whimble chef, 'Beefburger, anyone?'

On a more serious note, villagers who read the July 16th edition of the Express and Echo would have been shocked to read that our revered Chairman of the History Society, has been labelled by the local press as the "notorious Plymouth drugs baron Richard Webber". I always believed that Richard was following the fortunes of Plymouth football, but I can only assume that he was involved in darker deeds. I understand that the arrest came about following the publication of his photo in this fine magazine, showing him in some un-natural attire at Xmas time. We try to be a socially responsible magazine and are pleased that he will now be repaying his debt to society. The next History Society coach trip will be to his place of incarceration, bearing small gifts for such a tragic fall from grace by a village elder. Or has there been a case of mistaken identity?

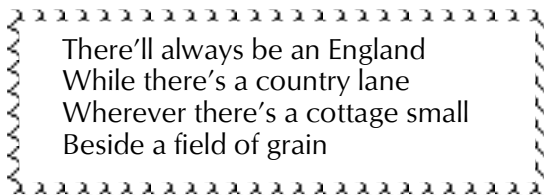
Following our collection in The Square for the News (see my later paragraph on this topic), we had many complimentary comments about your magazine, so thank you for those and it is good to know that many of you look forward to its publication. If you would like to add something to the content of the next edition, please get your contribution to the PO by Wednesday 15th September, or direct to Bob on:

Bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk.

Again, my thanks to our present and past contributors, to our dedicated team of deliverers and to the Whimble News team themselves who help to keep the magazine running. 'You've all done very well !!'

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout



There'll always be an England
While there's a country lane
Wherever there's a cottage small
Beside a field of grain

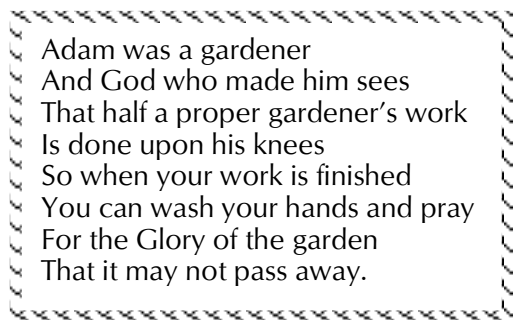
"I have learned much from little cottage gardens that help to make our English wayside the prettiest in the temperate world. One can hardly go into the smallest cottage garden without learning or observing something new"

These were the words expressed by Gertrude Jekyll, the very first lady of gardening. Born into a cultural and artistic family. She had grown up in the Surrey countryside where she learnt to identify the flowers, trees and birds, and grew to love the cottage gardens. It is certainly thanks to her vision that the gardens of today have a more informal and simple air than in Victorian times. One of the joys of visitors to our own Village Square is the sight of long established cottage gardens. Usually in our cottage gardens there is no set pattern and originally they were not created for the casual passer-by as they are mostly enclosed by hedges and walls. Planting is very spontaneous and whenever there is a space, in goes a plant very often given by a neighbour or friend or cuttings taken elsewhere. There is little or no exposed earth, which helps tremendously with weeding as often here is also a scattering of seeds to add to the hotch-potch. If it was not for cottage gardens many of our cherished flowers could well have disappeared. Cottage gardens are the real home for hollyhocks, old-fashioned English roses and, for good measure, an apple or plum tree. Gardens are colourful, bright and cheerful and above all very informal; what a jumble. They are very pleasing to the eye, and nostrils too, because aromatic flowers will always scent the air. Village gardeners are lovely people, they commune with nature, the creation and they know all about the seasons. That is why our annual outings with the Village Produce Association, so well organised by Pauline Rogers, are so popular. It is the day you meet kindred spirits.

The 19th of June was a very special day for gardeners and garden lovers in our village. Members of the Whimple Village Produce Association opened their gardens for charity and what a tremendous success that turned out to be. Over five hundred pounds was the money raised; to be divided equally between the Ottery Hospital and the WVPA to fund our annual Flower show which will be staged on August 14th, a Saturday afternoon.

