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Whimble News



Aug/Sept 2000

What's on in Whimble

Aug	3	Over 60's: Babbacombe	
	11	Meat Bingo - Cricket Club	7.30pm
	12	Village Produce Association Flower Show- Victory Hall	
	22	Over 60's: Orchid Paradise, Widecombe & Buckfast Abbey	
	30-2/9	Summer Club, 4 days: 5-11 year olds - Victory Hall	10-12.30pm
Sep	9	Sponsored Bike Ride	10am
	12	WI Wine & Cheese, guests welcome - Victory Hall	7.30pm
	13	Over 60's: Bickleigh Castle & Knightshayes	
	29	Illustrated Talk by Chips Barber 'Beautiful Devon'	

Please use the Whimble Diary held in the Post Office for checking availability of venues and booking events. If your Association has an event which you would like listed above please contact Vicky Stewart on 823374.

St Mary's Church Monthly Programme of Services

a n d	1st	Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
			11am	Family Service
	2nd	Sunday	11am	Parish Communion
	3rd	Sunday	8am	Holy Communion
			10.30am	Service with a Smile
	4th	Sunday	11am	Parish Communion
	5th	Sunday	8am	Holy Communion or Joint Benefice Communion

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OTTERY ST MARY CHORAL SOCIETY

New Members Welcome

If you enjoy a good sing in congenial company, then why not come and join the Ottery St Mary Choral Society!

Our next concert will be in Ottery St Mary Parish Church on Saturday December 2nd 2000, when we shall be performing the popular Vivaldi Gloria together with supporting festive music and also inviting the audience to join us in Carols for All. The Society currently has a membership of sixty, but we are always looking for additional singers to swell the ranks!

Rehearsals will be held each Wednesday at the United Reformed Church, Jesu Street, Ottery St Mary, 7.30pm from September 13th onwards.

Chairman John Neal can be contacted on 01404 813686.

Do come. We look forward to the pleasure of your company.

A big thank you to all who supported my stall in the Square on Saturday the 8th July.

A sum of £100 was raised and given to the Ottery St Mary Hospital League of Friends. A special thank you to David McPherson for his invaluable help

Audrey Oliver

A big thank you too to all who so generously supported the Bring and Buy Plant Sale at Cokesputt, Payhembury on Sun day June 4th.

The event raised £1,811 for the Help Scheme Fund. This magnificent total will be a welcome contribution towards maintaining this very valuable service to the community.

Myrtle

Editorial

It's really quite surprising how much goes on in Whimple as you'll see by reading reports in this issue of Whimple News. We're wanting to develop the "What's on in Whimple" page so please let's have the details of your event.

Well done PTFA for the way you organised the very enjoyable Village Week. Thanks also to the History Society for arranging the Whimple Millennium Photograph - the photo of the Whimple News Team (on the back page) means that we can no longer be anonymous! We're looking forward to the Flower Show on 12 August - don't forget to have your entries with Mrs Pratt by 9 August. Children aren't forgotten with the Summer Club for all 5-11s.

We would like the next issue of Whimple News to cover issues like the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and Community Policing. Please let us have suggestions as soon as you can. All other items for the October/November issue to Gordon at the Post Office (or by e-mail to bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk) by 18 September.

With good wishes

Peter

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

If you don't speak to strangers,
You'll never make new friends;
So break the ice and say "Hello",
See what a glow it lends
To skies that have been overcast
To heavens that were so grey.
Just say "Hello" to strangers
And make new friends today.

by Edith Grout

All over England, masses of new houses have been built in rural areas, inevitably changing the character of villages. Whereas in the past, everyone knew each other, stopped and chatted, when you walk through our village now, you meet people who do not readily say hello, probably because they have not been used to it where they lived before. It is therefore up to us who have lived here for a long time to break the ice, say hello and smile to strangers.

