

Whimble News



Oct/Nov 2003

What's on in Whimble

October

5 th	Over 60's Mystery Trip/Sunday Lunch		10.00am
11 th	Over 60's Coffee Morning	Victory Hall	10-12noon
14 th	WI Meeting	Victory Hall	7.30pm
21 st	Over 60's Talk	Victory Hall	2.30pm
31 st	History Society – Annual Auction	Victory Hall	7.00pm

November

1 st	Big Night In – Subitango	Victory Hall	8.00pm
4 th	Over 60's Shopping Trip – Barnstaple		9.00am
11 th	Over 60's Talk – Miss Cooke	Victory Hall	2.30pm
11 th	WI Meeting	Victory Hall	7.30pm
22 nd	Coffee and Cake-Church Restoration Fund	Victory Hall	10.30am

December

5 th	Senior Citizens Christmas Party	Victory Hall	7.00pm
9 th	WI Meeting	Victory Hall	7.30pm
10 th	Over 60's Christmas Lunch	Honiton Motel	
11 th	Orchard Harmony Christmas Concert	St Mary's Church	

St Mary's Church

Monthly Programme of Services

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

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 Angela Smith on 822828 or e-mail Angela1smith@aol.com

Ed the Ed

Our thoughts have been with the brave members of the Over 60's Club after that coach crash on 10th September. They have suffered a variety of injuries, but are now on the road to repair, and are still determined to continue with such trips out, which I think is great.

Talking of brave, we have our own Pam Scanlan who abseiled off Exeter College for charity. In my books that took courage, so well done Pam!!

I always have a slight nagging worry as we put the magazine together, as to whether we will have enough quality content that will appeal to all our readers – and as ever, you have not let us down!! That man Alex Spry has emerged from The Feniton Tardis, knees intact, waving a composition for our pages, and those knees warrant a couple of other mentions in this edition. We have the Palmer family celebrating their sunflower success in a local TV competition; a report on the fun cricket match and the proceeds from that being donated to the History Society, plus proud Mum and Dad (Karen and Geoff Delves) and their competition about young Jack, and lots of great stories about what this village is up to/about to get up to!

The 'invisible back room operative' of this esteemed organ, one Kevin Thompson has just celebrated the big 40. Happy birthday to Kevin, - he does a great job for us in producing the magazine as you see it today. I suppose that it is all downhill from here, so keep an eye out for those printing gremlins!

Once again, thanks for our donations handed over the counter at the PO – we really appreciate your support.

November 7th will be a big day for our most consistent contributor, Edith Grout, who will not only be celebrating her 85th birthday but also officially launching her book of articles from all her years of writing 'From My Window in The Square'. That is a brilliant achievement, and just goes to show what you can do when you put your mind to it! Congratulations Edith!

I wonder if I could do the same with an edition on 'The Knees' in a few years time? I know that they are being tuned to perfection at this very moment, ready for the annual 'big spend', when that well known voice at the back of the History Society Auction on October 31st will be booming 'I'll give you 10p for that and can I have a hand to load up the trailer?' Get your seats for the auction itself and the chance to be close to The Knees.

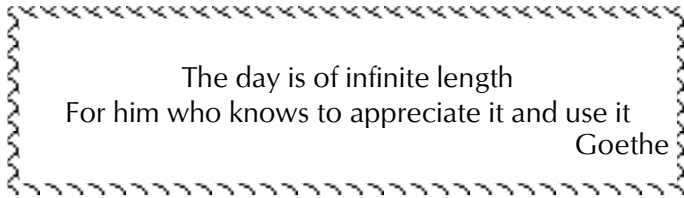
I see that the conker season is upon us.....all those happy memories of '6ers' plus bruised knuckles when a well planned shot went dramatically wrong and the errant conker gave you an unexpected belt. I suppose that these days you would need to play it with a hard hat and counselling for the loser!!

A final whimsey from Daphne Rastall who overheard a lost delivery driver asking where 'Dangerous Mouse junction' was. Apparently, he had misheard 'Daisy Mount junction' but I think I prefer the new version.

The magazine has been super this time, with lots of different articles from you folk – please keep them coming and note the due date for the December issue, to be at the PO by 12th November, or direct to the 'Abseiling Champion Companion', young Bob, on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk.

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout



For many years my loving family and friends world-wide have asked me to collect all my articles 'From My Window in the Square' in book form and I thought it would be a way to celebrate my 85th birthday. It is thanks to the encouragement of our beloved Wendy Wilkinson and my doctor and friend, Nigel de Souza, that I decided to take the plunge. The good news is that it is now in the process of being printed and will be delivered to The Old Manse end of October by Brightsea Press Ltd of Exeter Airport Business Park. The press launch will be at Ottery Office and Computers Ltd, 24 Mill Street by kind invitation of Alan and Maggie Stacey, on Friday 7th November, the day of my 85th birthday. Books will be sold and signed on that occasion. Ottery Tourist Office and Ottery Office and Computers Ltd have offers to sell 'FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE', for which I am most grateful. The launch will be by invitation.