The 19th June was enjoyed by all who took part and our numerous visitors on that wonderful sunny summer afternoon. We reached out and shared our love for the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of each hour. I had visitors from Holland who were particularly interested to learn that Jack's family are of Dutch origin who came to England with the Huguenots. De Groot was the family name, which became Grout once they settled down in this country. De Groot means the great. My Dutch friends were thrilled to see a Dutch rose called De Grootendorn in memory of that family. A great variety of people came; friends from neighbouring villages, and from further away Petersfield, Ugsborough were all enchanted by what they saw in the different gardens, which all have the stamp of the person who has created them. Over the many years I have lived in this village, I have been invited to look at all which were opened to the public with my faithful airedale and when I met so many garden enthusiasts. What a variety of expression, design and interpretation even in the smallest gardens. The three gardens I had not visited before, I made sure to go and see them privately. The Station House and two new gardens in Slewton Crescent owned by new members of the WVPA and as is so delightful amongst the gardening community I was greeted with open arms, that in itself was an experience which I would not have liked to miss. The pleasure to share is certainly the greatest gift of all. A couple of new members have also dedicated their time to making the corner by the railway bridge by Grove Road always colourful and well tended as is the little flower bed by the Victory Hall. This is real community spirit and so encouraging.

Garden fashions have come and gone but they had no real effect on the real old-fashioned English cottage garden. The general ideas are as valid as ever and are far less time-consuming in a world where armies of gardeners in the great country house are an almost extinct race. I will finish by quoting the wonderful poem of Rudyard Kipling, a favourite of my father's:-



Adam was a gardener
And God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work
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This was followed by another excellent coach trip on Sunday 27th June, which was very kindly organised by Pauline Rogers and our thanks go to her for this. There is something about the dates we pick for this trip because once again it was a nice sunny day. Nearly thirty members and friends boarded the coach and, after a short stop in Bridport, duly arrived at Athelhampton near Dorchester. After a brief talk there was much to enjoy with a tour of the house and all the magnificent features in the gardens, particularly the fountain, boardwalk and Dove Cote. After a very enjoyable visit, the day concluded with a draw and the star prize of a lavender bush was won by Michael Mallett.

Our final event for the year is undoubtedly our most important, the Annual Flower Show in the Victory Hall on Saturday 14th August. By the time this is printed no doubt all the exhibits will be ready and it will be just a case of waiting for the judges decisions. We hope that even if you haven't managed to enter this year, you will come along and see the show and admire the wonderful exhibits on display.



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.
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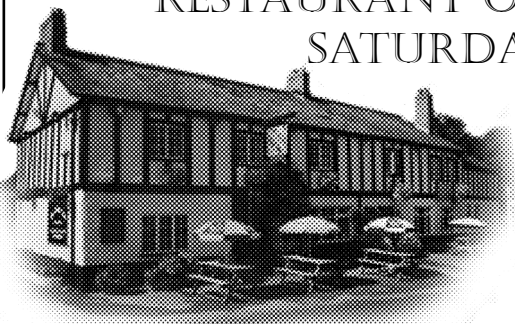
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Big thanks to Vicky Kendrew-Welton who very kindly donated the food. Also thanks to the cricket club for letting us use their facilities. The game was played in good spirits with my team, the stripes, winning 6-4. Never mind Vicky there's always the charity cricket match, which I hope will be held in late September.

I must just mention the man of the match, the Rev Rob Wilkinson, who had to play the whole game playing a half for each team and also scored a goal! What a great sport he is! We are looking for a good centre forward to play on Sunday mornings for the Whimple team but I think he has other commitments on Sundays. Once again many thanks to all who played or came along to support the event.

Geoff Delves



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We look forward to your company.

S Club 11

S Club 11 will start back on Sunday 12th September in the Whimple Scout Hut. Come on down at 10:45 for various new games before the fun-packed programme begins at 11:00, with an hour of games, songs, quizzes, competitions, and so much more! If you're aged between 5 and 12, then make sure you come and join us. Those new to Year 1 are particularly welcome to become 'S-clubbers'! New for this term, we hope to start up a band for 10-12's!!

S Club 11 is now on-line with its own web pags !!

Go to www.geocities.com/dominyclan/SClub11.html and check out all the info and photos!

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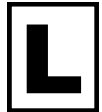
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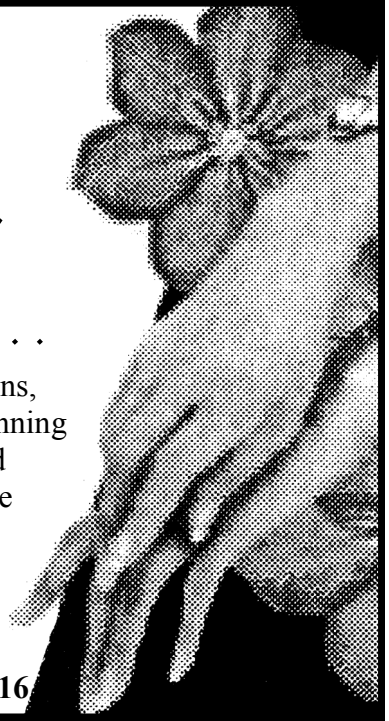
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The Late Mr Gerald Bond

Gerald passed away peacefully at his home on April 19th 2004. The cremation took place at the Exeter & Devon Crematorium on April 27th 2004. Many of Gerald's friends and family attended the service with standing room only in the chapel. The service was conducted by the Rev. David Wolford, at Gerald's request.