In this year 2000 I am delighted to feel that there has been a great wave of togetherness in this village. It started with the splendid idea of the Church who gave keyrings to everyone. It depicted St. Mary's Church on one side, on the verso the Millennium Resolution, plus a candle inviting people to a vigil in The Square on New Year's Eve. It was an occasion enjoyed immensely by all those who took part and hopefully it will be repeated this New Year's Eve. Annually we have carols in The Square on Christmas Eve, always a most popular get-together.

On the Friday before Pentecost, the History Society was very inspired by organising a general photo of all the people in the village, at the Cricket Club. It took some careful organisation and it was a tremendous success. All our thoughts were with John Shepherd who could not be there in person, due to a car accident. It was such a pity I could not join in. At the last minute friends who I had not seen for years turned up at The Old Manse.

And when the day of Pentecost came
They were all with one accord in one place.

Was it a holy coincidence that the gathering was so near to Whitsuntide? The reading in the Bible came so forcefully back in my thoughts: -

When I woke up at six o'clock on Whitsunday, I switched on BBC Radio 4 and what I heard moved me: - "Today is the Feast of the Pentecost 2000 and

Bette Williams

Bette Williams was Postmistress in Whimple from 1969-94.

It seems incredible that when Bette Williams and her husband took over the Post office in 1969 from the Turton family, Broadway House next door was still a bakery. Rectory Close was a large orchard belonging to The Old Rectory, now Dince Hill House. Things have certainly changed.

Bette became widowed, gave up and came back to run the Post Office by general demand.

I was very sad to hear that Bette had passed away and with a handful of people from Whimple we went to pay our last respects at The Crematorium. The service was taken by the Revd. David Walford.

We were made so welcome by Bette when Jack and I came to the village and we met often socially. During Jack's illness Bette could not have been kinder and more compassionate and that is something I will never forget.

Edith Grout.

St. Mary's Church Whimble

Year 2000 celebrations



Rev. Keith Feltham plants the Millenium Yew with the help of Churchwarden David Rastall. The cutting was taken from tree believed to be 2000 years old.

Sara Randall-Johnson, Chairman of the Whimble Parish Council unveils the Millennium Stone. The granite stone is engraved with the words of the Millennium Resolution.



for the very first time since the Reformation in the 14th Century, there will be joint services uniting all Christian denominations all over England.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Catholic Archbishop of Westminster will lead the nation in prayers and worship, with them will be the Moderator of the Free Churches Council".

And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

That it took all of those years to get together to celebrate the day 2000 years ago when the barriers of language were overcome was extraordinary:-

This last week Whimble celebrated a week of togetherness and community spirit. Thursday, all the flower ladies were creating beautiful floral displays depicting Bells, Candles and Books. Everyone taking part was filled with enthusiasm and delight. The result was an enchantment of colour, imagination and devotion. The spirit of togetherness was very tangible. Friday night we had the pleasure of welcoming The Melody Makers of Ottery St Mary giving us a delightful concert The Sound Of Music. What a treat, we were spoilt.

Then came Village Day on Saturday, we could not have had a better day weather-wise. Stall holders representing the different village groups arrived early to set up and display their ware. It was like a large family gathering, everyone delighting in others company. Children were enjoying themselves immensely, for them the real treat in store was in the afternoon at the school. The members of the History Society were rushed off their feet, as everyone wanted to see where they were in the general photo, and order prints for the family album.

Many visitors came to admire the church flower festival and all were most impressed, it was certainly most inspiring. The Mothers' Union members were very busy with coffees and teas. Everyone was involved in one aspect or another of the general celebrations. What a week to remember and treasure.