Just to give you a glimpse of what's to come, here is a resume of the conclusion to my life story: -

My life in childhood was a kind of fairy tale where the skies always seem to be blue, even in my memories now. Our life was innocent, touching a world of discovery, marvel and wonder. Those Summer holidays with the goatherd up in the mountains with carpets of beautiful alpines and later, our family holidays on Lake Neuchatel, near the famous Grandson Castle. My childhood hero was Othon I, a knight of great renown. Little did I know that I would rediscover the de Grandson family when we moved to Exeter and soon learnt that the very nephew of my hero was the seventeenth bishop of Exeter. How amazing! I can honestly say we were 'free range children' in the best sense of the word.

Then came the world of change when my whole mind was opening to the joy of learning, of music, of art and colour; the time for friendships too. I became more aware of the rich pattern of life, I gained experience and with it a greater appreciation of things I used to take for granted. I also became more selective in my choices, which brought me a great inner joy and a sense of achievement and was richer for it.

My first coming to England was as a visitor, followed by an interesting job as the secretary of the advertising manager of the great food company Nestle's in Hayes, Middlesex. Then my student days at Cambridge having been offered a sabbatical by the head firm in Switzerland and finally and happily my marriage to Jack Grout, at the time General Manager of Brown's Hotel in the West End of London; another wonderful chapter in my rich life. It was full of surprises. I had to adapt to a life in a hotel with no privacy whatsoever. How I hankered for the freedom of my Swiss Alps. How I longed for a breath of fresh air in the stifling and polluted atmosphere of London town. I felt like an edelweiss in a flowerpot trying to survive. At the time I was not a working wife but life was never dull.

Then came the move to Glorious Devon. From a lady of leisure I became a hard working wife as the proprietors of the Gipsy Hill Hotel in Pinhoe. It was so marvellous to create something together with Jack. As a Swiss our guests assumed that I was a first class hotelier and yet it was my English husband who was a dedicated professional hotelier of international renown.

THE JOURNEY COUNTS AS MUCH AS THE DESTINATION

DIARY DATE - THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN THE CHURCH

Orchard Harmony and The Quillan Sax Quartet are hoping to build on the great success of last year's concert - watch out for more details nearer the time. Proceeds to the Church Tower Fund.

EVERYONE WELCOME!
a great start to the festive season.



NEWS FROM P.O. CORNER

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds floating across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.
Sir J.W.Lubbock (colleague of Charles Darwin)



What a joy it was in the summer now past to 'rest' and not be considered idle!

Nails in the Coffin Lid:

The national cumulative data for the new "Post Office Card Account" shows that of those invited to change to payment in a bank account only 18% of those claiming Child Benefit have chosen the P.O. Card Account - yes only 18% - whereas 57% of pensioners have so chosen. 57% is not bad but obviously way down on what we hope for but the 18% is the sort of figure that will see P.O.s die all over the country. Maybe the young mums of today will not have a local P.O. when it is time for them to collect their pensions, mail etc and it may well be their own fault. Too many do not use the P.O. for collection of child benefit nor pay the many bills that can now be paid FREE at the P.O. - a big thank you from all who need the P.O. to those that help to keep it open.

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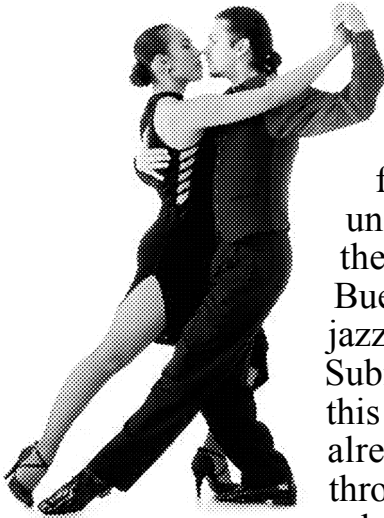
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Oct	5th	Mystery Trip/Sunday Lunch (details later)		10am
	11th	Coffee Morning	- Victory Hall	10am - 12noon
	21st	Talk (T.B.A)	- Victory Hall	2.30pm
Nov	4th	Shopping Trip	- Barnstaple	9.00am £4.50
	11th	Talk - Miss Cooke	- Victory Hall	2.30pm
Dec	10th	Christmas Lunch - Honiton Motel (details later)		
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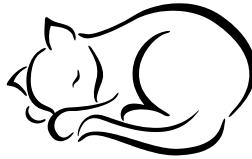
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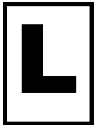


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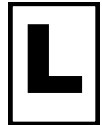
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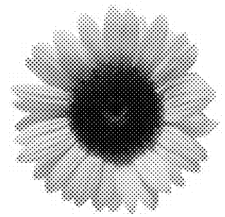
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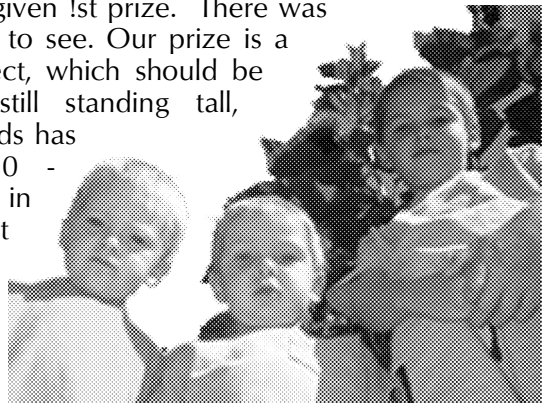


It seems so long ago that I was browsing through the seed catalogues deciding on this year's horticultural gems. We tend towards high yield, low effort crops - runner beans called Enorma, 6ft tall peas (easier to pick) and, of course, giant sunflowers (yeah, right - last years V.P.A entries were supper for slugs). Sunflowers, of course, are great for children to grow and watch.