Gerald was from a farming family who moved from the Chard area to Tipton St John when he was about 9 years old. He was one of a family of five. When his Dad gave up farming he went to work for Mr R. Gooding of Ottery, driving cattle lorries. He also worked for ECC Quarries, Mr M Vinnicombe, Messrs. Whiteways' Farm, Maddern's Transport and finished with Parson's Haulage of Aylesbeare.

Gerald came to Whimble some 30 years ago when he married Valerie. He was a mainstay on the Beaver Carnival Float. He collected money for the Scout Draw. He served on the Parish Council for several years, and was a great help behind the scenes for the Beaver Colony. One of his hobbies was his Fordson Major Tractor, which he used to take on the charity tractor runs.

Valerie, Caroline and Sarah would like to thank everyone for their letters, cards and kind messages of sympathy received after his passing. A special thank you to everyone who gave donations to the Haemodialysis Unit at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, Wonford. The amount donated was over £1,000. The money was used to buy a special weighing machine to enable them to weigh disabled people in their wheelchairs. Many thanks.

G.J.H.

WHIMPLE OVER 60s CLUB

6th August Evening trip to Torquay
5.00 p.m. from the Square

17th August Outing to Lynton and Lynmouth
9.00 a.m. from the Square

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

7th September Forde Abbey and Chard
9.00 a.m. from the Square

14th September Speaker Mr R.White - Daffodills with a difference

ST MARY'S CHURCH WHIMPLE

Saturday 18th September. A Quiz Evening will be held at 7.30pm in The Victory Hall. Do come along either with a team, no more than six people, or make one up on the night. During an interval there will be a ploughman's platter. Fruit juices will be available or you can bring your own alcohol and glass. Tickets in advance if possible from Marion Styles at Station House 822550 or Sarah Smith 822123.

Sunday 5th September at 6.30pm in St Mary's, we have a 'Songs of Praise' service. This will be the culmination of the Flower Festival being held 3-5th September. Come and sing hymns and enjoy the floral displays.

Saturday 11th September is sponsored Bike Ride (or walk, horse-ride etc) Day. This is an annual event with the monies raised being shared equally between the Devon Historic Churches Trust and the rider's own church. The event takes place throughout the country and participants choose their own route and go at their own speed with the object of cycling to as many churches as they can between 10.00am and 6.00pm. Sponsorship can be so much per church or per mile. Participating can be lots of fun (whilst also testing your fitness!) and you will also be helping with the restoration and maintenance of our beautiful churches. Refreshments are provided at most of the churches you will visit. For more information and sponsorship forms, please contact Mike Ellingham on 822945.

On **Sunday 25th September** we give thanks for the harvest with our Harvest Festival service at 11.00am. Guest preacher will be Revd Mark Rylands. Do come and join in our worship. Afterwards there is a Harvest Lunch in the Victory Hall - 12.30pm onwards. This year, for the first time, it is a 'Bring and Share' meal - bring something, sweet or savoury which will be put on a central table for everyone to share.

Everyone is welcome to join in and celebrate all the good things we enjoy in Whimple.



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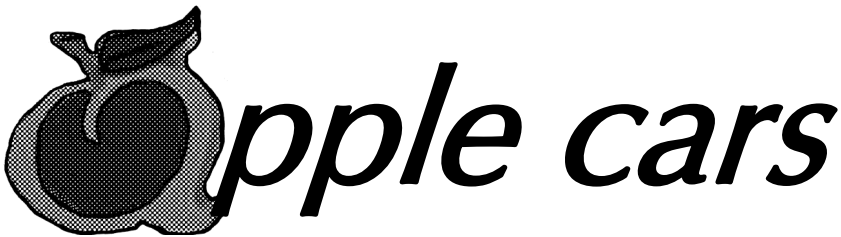
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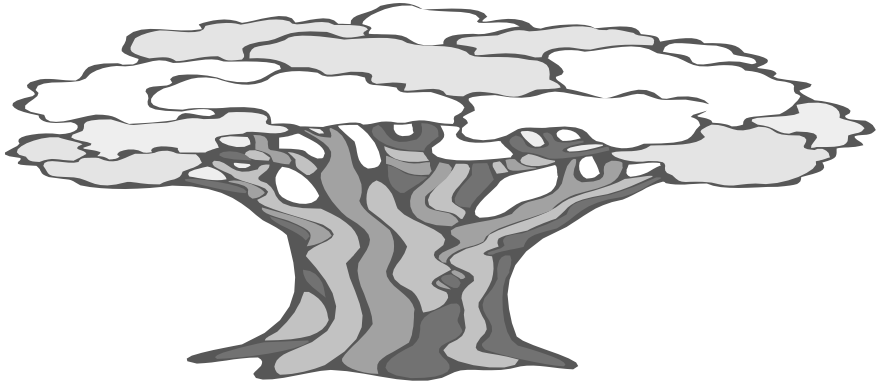
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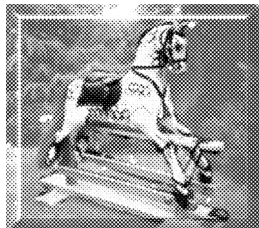
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Village Week