To finish it all in style, we had our service of Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving. Always a very popular service and a good cross section of the village were there to sing most of their favourite hymns. After the service, a young yew tree was planted, a sapling from a very ancient tree from Gloucestershire. Finally all gathered in The Square, where the Millennium

**Let there be respect for the Earth, peace for its people,
love in our lives, delight in the good,
forgiveness for the past wrongs and from now on a new start.**

NEWS FROM P.O. CORNER

Well here we are again -First with the V.P.A. show coming up soon may I offer a few tips for vibrant Lobelia growth:

Plant one seed in a concrete/cob join, concrete provides the stability and cob the nourishment; pass diesel fumes over the area daily and do not water. This will result in a healthy plant that, so far, has flowered for over a month and can be seen near the P.O. door. So forget all the rubbish about digging, weeding, fertilising and watering and just plant on concrete - my sort of gardening!

I really think I ought to get a "dot.com" website business - it appears, unlike normal business, that the greater debt you have the more successful you are, (Amazon for example), well my history in business shows a proven track record for this type of success ! Must give it a go.

The 'village day' went very well indeed (apart from the black Golf GTI and its selfish driver!) and our congrats to the P.T.F.A. for organising it - they deserve the good sum of funds raised. Thank you all for a good day - you even got the weather right.

Had a little bit of excitement with the theft of one of our charity boxes which have lived on the counter for many years now - we survived - but theft of donations made for Leukemia Research makes you spit!

Lots of new houses have gone up and more are on the way - I hope the planners are reminded of what can happen by the words of an old music hall ditty singing the merits of part of the East End of London -

'wiv a ladder and some glasses you can see the 'ackney marshes---- if it wasn't for the 'ouses in between!'

That's it except to bring your attention to the articles on page 31 that will tell you what we can get up to 'down at the old P.and O.'

Bye.

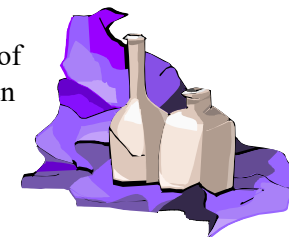
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BRAIN TEASER

Something a good bit easier to puzzle over and therefore quicker - so two for this edition:

First -

Given two jars, one of 5 litres and the other of 3 litres, both with no marks on, and an unlimited supply of water, how do you measure out four litres exactly?



Second -

one for the older readers -What should be the next number in the following series of numbers

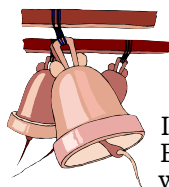
3 6 12 24 30 60 ?

Now the answer to the 5 oz and 6 oz apples

I know some of you are still puzzling -well imagine the barrels are numbered 1 to 12, then take 1 apple from no.1 , 2 from no.2, 3 for no.3 etc and weigh the total number of 78 apples - - if they were all 5 oz apples then the total weight would be 390 ounces but the weight will be more and the number of ounces more will tell you the number of the barrel holding 6 oz. e.g. if the weight is 395 ozs. then there must be 5 of the 6 oz apples, thus barrel number 5 must hold the heavier apples !! Simple really.

Credit for some of the brainteasers must be given to a book called - "In Code" by Sarah Flannery (a bright lass aged 16!), extracts of which have been published in the Daily Telegraph. This book, which starts off with simple examples of lateral thinking like the brainteasers, is about cryptography for the internet and is a must for anyone really interested in mathematics particularly number theory - be warned it is very hard going after the first 100 pages for the non mathematician!

WHIMPLE BELLRINGERS' OUTING



The poster announced "A Grand Day Out" - and it certainly was. We toured North Devon visiting churches at Bampton, Exford, Arlington, Mortehoe and Meshaw with a stop for tea at Woolacombe.

It's true we got a bit behind schedule, the journey from Bampton to Exford taking far longer than anticipated. This was nobody's fault - the driver took a narrow road and we had problems passing other vehicles. Don't get me wrong, he was an excellent driver and very attentive to his passengers.

The Ringers said the ropes and bells varied very much from church to church - some they thoroughly enjoyed ringing, others not so much. It is quite surprising how much ropes can differ from place to place.