They were destined for a new flower bed, filled entirely with garden compost - straight from the heap. In they went when a few inches tall, and up they went skywards,...and up...and up! By the end of July there were 6 huge plants (though not a flower to be seen yet) and they were still growing - pity the V.P.A didn't have a competition this year! Then our neighbour Nigel mentioned Carlton T.V Birthday People's competition and how he would be very willing to take some photos & E-mail them to Carlton. So he did. With Sam, Tom & Robbie brandishing watering cans, on a beautiful sunny day (of which we've had plenty this year).

Nigel set to with the digital camera and we got some excellent photos.

The results were shown on Monday 15th September, so we eagerly sat around the T.V, delighted to be given 1st prize. There was our photo in all it's glory, for all to see. Our prize is a family day out at the Eden Project, which should be fantastic. The sunflowers are still standing tall, although the size of the seed heads has bowed them over a bit, 10 - 13" (33cm) across. The birds are in for a real feast. the tallest plant was about 13' or nearly 4m, with the others not far below. It just goes to show what garden compost can do.



Emma Palmer

WHIMPLE HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION OF ITEMS AND PLEDGES FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER

The above will be held in the Victory Hall starting at 7pm on Friday 31st October, conducted by Oaks & Partners of Cullompton. Viewing will take place from 3pm.

Items for the Auction will be accepted at the Heritage Centre (New Fountain Inn car park) on Thursday 23rd October from 5pm to 7pm and on Saturday 25th October from 10am to 12 noon.

Items should be capable of being carried by one person, i.e. no large items of furniture. Also, no clothing or electrical items please.

If you are unable to take items at the above times please contact the Society Treasurer, telephone 822311, before the 23rd October, to make arrangements.

The Society is also seeking 'pledges' of benevolence, help, provision of work or similar, to be auctioned. If you can provide any of these please also notify the Treasurer.

WHIMPLE HERITAGE CENTRE

The Centre closed for the winter period at the end of September. It will re-open in early April 2004. During its closure some of the displays will be renewed, using articles donated to the History Society since its opening.

It will be open to group viewing during the winter by prior appointment. Such appointments should be made with the Curator, telephone 822311, giving as much notice as possible.



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There will be a meeting of The Ladies of the Village to make final arrangements in November. Watch for the posters.

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION

The Ladies of Whimple Village invite the Villagers of Whimple who are over 65 years of age (before 1st December 2003) to a Christmas Party at the Victory Hall, Whimple on Friday 5th December 2003 at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Please complete the slip below, cut it out and return it to Lucy Smith by Monday 1st December.



To: Mrs Lucy Smith
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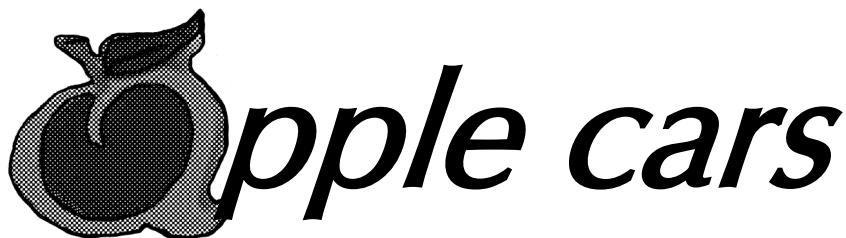
Hoochie Coochie Man

Another bank holiday and yes a visit to The Thirsty Farmer on the Monday evening. Why you may ask? Well other than to quench a thirst after lounging on a beach all day, Blue Swayed Blues were the attraction and what a turn out. The evening was excellent as usual and Paul and his band of merry men entertained the masses.

What does the evening have to do with the song title I wonder, well some of us may have been thinking we were not going to see our ex postie Alex Spry's knees again. Towards the end of the evening The Farmer was serenaded by Alex playing Paul's guitar and singing Hoochie Coochie Man followed by Route 66 wearing his long shorts or were they long because of his short legs, sorry Alex, only joking! Your performance was excellent, a man of hidden talents and obviously enjoyed by everyone by the sound of the applause.

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Charity Cricket Match

A Charity cricket match was held on 14th September and raised £175.60 for the Whimple History Society. This is the second year a Charity match has been held between two teams of villagers. The two Captains, John Kendrew-Welton and Geoff Delves, grabbed anyone willing to have a go, some of whom had not played since their school days. This made it quite an entertaining match and the Umpires, Ben Silk and Martin Millier, must be thanked for their patience, as for some of the bowling, well I won't go into that - you will just have to come along next year and see for yourselves. The whole day was a great success, with big thanks to John's wife Vicki for organising the BBQ. There was also a 50/50 draw that was won by Karrie Martin and myself, which was donated back to the Charity. I would also like to thank the Whimple Cricket Club for the use of their facilities and Roger Smith for serving us much needed liquid refreshment. Kevin Thompson who did the scoring had his work cut out not knowing who was who - the scoresheet read 'Batsman - t.booo How Out - stumped wheato Bowler - young lady' - thanks Kevin. Thanks indeed to everyone who took part in playing or just supporting - hope to see you all again next year.