This is the time of year when everyone gets together, pulls out the stops and raises as much for the Whimble Charities as possible, so before I tell you about the week I'd like to thank everyone who attended any of the events. Without you doing so, there would be no Village Week.

Though the weather was erratic, the week itself was a great success; with much money raised for our village charities.

This year's Village Week was extended to include the preceding Friday, Saturday and Sunday which went by with mixed fortunes. The Musical Quiz night was unfortunately cancelled due to a lack of interest – which was a shame as, by all accounts, a great evening was in store. Reports from the Cricket Club say that Saturday's Casino Night was a great success and £150 was raised.

On the Sunday Paul and Gill from the New Fountain Inn, along with local brewers, the O'Hanlons, staged the inaugural Whimble Real Ale Festival. Paul booked an extremely talented young band who travelled all the way from the Isle of Wight for the occasion. Though early rain threatened to wash the event out, the sun, not one to give up easily, battled it out with the clouds and after a lengthy fight emerged as the victor and Whimble Village week had well and truly begun, with a whopping £650 raised for the PTFA, Playgroup, History Society, Over 65's, Whimble News and St Mary's Church, who all received an equal share. Much thanks must go out to Paul, Gill and the O'Hanlons who gave up all of their profits and more, as well as to all that gave up their time to ensure the day went well. A special mention too to Ted Dickinson who donated a more than generous sum which made the day possible. In the evening there was a quiz night at the Thirsty Farmer.

On the Monday it was the return of the Beetle Drive. Very well attended and run by the teachers of Whimble Primary it raised a healthy £42 whilst giving kids and adults alike a fun evening.

Tuesday brought us a dose of pleasant weather for the Treasure Hunt which had over two hundred and fifty people scouring the streets of Whimble and put £125 into the History Society's coffers. A further forty five quid was raised for the Playgroup through the sale of some highly dodgy burgers.

Wednesday was a complete washout. The worms that were meant to be charmed got drowned instead and the cow who was meant to drop his pat took refuge in his shed and wiled the evening away playing three card brag with a damp goat and a stray sheep. I'm sure you can guess which one got fleeced.

Thursday was Bingo Night, courtesy of the Young Farmers, where prizes such as sweets, wine and meat were up for grabs. Over £200 was raised.

Week 2004

On Friday it was the turn of the Murder Mystery and I can tell you now - Miles Leonard did it, though he has since been released on appeal due to a technicality and is still at large, so beware! The gruesome task of finding the killer was completed by The Slewton Sleuths, and around £150 was raised for the Whimbletons.

So on to Village Day itself. Kindly sponsored by local estate agents 'Halls', it began with a coffee morning in the church and breakfast al fresco cooked and supplied by John and Jan at The Jays, raising £150 for the Village Hall. I strongly doubt that any of those who filled themselves up with the delicious fry-up that was on offer went on to participate in the next event - The Fun Run. To me, the words 'fun' and 'run' do not belong in the same sentence but judging by the turnout many others believe that they do. Despite the rain over a hundred donned their vests and trainers and traipsed around the village at various speeds. A more than healthy £90 was raised for the PTFA.

Then it was home to change out of the rain and sweat sodden clothes and into more appropriate attire such as a spotty dog costume - it was of course for the fancy dress which was won by the Thompson family as 'The Wizard of Oz' and the end of which marked the beginning of the fete. There was Bric a Brac, Cream Teas, Cake Stall, Greeting Card Stall, Tin Pan Alley, Guess the Smells (fortunately restricted to herbs and spices) Guess the Sounds, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Pony Rides, Balloon Race, Tombola, Raffle, Ice Creams and a BBQ.

In the evening it was the turn of two local bands to entertain; Bare Wires and White Spirit. With their, rather loud it has been said, renditions of Rock and Pop classics, along with cheap booze and food, the evening was enjoyed by many Whimbletons and raised a terrific £500 for the Primary School.