The weather was good and any rain that fell occurred while we were in the coach. The return journey took place on a beautiful sunny summer's evening. The scenery was spectacular, especially over Exmoor.

Trips like these take a lot of planning and we owe much to our captain for her organisational skills. Many thanks Judith.
D.F.

Whimble WI

On Tuesday 11 July the WI members were given a most interesting talk by Mr David Smith, a local solicitor, on 'Women and the Law'. His main topic was how women are affected by legal matters with relation to divorce and how the welfare and the provision of a home for children were a priority. He also touched on how the divorce of parents affects the children.

Questions on legal matters were asked after the talk and, had time permitted, no doubt he would have given many hours of legal advice without charge! He was thanked by Mrs Margaret Burrough.

A coffee evening in the home of a member will take the place of a group meeting in August.

A letter was read out that had come from the Women's Institute Federation about the invitation that had been made to the Prime Minister to talk at the Annual WI meeting in London.

We also heard of future events - A Bingo evening at the Cricket Club on the 11 August will help provide funds for the Christmas Party for the Senior Citizens. A coffee morning will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 9 Sept and a Decoupage Class on 16 Sept.

H.E.O.

Car Sharing

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I have recently started a job in Sowton Industrial Estate and due to the lack of buses I have trouble getting back to Whimble after work. If anyone in Whimble leaves Sowton around 5.30 - 6pm then I would be extremely grateful if you could contact me!

Katie Silk
12 Dince Hill Close
Tel: 01404 822389

When we hear about occasionally in the P.O. so - how about those who want lifts getting together with those that have space in their cars and may appreciate a little help with their petrol costs(!).

We would be happy to act as a central reference point and suggest that -

Those who have space in their cars to and/or from Exeter ring the P.O. (822359) giving their telephone number, route and timing; and

Those who want lifts ring the P.O. with their hoped for destinations and timings.

I feel sure that even a lift to and from the Park & Ride would be a help to some, so:-

“come on - give it a go - be sociable!!”

get in touch with the P.O. NOW.

Over 65's Christmas Party

The Ladies of the Village are once again grateful to the Cricket Club for arranging a Meat Bingo in aid of the Over 65's Christmas Party which is being planned for Friday December 1st.

The Meat Bingo will take place at the Cricket Club on Friday August 11th . Eyes down at 7.30pm. We would be very grateful for the donation of any prizes.

Lucy Smith.

Whimble News

Financial Report for year 1999/2000

Thanks to the continued support of our advertisers we have again produced the News for another year. Financially, we have lost £275 this year, although this was known about before the year began. The loss is the result of us now having to have the magazine printed commercially, since the facility to produce it via the Parish Council is no longer available.

A brief summary of the figures follows:

Income from adverts:	£1330
Costs of production	(£1608)
Interest earned	£ 3
Difference	(£ 275)

For those advertising with us for the coming year, prices will not increase!! Every advert I believe gives value for money with the News now running to 720 copies.

The whole team would also like to thank the organisers of the **Whimble Village Fayre** for their very kind donation of £400 towards next year's running costs. This generosity is appreciated and gives us some time to start raising additional funds if the News is to continue. During the year we plan to address the running shortfall by discreet fundraising (of a form/forms to be decided), so please support us when the opportunity arises.

As always, if anyone has any feedback about the News, please give anyone of the team a ring or catch us when we are out and about 'round the village.

Miles Leonard - Treasurer

Open Gardens



Thank you Whimble, and much further afield, for the support you gave the Church in visiting the 12 open gardens, (all of which were opened for the first time) and Paul's allotment. The amount raised which included money from the cream teas came to £360.80.

Our grateful thanks go to all the gardeners for their time and effort. We know that volunteering to open certain gardens resulted in completion of jobs which had been planned for several years! All of this with the good weather made for a really enjoyable day.