Guess the weight

Congratulations to Ann Pratt for guessing the correct weight of baby Jack Delves, who was born on Saturday 26th July and weighed 7lb 4oz. We raised £30.00 for the History Society. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Karen Delves

Winter

Phil Dominy completes his thoughts on his first four seasons in Whimple

The first cold snap arrived on Dec 7th, and then the fields outside my window whitened with a little snow on the 10th – a rare sight for the West Country apparently. However, true to the fickle English weather and Devon's grass-growing heritage, later in the month it became much milder and I had to get out the lawnmower!

Before we'd had the snow, Christmas was upon us! The Advent Carols by Candlelight on Dec 1st ushered in a special time for us: our first Christmas in Devon. I 'tenored' in the choir, alongside a merry, but small group of enthusiasts! (Quality rather than quantity?) Please come along to swell this year's numbers. Only a week later was another age-old rite - the Christingle service - which the children loved, though the parents seemed more concerned to discourage pyromania! And yet even more was on offer the following week at 'Service with a Smile' - Christmas fun and games, with over 50 kids having a riot! For families, this monthly experience is not to be missed.

After the usual round of visits to dubiously conspicuous Santas (Rev. Geoff was that you?!), a few more parties and Carol Services, Christmas had at last come - Stockings to start, Church to freshen the palate, Turkey for main, Games for dessert, washed down with Only Fools & Horses! New Year was hot on the heels - sadly we missed Ed's reported festivities in the Thirsty Farmer and the Square, but happily we were with Whimple friends having a great time - though none of us did ever solve that Murder Mystery.

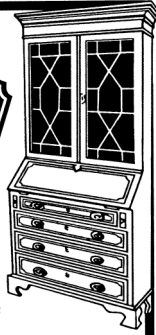
The rest of winter seemed to bypass me. (I was abroad on business a lot.) I gather the cold and unsettled January gave way to a dry and sunny February, though still cool. (The coldest night was 11th/12th January, when the temperature fell to a very frosty 21^F, that is -6^C in 'new money'!) The winter was temporarily broken by the Whimpletons at the end of February. Although I was away again, my wife reliably informs me that the 'Robinson Crusoe' Panto was truly a 'hoot'. The kids enjoyed it too, and fortunately the more suspect humour went over their heads!

The 'Village Dream' ended dramatically for us on Sunday March 2nd. We were in church that fateful morning when Wendy Wilkinson suddenly collapsed and died. The stunned aftershock lasted for weeks, and even now we can hardly comprehend it. Wendy was such a dear, dear person who had welcomed us so warmly to Whimple. To the question, "Do you have friends here?" Wendy's last words were, "Oh, I have lots of friends here". We'll never forget her smile and her reassurance; though the 'dream' had ended, the reality for us was that already we had lots of friends in Whimple...

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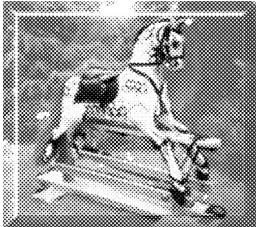
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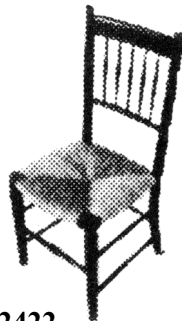
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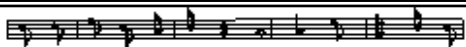
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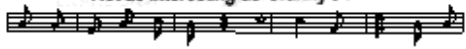


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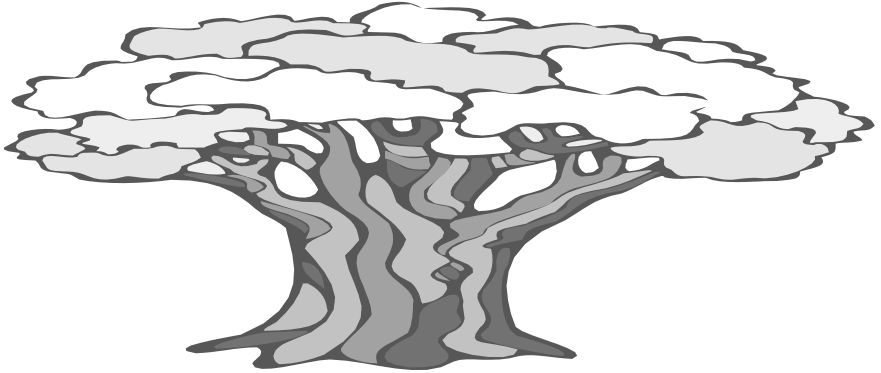


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The Golden Anniversary Show proved to be one of the best ever. Although it did not break any records in respect of number of entries or exhibitors, it certainly was a "Golden Show" in many other ways. It must have been the hottest day the show has ever been staged and the Victory Hall was back to its colourful best with a wonderful display of exhibits in all the classes. All our judges commented on the high standard of the exhibits and how hard it was to judge some of the classes.