On Sunday, whilst many nursed hangovers, the Young Farmers staged a car treasure hunt which raised a further £60. And that was it, Whimble Village Week 2004 was over.

If I thanked everyone who gave up their time to man stalls, erect bunting, scrounge prizes etc etc, I'd fill up two more pages of just names, and no doubt accidentally leave out one person, causing a feud between their family and mine for decades to come. So rather than taking that risk I'd like to thank everyone who selflessly involved themselves to make it the week that it was - a resounding success which raised a whopping £3000+ for our local charities.

Our thanks go to the following local companies who helped us out: QuickSave, Crealy Country Park, Bicton Park, Jack in the Green, Thirsty Farmer, New Fountain Inn, B&Q, Hungry Fox, O'Hanlons, Diggerland, Flybe, SW highways, Hills Barton Stables and Halls Estate Agents.

Well done all. See you next year.

Adrian -

Village Day Breakfast in the Square

It all started around a year ago when Gill at The New Fountain had agreed to continue providing the Village Day Breakfast at the pub. Unfortunately, at the time, Gill was taken ill, so couldn't do it. In a moment of rashness I offered to help out - but the logistics proved too difficult in the short time span available. I should never have made such a foolhardy offer!

When the time came to organize the breakfast for this year I approached Gill and asked if she was going to provide it once more. She appeared to be slightly reluctant and felt that it would be a good idea if someone else took over the reins. Why did I not see the warning signs?

However, having done a breakfast for Cancer research earlier in the year, it was felt that it would be easy enough to repeat the operation for Village Day. We had done 25 breakfasts and felt quietly confident. A few days before the B-Day, as it was referred to, I asked Gill how many we could expect. Anything between 30 and 80 was the number she had catered for but felt that, in the prime position in The Square, we should be looking at the higher figure.



Oh the ignorance of the uninitiated. Over 100 breakfasts were prepared between 9 and 11.30am.

Thanks to all those people who supported us and worked personally (pc speak for manfully) to make it a success; particularly to George Begent for his help with the cooking, the waitresses Pam Scanlan and Teresa Daniels and the tea and coffee lady Jan Begent and also to Bob (the Gofer) Scanlan. Special thanks go to Karen Salter (Mrs Boo) and the Vicar (Graham Gibbins) for their tireless efforts with the washing up

once they had finished their breakfast but most of all, to all those who waited patiently to be fed. Their tolerance under severe duress was much appreciated.

Once the wounds have healed we will consider repeating the event next year - with due regard to the mistakes of this.

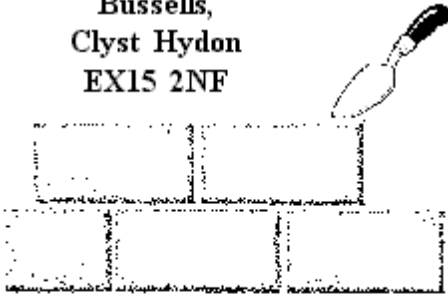
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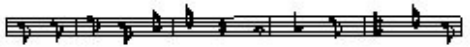
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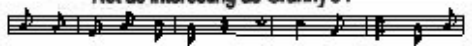
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We were there in The Square on Village Day, as promised, and we raised an amazing £103 in just one hour!! For such a short time, that is a brilliant result, so a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed. We have also received nothing but praise for the content and style of the magazine, which is very pleasing to the News team.

If you were unable to contribute on the day, but would like to help the News, please leave a donation at the Post Office – we will be very grateful. Thank you.

We were delighted to receive a substantial donation from Paul and Gill Mallett at the Fountain, following their successful Beer Festival. Thanks to Paul and Gill – it was very generous of you.

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The speaker at our July meeting was Dawn Platten who spoke to us of Natural Remedies and Cosmetics made using herbs and plants commonly found in our gardens. Dawn had lived in South Africa for many years and learnt much of her craft from the indigenous people. Her talk was extremely interesting and very practical. She had produced a book of recipes of her own making and copies were eagerly snapped up by members wishing to further their knowledge in the subject,

Our next meeting will be on the 10th August when we will hold our annual afternoon Garden Party at a member's home. This will be preceded by a visit to the beautiful garden of another of our members.

A small team of our members entered an exhibit for a flower show recently held at Killerton House. The theme was 'Woman of Importance', our entry being Barbara Hepworth. Our team's presentation was truly creative and our congratulations and thanks go to each of them.

The proceeds of our raffle for the past three months have gone to the Peninsular Medical School, a very worthwhile cause.