Gerri Turner and Avril Ellingham

Sponsored Bike Ride

The annual bike ride organised by the Devon Historic Churches Trust takes place on Saturday, 9 September. Participants choose their own route and go at their own pace, singly or in a group, with the object of visiting as many churches as they can between 10.00am and 6.00pm. Sponsorship can be per church visited or per mile covered, and half the amount raised is returned to the rider's own church.

Whimble Church has benefited from a grant by the Trust, and it would be good if we could repay some of this as well as raise money for our church. Sponsor forms and further information is available from Mike Ellingham, tel. 822945



WHIMPLE PARISH COUNCIL

Whimble Parish Council are very sad to announce the death of Mr Ken Larcombe Clerk to Whimble Parish Council.

Mr Larcombe died on 24th June 2000. His funeral was held on Friday 30th June at Exeter Crematorium. All donations are to be sent to the Heart Foundation or the Diabetic Society.

It has been reported that garden waste is being dumped by the stream and other unsuitable places around the village. Garden waste should be composted in your garden or taken to an official tip. Help and advice is available for disposing of garden rubbish from East Devon District council.

The Parish Council will have allotments available from next Spring, please contact the Parish Council Office 823355 if you are interested.

Crimes reported in the Parish for June - 2 Burglaries and 1 Vehicle Crime.

Whimble recreation ground - a working party from the Parish Council is looking at the suggestions put forward and a decision on what will be provided in the recreation area will be announced soon.

Amanda Newman

Whimble Youth Club

At a barbeque held on 20th July we thanked Liz Silk for her seven years as leader of the Youth Club. She has now handed over the reins to Alison Lawry who will be leading the club from 7th September.

Existing members, and any new ones aged 12 and over, are welcome to turn up at 7.30pm on that day.

In the meantime I will be happy to answer any queries on 822262.

Pam Scanlan

Whimble Millennium Photo

Last summer, when the Whimble History Society were considering their events for the year 2000, I suggested a photograph of the residents of the Village as a future record of all those living in Whimble at the start of the century. The first thought was to have it taken in the Square but we quickly realised that the area was too small - there are 1500 residents and we needed somewhere capable of taking 500 - 750 people.

We chose the sports field at Knowle Cross as it also suited the photographer who needed to be 20 feet above. Using the corner of the field meant that the church tower and house roofs would also appear in the background.

I was very pleased when 520 people turned up on the windy evening of 9th June. All duly took their places, carefully sized from small to tall, front to back, for the photograph. In addition, 18 village organisations took the opportunity to be photographed. A copy of all the photographs have been entered into the archives of the History Society.

120 people ordered one or more of the photographs on Village Day and by now they should all have received copies. The History Society will be displaying all of them in the Square on Saturday 12th August from 9am to noon when further orders will be accepted. Mugs showing Whimble scenes will also be on sale.

Bob Roberts

LOCAL BUSES IN DEVON

Devon is served by a network of local bus services, ranging from frequent main routes to country services on market days.

To keep you informed of what is available Devon County Council publishes a range of FREE area timetable guides and leaflets available from most Tourist Information Centres, public libraries, bus stations and some local shops and post offices.

There are also a number of telephone enquiry services offering information on bus services within Devon plus timetable publications.

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Tuesday 9 to 1300 and Saturday 9 to 1200.

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WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT

VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

This year's coach trip turned out to be another very successful day. Some 43 members and friends took advantage of our outing to Rosemoor and as in previous visits, it did not fail to impress. How we always manage to pick one of the days with such good weather is one of life's mysteries, must be something to do with our chairman's weather beetle!

The Flower Show on Saturday 12 August is nearly upon us and we are hoping for a good entry this year. We hope that people will take advantage of the classes for those of you who have never entered before. We are certainly looking forward to seeing how many of the children from the Primary School have managed to grow their patio sunflowers which will definitely add more colour to the show. Don't forget that entries have to be with the Show Secretary, Mrs Pratt, by 9.00 pm on Wednesday 9 August. Judging will commence at 10.00 am on the Saturday with doors open to the public at 3.00 pm.