As always, the Children's Sections produced their usual very colourful and extremely imaginative entries. We were pleased to see entries in all the classes this year and the trophy winners were, Laura Beedall winning the Cygnets Cup, Abbis Macklin winning the Basildon Award, Kitty Macklin winning The Fletcher Cup and May Kendrew-Welton winning The Children's Challenge Cup.

Marion Turner was once again a worthy winner in the Homecraft and Beer and Wine Sections. It is always interesting to see just how victoria sponges and fruit cakes we can get on the snooker table as there seem to be more and more each year.

There were joint winners in the Arts and Crafts section this year with Rachel Owen sharing the honours with Richard Styles. Special mention in this class must go to Myrtle Dockings whose entry not only won the Whimple Craft Cup for the best exhibit in the section, but also was awarded a certificate of Merit, and it was the first time she had entered!

The flower arranging was back to its very best with an outstanding set of arrangements. It was good to see so many wonderful exhibits and all of such high standard. Of particular note was the second place won by Andy Bratt in the class for A Country Of Your Choice. Even our judge wasn't able to pick out which exhibit had been done by a man, so congratulations to Andy.

Finally in the largest section, Section 1 Flowers and Vegetables, there were many good entries in these classes. After the disappointing number of flower exhibits last year, there were many quality exhibits this year which added much colour to the show. The overall winner in this keenly contested section was Gerald Radford.

It was good to see many new exhibitors in all the sections this year and hopefully you will be keen to try again next year.

We were grateful to Margaret Burrough for giving out all the prizes and we hope that everyone will take up her challenge of introducing a new exhibitor for next year's show.

Our congratulations to all the trophy winners and our thanks to all those who entered and made the show such a success. We look forward to your entries for next year! We are always very grateful to our judges who give up their time and of course to all those people who come along to help set up the show and clear up afterwards.

After we had cleared up we celebrated our Golden Show on the lawn at Sandfords where we were able to enjoy a barrel of the local O'Hanlon's brew. After such a hot day it went down very well.

Paul Wilson,
Hon. Secretary.

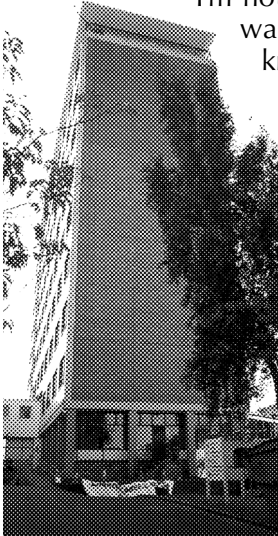
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**WHIMPLE FLOWER SHOW 2003
CUP WINNERS**

<u>Section 1 Flowers and Vegetables:</u>	<u>WINNER</u>
The Whimble Folk Cup	Gerald Radford
The Win and Bob Shepherd Cup	Paul Wilson
The Slewton Cup	Paul Wilson
The President's Cup	Mrs J. Ward
<u>Section 2 Pot Plants:</u>	
The Briar Trophy	Michael Mallett
<u>Section 3 Homecraft:</u>	
The Sir Henry Imbert - Terry Cup	Marion Turner
<u>Section 4 Beer and Wine:</u>	
The Cranny Brook Cup	Marion Turner
<u>Section 5 Floral Arrangement:</u>	
The Sandfords Cup	Marion Styles
The Marie Louise Grout Cup	Emma Palmer
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy	Pat Abbott
<u>Section 6 Arts and Crafts:</u>	
The Len Rose Memorial Cup	Richard Styles & Rachel Owen
The Whimble Craft Cup	Myrtle Dockings
<u>Section 7 Photography:</u>	
The Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup	Andy Bratt & Tony Hindle
<u>Section 8 Junior Classes Children Under 5 Years:</u>	
The Cygnets Cup	Laura Beedell
<u>Section 9 Junior Classes Children 5 to 7 Years:</u>	
The Basildon Award	Abi Macklin
<u>Section 10 Junior Classes Children 8 to 11 Years:</u>	
The Fletcher Cup	Kitty Macklin
<u>Section 11 Junior Classes Children 12 to 15 Years:</u>	
The Children's Challenge Cup	May Kendrew - Welton

The Abseil - was it bravery or madness?

"Well at least I'll never have to do that again!" these were my first words when my very wobbly legs finally hit the ground! Like so many things, it had seemed like a good idea at the time. I had never abseiled before, but I'm not afraid of heights so no problem there. I knew the event was well organised by the Chudleigh rock climbers. and I knew there was absolutely no danger. However on the 13th September when I stood at the bottom of the wall looking up to watch others coming down, I suddenly realised what I was about to do and was overcome by sheer terror.