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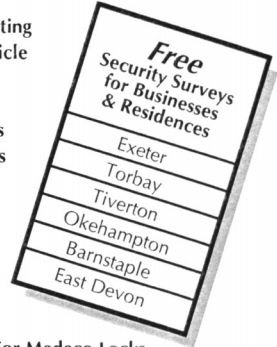
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We had our rehearsal, and, as always, we had no more idea of what was going on at the end of the evening than we did at the beginning. It looked like it was going to be another great evening, if we could sell enough tickets to make it viable.

The problem of not selling enough tickets in advance is not only that we need to know for how many people we are catering, but also, that if we end up putting on the event for half a dozen people, we can't put the same one on again in the village, in case someone remembers the plot! Peter Bolwell puts a huge amount of time and effort into writing each Murder Mystery, so we don't want to waste it. After a slow start in ticket sales, we decided that if we didn't have 30 people by Wednesday, we would have to postpone it. We just had enough. By Thursday we had about 45 - great, then they just kept coming. On Friday we had to set a limit of 65.

What a great evening we had. The punters were suitably confused and we all threw ourselves into our roles. The fact that my dramatic fainting entrance went entirely unnoticed (even by the cast who knew I was there!) for 15 minutes, I can only put down to the excitement of seeing a hanging dummy on the stage! Even Peter who was supposed to help me up, forgot I was there - charming!

I hope everyone enjoyed the evening enough to come back next time, but PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS WELL IN ADVANCE - what a shame it would have been to cancel it not knowing you were all coming.

Thank you for your support.

Emma Palmer, The Whimbletons

Summer Festival 5th September 2004

Regretfully, due to unforeseen circumstances and personal commitments, Vicky and Lynda will NOT be able to stage this event this year. We would like to thank everyone for their forbearance and for all the help and support we have previously enjoyed. We are also optimistic that it won't be the last you see of this family event.

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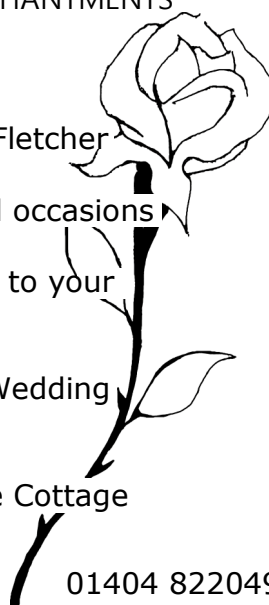
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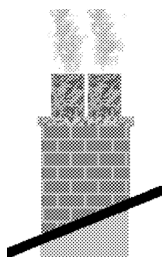
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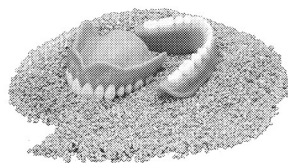
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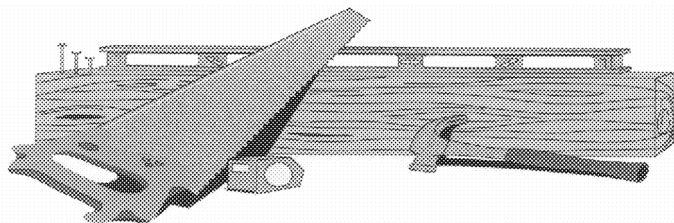


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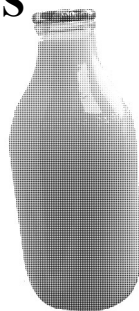
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MYRTLE DOCKINGS' VISIT TO THE PALACE

As many of you know, Myrtle was recently invited to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, in recognition of her many years of fund-raising for local medical charities. We asked her to write about her day for the Whimble News.

My dear friend Ann made all the travelling arrangements and everything went very smoothly. We left Tiverton by coach at 7.15am and arrived at Hammersmith at 11.15am, after being served coffee and snacks by the courier on the coach. We bought an all-day ticket on the Underground and made good use of it. First we went to Knightsbridge and then did all the things you do on a day to London – Harrods, etc. etc.

After a light lunch in a very nice restaurant we smartened ourselves up, hats on etc. and decided to walk to the Palace. As we were passing St James' Palace a young woman asked us where we were going in our lovely outfits. We said to a garden party at Buckingham Palace. Her reply was 'Please can I take your photograph – I'm going home to America tomorrow and it will be a nice keepsake'.

We then walked on and joined the queue, just after 2.30pm. The police decided to let us in early. We had to have our bags checked and one of the Policemen asked what part of Devon we came from, and said his in-laws live in Newton Abbot. We then walked through the quadrangle and in through an inner archway. A guardsman beckoned us and said we could go inside the Palace, and led us through two beautiful reception rooms then out onto the terrace and down the steps into the garden.