We look forward to having a really good show
hope that as many of you that are able
come along to support one of the
or events in the village calendar.

Paul Wilson,
Hon. Secretary.



CALLING ALL 5 to 11 YEAR OLDS

Calling all children aged 5 - 11, Whimple Summer Club is happening again. Hurrah! Super! Lush! Stoked!

The Service with a Smile team have been in secret negotiations with Phil and the puppets and are pleased to announce that after much arm twisting, hand wringing, bell ringing and hand washing a deal has been struck. So, get out those filofaxes, diaries and electronic personal organisers and fix those dates not forgetting Sunday 3rd September when we will finish off the fun with a 'SERVICE WITH A SMILE' extravaganza followed by a BBQ for all the family.

When?	Wednesday 30 Aug to Sat 2 September
Where?	Victory Hall
What time?	10.00am to 12.30pm
Why?	To have fun, games, quizzes, crafts, music, puppets, drama and competitions

Ring Liz Camp (823392) for more information

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to you all for the gifts & get well messages I have received. Victor & I purchased the milk round in April 1969 & incorporated the newspaper delivery service a year or so later so this has been my first "holiday" for 31 years.

I appreciate how Victor, Caroline & Ivor have managed to do my work around their own existing commitments, although I must apologise for the stressed & erratic system! Many customers have remembered how our children were on the round from their carrycot days (on top of the milk crates) & now our grandchildren have to be included, safely strapped in their seats.

Hopefully, by the time you read this I shall be out of plaster (although probably hobbling) and normal business will be resumed.

Once again, many thanks for your support

Marian Daniel

WHIMPLE VILLAGE WEEK

by Caroline Ward-Reece

As chairman of the Whimple Primary School PTFA, I would like to thank everyone who participated in, and supported our events.

The week started with a Beetle Drive, which had a record attendance of 96 adults and children. The Whist Drive had a good turnout with many coming from outside the village. The myth that you get shouted at if you made a mistake was put to one side, with all abilities participating. The Village Week Cup was won by Mrs Turl, one of our most senior players, and closely contended by the youngest player in the room who was 10 years old.

On Wednesday, the weather wasn't very kind but we had an amazing turnout for the Walking Treasure Hunt. Great fun was had by all.

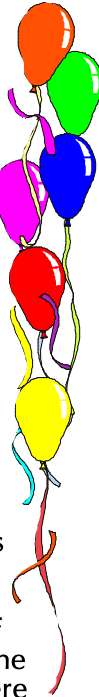
By Thursday, we were on a roll, and the Thirsty Farmer was packed for the quiz, which certainly made you think. All that was left was to pray for good weather for Saturday, and we were in luck.

The Fun Run went well. We had celebrities in our Fancy Dress which Heather and Gordon from the Post Office judged with great difficulty. The afternoon went very well with pony rides, games galore, cream teas, a dance display by Sweet Charity of Broadclyst and the finale was the release of 700 balloons in the Balloon race. We finished the day with a Village Dance where everyone danced away the evening to Phoenix, a very talented group.

We have to thank so many people for their contributions and help, but especially the following, without whose kind donations we would find it very hard to put on such events

- Kwik Save for their donations and use of their bouncy castle
- Stags Estate Agents for sponsoring the quiz night
- Halls Estate Agents for the trophies and prizes for the fun run
- The Jack in the Green for the Whist Drive prize
- Dillys of Ottery for the flowers
- Southwest Highways for their staff and signs, enabling us to close the road for the village fayre
- Hayman's Scrumpy

So far, we have made £2000 for our school which is an outstanding result, so thank you, everyone.....and 3 balloons have been returned



Whimple Primary School



Co-opted School Governor Vacancy

If you are from the local community and interested in being closely involved in Whimple School's successful future, please contact Michael Sanders - 822860, or Alyson Smith - 822584. They're waiting for your call.