The training went well (all five minutes of it on the end of a rope tied to a handrail, my feet firmly on the ground.) I went up in the lift to the eighth floor and walked up to the top floor with a heavy heart and a sinking stomach. Everyone was very supportive and encouraging but I felt so sick that I honestly wondered if I would ever do it! However I felt I had no choice. This was a real opportunity to say thank you to everyone who had helped me during my illness and with their care and skill enabled me to be well enough to even contemplate such a stunt. So I went for it! It is

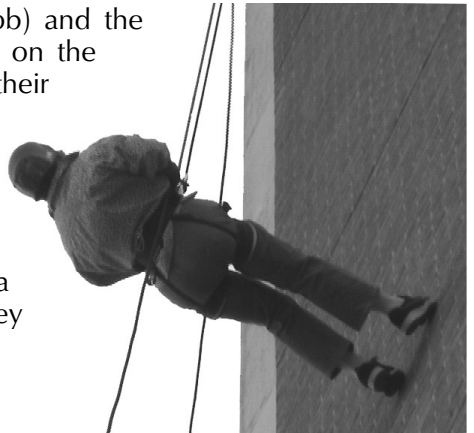
the most frightening thing I have ever done! I believe I now know the meaning of absolute terror. I somehow managed to climb over the railing at the top, but had great difficulty letting go of the handrail and giving myself to the rope. Eventually I was on my way down and the cheers from the ground below made me aware of just how many people were routing for me. I did not enjoy the ordeal, but when I landed everyone congratulated me and I must admit to feeling quite chuffed with myself.

I could not possibly have done this without the support of my family (especially Bob) and the many friends who either turned up on the day to cheer me on or held me in their thoughts at the crucial time.

A great big heartfelt thank you to everyone who sponsored me. Together we raised in excess of £1200! In total the event raised over £12,500 so we have made a significant contribution to the Kidney Unit's target of £55,000.

So, what's next for me? Who knows?

Pam Scanlan.



WHIMPLE W.I.

Although there was no official meeting in August, many of our members enjoyed a tea party in the garden of Bradcott House where we were treated to "Tea at the Ritz" type refreshments, lovely sunshine and pleasant company.

September was an open meeting and we were very pleased to welcome many visitors. Our speaker, David Ramsden, from The Barn Owl Trust, used slides to demonstrate his talk on the life and habits of the Barn Owl. He made special reference to the changing habitat around us which is causing a serious decline in these beautiful creatures. He left us with the thought that we can all do something, however small, to help save our environment and protect our wonderful surroundings.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 14th October will be a cookery demonstration and we would love to welcome any potential new members - - - ring me on 823450 or just come along that evening at 7.30 p.m.

We also meet informally most Wednesday afternoons, in member's houses, to work on various crafts or just sit and have a chat over a cup of tea.

As part of the Devon Federation of the W.I. we will be collecting certain household items for the "Sunshine Appeal" to help seriously deprived communities in Africa. (for example baby clothes, sewing materials or garden tools) If anyone would like information on this please contact me.

Ann Bowden Secretary. Tel. 823450



WHIMPLE OVER 60'S CLUB

The Whimple Over 60's Social Club members who were involved in the tragic accident on the coach trip between Looe and Polperro on Wednesday September 10th would like to thank all those who showed concern over our health and well being on our return to the village. Reactions from all quarters of the village and it's surrounds were heart warming and much appreciated. So too were the messages received from all parts of the country including one from Angela Browning our local MP.

The article below has been received from Major Disraeli Aster, who has been a correspondent in the past concerning a novel proposal about congestion charging in the village.

Sir,

I note in your last edition, that you mention the knees of Alex Spry; I am pleased to tell you that and I and a few other public-spirited folk in this fine village of ours, have formed a committee for The Protection and Husbandry of Alex Spry Knees (PHASK). It is important that The Knees are regarded as part of our National Heritage and are cared for as such.

Your readers may not be aware that in the army, when the colours of the regiment are replaced, there is a ceremony of the laying up of the colours. Such a ceremony took place a few weeks ago with The Knees of Alex Spry, when they had their last (formal) public display and they were laid up for the winter. The knees were paraded for the last time in the village, carried proudly under a fine pair of khaki shorts as the present custodian of The Knees (one Mr Alex Spry) performed the ancient ceremony of the distribution of the Yellow Pages.

The Knees were accompanied by the massed band of the Whimble Ferret Hurling Club - penny whistle, biscuit tin and comb and paper. (Children do not attempt comb and paper music at home with the new soft toilet roll - you will fill the house with something that resembles confetti, make no noise at all, and annoy your parents). The Knees were paraded to the fast march 'Green Knees' (trad) and then a slow march 'Will your knees no come back again' (arr. Piztd), played on the church tower by a lone piper, which is of course, different from a daily piper or an evening piper . In respect, many houses closed their curtains as The Knees passed by and eyes were averted to the wall; some were closed for fear of frightening the children and household pets.

The Knees will be laid up at a secret location in Talaton where they will be comprehensively overhauled, rubbed down and made ready for the rigours of the new year. The Committee has decided against the application of mahogany stain, and will leave The Knees their natural colour, but there will be exfoliation with brown parcel tape at some time in the spring, to reveal The Knees in all their glory.