Ann said to me 'look who you are standing beside' – it was Baroness Thatcher, looking very frail but still elegant. We walked around the gardens. No formality, just a wonderful conservation area. The wildlife on the lakes was fascinating. About 3.30pm the Gentlemen at Arms asked us to form two rows leading away from the terrace steps. Prince Phillip walked one way and Her Majesty the Queen the other. We were lucky to be in the latter lane, and we were about three feet away from the Queen. The Gentlemen at Arms selected a few people to be presented. Amongst these were two Indian doctors and their wives wore the most magnificent saris. The Queen asked what branch of medicine they practised and they were plastic surgeons.

The Queen wore lime green and both Ann and I, and several people around us, could not believe how tiny she is. You do not realise it when you see her on TV but up close it was surprising. Everyone was so friendly. A gentleman from the New Zealand Embassy spoke to us and in fact travelled back on the train with us. As we were walking out of the gates, after having a very nice tea, we came out with John Sargeant from the media who was there as a guest. We made our way back to Paddington and had a good train journey home. A wonderful day.

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone for their good wishes, phone calls, cards and flowers. This was for everyone who has supported me in my fund raising. If you didn't buy from me the money would not be raised. Due to unforeseen circumstances nothing was put in the News in January, but a cheque for £950 was given to the Medical Trust. This year's fund raising has already started – five dolls will be on their way to America in October.

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Myrtle.



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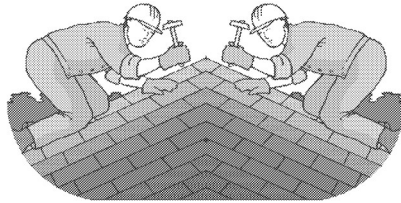
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The purpose of the survey was to take a random sample of all road users at different locations, to find out where they had last stopped/where they had started their journey and the purpose of that stop, plus their next stop and why, and how often they made that journey. The data gathered would then be analysed to support various traffic forecasting models.

My first day was down in Dobwalls, near Liskeard...with a 04:20 alarm so that I could catch a minibus at Sowton ready for action at 07:00!!! Once we were there, we were issued with handheld computers on which to record the data as we interviewed. Eventually I could rattle through the questions in less than 2 minutes and allow the motorists to carry on their merry way with minimal interruption.

Basically we took over a secluded lay-by that meant our survey was away from the main road, and a police officer directed 6 cars in at a time, where 6 of us waited to ask the questions and enter them on our computers. Although we had limited time, a polite approach worked wonders - you would soon work out who wanted to get away quickly, or who you could have some banter with. On one occasion, as a car load returned after a good lunch, I was asked if I wanted to know what they had eaten, knowing that I had enjoyed warm sandwiches. I gracefully declined. We had 3 hours on then an hour off, and if we were really good, one of the 'work hours' would be sat in a car doing the vehicle count...i.e. using another hand-held computer to record traffic in both directions, broken down by type of vehicle. When the temperature got too hot, these special counting computers gave up and we had to use pen and paper! That first day was so hot - we kept our bottles of water near us to help keep our voices going.

One of my next days was completely at the other end of the weather spectrum...we had been warned that rain was on the way, but not even my trusty hat, kagool and over trousers could protect me. I had rain coming down my neck, through my trousers and filling my shoes!! One of the survey days was at Alphington by Sainsburys...because the survey was scheduled to take place at the traffic lights, we would only be asking questions whilst the lights were at red. So we only had time to ask the questions and then enter the data when the lights went onto green. What a test of speed and memory!

Some of the star responses included –
'and when did you last stop?' Answer – '7 years ago'
'and where will be your next stop?' Answer 'Home'. 'and where is that please?
Answer (pointing) 'over there'. I was confused with one reason for the
journey being 'taking the kids to school' when there were no children in the
car...I had visions of 2 children stood outside their home wondering why
mummy had driven off so quickly.

The majority of people were very helpful and helped to make the day pass;
some people did not want to take part, which was an option, and so we let
them pass through. It was worrying to see how so many people are in such a
rush/are late for appointments, and how that affects their mood and driving
styles!

So next time you are stopped, remember, it only take a couple of minutes,
and it is a human being asking the questions!

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Following our village's Christian Aid Week door-to-door collection, we
have received a letter from the local Christian Aid staff thanking
everyone for their donations and saying what an excellent result it was
for a small village. The total donated was £1388 and together with the
tax recovered under Gift Aid, this increases to £1590. So a very big
thank you to everyone who contributed.