There will be an opportunity for an open discussion with the Chair of Governors and the Headteacher
(date to be arranged)

Whimple Parochial Church Council

It is sad to report that stones have been thrown through the stained-glass of the West Window of the Church causing damage to the figures portrayed there, St. Francis, St. Elizabeth and St Dorothea. Similar damage has been done to an adjacent window on the North Wall of the Church.

Experts called in to assess the damage have advised that replacement pieces of stained-glass can be inserted without too much difficulty, although of course, at considerable cost to the church.

We all need to become more vigilant to protect our lovely old building from such vandalism.

Whimble History Society



WHIMBLE HERITAGE CENTRE

Whimble History Society plan to have a Heritage Centre in the village to display the artefacts and archives they are continually gathering.

After scanning over 20 possible sights they have decided to purchase the lincay (barn) in the grounds of The New Fountain Inn. They will then renovate it, extend rearwards and construct a carpark (required by planning regulations).

The Society is in negotiation to buy the building and required land and hopes to complete the purchase this summer.

The whole project will cost about £150,000. They plan to apply to the National Heritage Lottery, East Devon District Council and other grant giving bodies for about 75% of the cost. The remainder they are required to raise themselves before the current regulations allow them to make these applications. To date they have raised £31,000 and need a further £6,500.

As a means of raising this amount there will be a Grand Heritage Raffle with 1st Prize of £500, 2nd Prize £200, 3rd Prize £50 plus many other prizes. Tickets cost 50p and are on sale from History Society members and The New Fountain Inn. They will also be on sale in The Square on Saturday 12th August from 9pm to noon and also in The Victory Hall on the evening of Friday 29th September when the draw for prizes will take place.

The support of the readers would be appreciated in assisting The Society in their fund raising efforts.

Bob Roberts

BIG NIGHT IN!

EVENTS FOR THE AUTUMN
(a little way off but put them in your diaries now)

THE WEIRD SISTERS with *Its Uncanny*

Performed over 150 times across 3 continents, the show has been a hit world wide and can be seen here on

**Saturday 21st October 2000
at 7.30pm at the Victory Hall, Whimble.**

Tracing the lives of two girls Steph and Jo through school, adolescence, as students, thirty-somethings and finally as a pair of mischievous old ladies in a residential home, it is a genuine audience pleaser. It is suitable for age 14 upwards.

Its Uncanny won Best Show Award and the Peoples Choice Award at the Vancouver Fringe Festival (1998) and received rave reviews from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Often hilarious, sometimes disturbing but always honest... "a unique blend of highly flammable humour" Edinburgh Evening News.... "Wickedly inventive and tear-inducingly funny" Glasgow Herald

KEN HAINES with *Goldilocks and The Three Bears* a great show suitable for 4 year olds upwards

**Saturday 9th December 2000 (afternoon)
at the Victory Hall, Whimble
(check next Whimble News for time)**

This is the tale of a small bear, a medium sized bear, an enormous bear and a girl with problem hair. This is Frank Muirs re-telling of the fairy story which has a twist in the telling. In his hilarious version, *Goldilocks* is no angel and bears get airsick!

And for the Spring..... a music event which is still to be confirmed. However, we are delighted to be able to welcome back **Ben Osborne** who delighted a full house at the Victory Hall in February with *Life in the Freezer*. This time he will bring his new show **Common Source** taking a spectacular journey along two great British rivers, the Severn and the Wye on **Saturday 31st March 2001**

Organisations in Whimble

Whimble Parish Council

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Whimble History Society

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Whimble Mothers Union

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Whimble Pre-School & Toddler Group

Chair: Mrs. Sarah Griffin Hillcroft, Church Rd. Tel: 823265
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Whimble Womens Institute

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Chairman: Mr. A. Bratt, Rockwell, Talaton Tel: 822437

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