We are hoping to extend the Wassailing ceremony in January to include The Knees, so that we may ensure a good display of Knees later in 2004. It will consist of the Wassail Queen throwing toast and cider at The Knees, whilst the assembled riflemen of the village will fire into The Knees to scare away evil spirits and ensure a good growth of leg hair. We are sure that the current custodian of The Knees will enter into the spirit of the ceremony. The Empire can expect no less.

I already have a long list of keen volunteers who wish to help with the refurbishment and care of The Knees over the winter months, especially with the rubbing down and exfoliation, so there is a waiting list. However, the Committee and I are open to influence, and anyone wishing to join that list should not be afraid to approach us with a glass of foaming ale as a gift, and we will consider the request.

I must warn your readers of possible imitations that may be passed off as The Knees of Alex Spry – only the genuine Knees are connected to the current custodian, Mr Alex. Beware of all others!!

Yours, aye - Major Dis Aster



Christmas is just around the corner!

As I write this at the end of September we seem to be enjoying an Indian summer, and it seems far too early to be thinking about Christmas and the coming New Year. However that season will be with us all too soon and elsewhere in this magazine you will find that Gordon has provided details of the last posting dates to be sure your cards arrive in time for Christmas.

In our next edition of Whimble News will try to keep you up to date with all of the seasonal events and other information such as opening times over the holiday period. So please bear in mind our publishing date and let either Angela Smith (822828) or Gordon at the Post Office know about any events you are planning by 12th November at the latest so we can include them in our Christmas edition.

Bob Scanlan

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE CROSSING KEEPER'S HUT

Well, sorry it's taken so long to write – I've just recovered from all the attention gained from the article regarding me knees! I'm still signing July/August copies – hurry whilst stocks (and the pen) last.

Nice to see so many familiar faces buying tickets/railcards at Feniton, and making rail enquiries (National Rail Enquiries is also located in the Tardis at Feniton).

The new job is working out excellently for both my family and myself – Shelley, Graham and Emily see a lot more of me now than when I was acting supervisor for Royal Mail, so they're pleased as well. My new job poses new challenges everyday - customers wanting to buy things from behind a glass screen – some anxious, some kind, some aggressive (I never realised what it could be like for GO@PO!) and more importantly, the responsibility of a heavy lump of metal travelling up to 85 mph between Whimble and Honiton and vice versa.

Thank you to you all for putting up with me as your postman for 7 years in Whimble, at some point to some addresses, and on a couple of days, to all addresses!

Moving on from Post and Rail, I want to mention Scouts in Whimble – four things –

1. Thank you to all the Leaders and helpers for all your work over the past years and the forthcoming one. It wouldn't happen without you!
2. Thank you to the new committee and the Church group for the hard work undertaken over the holiday to make the Scout Hut more habitable.
3. Thank you to John and Vicky for their hard work in the porch and reinstalling a water supply in time for the opening Cub night.
4. And also a BIG thank you to Mrs Frances Pratt who retires as Group Treasurer after 41 years! Good luck with your operation and get well soon.

Good luck also to Andrew Hart who has kindly taken over this important role.

ALSO JUST TO KEEP YOU UP TO DATE –

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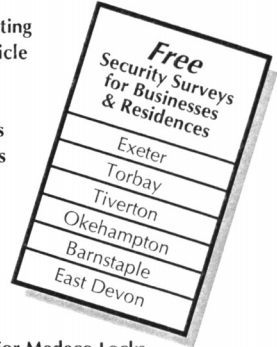
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Sarah Folland (Hospiscare's Director of Nursing) told us something of the work undertaken and reminded us that at any one time Hospiscare is caring for 600 patients -and their families. Mike Walker (Chairman) continued by outlining the huge financial undertaking needed to continue such an extensive service in Exeter, East and Mid Devon.

This occasion eclipsed both previous evenings and, although the final figure is not yet available, we know the total will exceed £1 ,000!!!

This was accomplished by hard work and enthusiasm by every individual who helped in any way. On behalf of Hospiscare I can only express appreciation and my own personal and deepest gratitude to all who took part.

Rose-Marie Burrows

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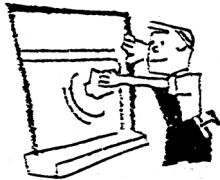
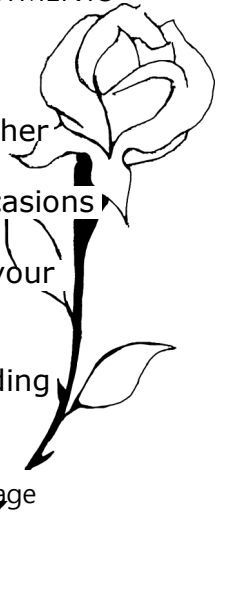
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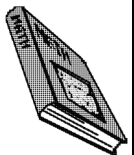
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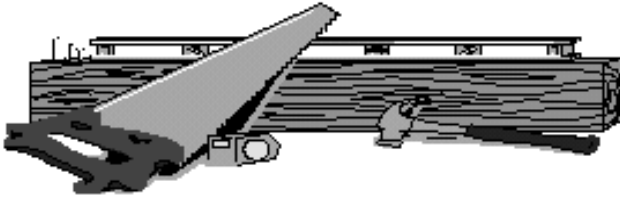
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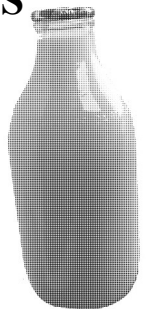
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- Carry a torch with you

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Having volunteered as a keyholder you need to know the whereabouts of the owner should they need to be contacted? If the property has been broken into, or damaged, **IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** on behalf of the owner for any temporary repairs.