A recent report received shows how great the need is in Sudan. More
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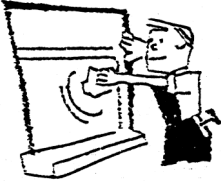
Force Crime Figures for the North and East Devon region, for the period of April to June 2004

	April to June 2003	April to June 2004	Year to year %	Detect-ions	% Detection
Murder	0	2	0	2	100.0%
Drug offences	303	304	0.3	293	96.4%
Handling Stolen Goods	42	22	-47.6	21	95.5%
Theft from shops	532	475	-10.7	345	72.6%
Other offences	100	96	-4	67	69.8%
Other Violent Assaults	1532	1956	27.7	1108	56.6%
Robbery	33	47	42.4	18	38.3%
Forgery & Fraud Offences	464	542	16.8	170	31.4%
Sexual offences	61	83	36.1	22	26.5%
Other criminal damage	1215	1261	3.8	248	19.7%
Theft of vehicle / Taking Without Consent	195	219	12.3	43	19.6%
House burglary	418	408	-2.4	73	17.9%
Criminal damage to vehicle	771	835	8.3	110	13.2%
Other burglary	529	680	28.5	75	11.0%
Other theft	1465	1606	9.6	160	10.0%
Other Vehicle Crime	100	85	-15	7	8.2%
Theft of cycle	170	175	2.9	8	4.6%
Theft from vehicle	1058	840	-20.6	37	4.4%
TOTAL	8,988	9,636		2,807	

As in previous years, the items with the lowest detection rates are mainly in areas where Neighbourhood Watch information could be most useful to the police.

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QUEEN'S HONOURS LIST JUNE 2004

I have continued my sad interest in the wonderful names and occupations of the recently honoured....here is my latest list of the great and the good (without detracting from their worthy contributions).

Vice Admiral David Anthony James (Tom) Blackburn Master of the Household...*so why not Dave OR Tony OR Jim?*

James Cornelius Holliday apothecary to the Royal Household....*leeches by appointment, also purges and vapours*

Michael Barwell, yeoman bedgoer, Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard...*now that's a job for me!! Any chance of job share?*

George Doel, gate keeper, Home Park Windsor

John Robert Brown, woodman, Crown Estate, Windsor

Nigel Robert McEvoy, travelling yeoman....*and he is still on the road*

Rayma Murphy, daily lady, Royal Mews, Windsor Castle....*so what is she at night?*

Paul Oates senior carriage restorer, Royal Mews

Prof Nairn Hutchison Fulton Wilson

Neil Winston Benson, chairman and honorary secretary, Saints and Sinners club, charitable services...*sounds like a club of debauchery, not a charity!*

Malcolm John Dexter-Tissington

Rita Bocking Bicknell

George Washington Byfield

Eric Edwards, marshman, Broads Authority

Janet Harrigan, services to the protection of swans and other river birds

Michael Hay, services to curling...*and other hairdressing things*

Jane Lemon, services to Ecclesiastical Embroidery...*and domestic sock darning*

William Woodhouse Madders

William McSporran

Joanna Lucy Munro, member, Blackpool Youth Offending Team ...*good to see that thuggery has now been put on a more formal footing....bookings now being taken for Xmas punchups*

Bernadette Speedy, head, Export Documentation...*speedy by name, speedy by nature?*

Shirley Anne Thompson, volunteer batworker , or 'Robin' as she likes to be known

Ed H



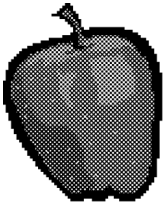
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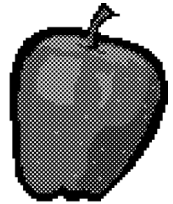
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The Premiere Concert

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Tom Lambert

Tara Fletcher writes:

"It was refreshing to have a musical programme that was not dominated by popular classics. The Telemann Overture made a beautiful intro. and it was hard to believe that the well-balanced Mozart Symphony which followed could have been written by someone so young. After a delightful interval in summer-evening light and a sip or two of wine in the company of others, villagers and visitors from outside Whimple, we returned for Derek Browning's 'Colemere Concerto'. It is difficult to be critical of a new piece. I enjoyed the concerto, particularly the second movement, but despite the excellent musicianship of the soloist, am not sure that the writing fully exploited the tonal qualities of the oboe d'amore. That said, there was plenty of texture in the piece to hold everyone's attention and the concerto was enjoyable as a whole. The Haydn Symphony provided a dramatic conclusion to the evening and, sadly, seemed to be over too quickly, leaving the audience waiting for more. Let's hope we can have the pleasure of something similar in Whimple Church next year"

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