It has been a bone of contention for a long time that the cost of calling the police to report a crime was at a premium 6p rate; this **has now been halved to 3p.**

The new BT 'phone book (recently delivered page 231) gives full details of all the ways of contacting the police.

Also did you know that **112** is now used in all European Union countries as **an alternative to 999** - this includes the UK?

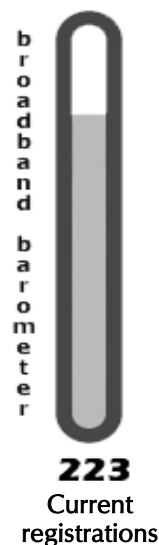
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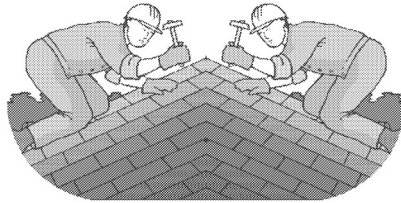
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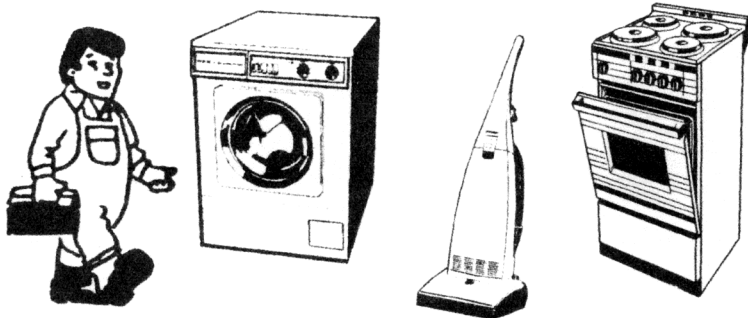
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If you are able to help in any way or have some good fundraising ideas, please come to a meeting in the committee room of the Victory Hall on Thursday 20th November at 7.30 pm

The Saturday morning 'coffee in church' sessions from May to September raised £789 for the Restoration Fund. Although it is not practical to continue with these in the winter months, we are holding a 'coffee and cake' session in the Victory Hall committee room on Saturday 22nd November from 10.30 am 'til noon.

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Every Sunday starting in May, Whimble Tennis Club sponsored sessions which were open to anyone, member or not. The aim was to encourage people to take up tennis, and the lessons proved it could be fun! Peter Clarke, Lawn Tennis Association coach and teacher at the East Devon Tennis Centre in Exmouth, came to Whimble to coach pupils in this worthwhile and enjoyable sport. Whimble Tennis Club who sponsored the lessons for which pupils paid £2.50 an hour, is very lucky to have found Peter and thrilled with his commitment to help the club. Peter has many ideas for the development of tennis and has kindly offered to advise the club in future.

Starting with basics such as rolling a ball along the line of the court to a partner, standing on one leg and touching the ground, agility-improvement by way of a game reversing plastic saucers and learning how to have 'happy feet', Peter coached groups of up to 10 children and in a later session, some adults too. Calmly and with concentration, the pupils acquired some valuable skills and results began to emerge. During the course of this summer's lessons, occasional rain was steadfastly ignored and the players learned by example not to bat an eyelid until the water actually poured off the forehead into the eye. After the lesson and several repetitions of these conditions, children emerged refreshed, their complexions bright and clean.



Our village court is a gem – although amenities are modest, people are undoubtedly fond of its green surrounds, its thick hedges in which any ball is instantly lost for good, and its neighbouring fields. When a game is at a tense moment, the munching of adjacent cows has been known to spoil the concentration of a player. This may account for Whimble Rules – special allowances in certain circumstances.

Tennis Club

A GRAND DAY IN

To round off the summer, the club had an open evening on 7th September after the coaching hour. Appetites were keen after the exercise, and the challenges (take on the coach – best of two games) were enough to make spectators hungry. A radar gun measured serves (registering speeds faster than the speed limit) with a long queue to match the barbecue stand where sausages were on offer. Prizes were won by some young contenders, and there was a memorable moment when a lob from 7-year old Izzy went clean over the coach's reach and earned her victory. Demonstrations of skill came from Peter's two sons. Everyone enjoyed the day, and applauded the serving of a cake in the shape of a tennis racket, neatly strung and inscribed 'WHIMPLE TENNIS CLUB' across the top. Green and white coconut as the base represented an edible court – if you had a spoon with you. But some people found means to eat the 'grass' even without one. Miles, club chairman, summed up the happy mood with thanks for Peter's support, and a card signed by pupils was handed over. Many thanks go to Sue, Terri, Jane and Gill for their assistance with catering. We hope to repeat the experience and prove more amazing physical facts!



Our special thanks goes to Judith Imbo for all her hard work over the summer with the training, and in particular the open evening. It is great to see the court with a few new players on.

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