

Whimble News



April/May 2005

What's on in Whimple

April

9th	Wine and savouries evening	OSM Cricket club	7:30pm
9th	Impact and S club 11 club night	Scout Hut	10:45am
11th	Annual Parish Church Meeting	Victory Hall	7:15pm.
12th	W. I. Meeting	Victory Hall	7:30pm
27th	Orchard Harmony	Victory Hall	7:30pm.
29th	Whimple Cricket Club Race Night	Cricket Club	7:30pm.

May

5th	Tennis club night	Tennis club	7.00pm
7th	Antilena choir	St Mary's Church	7:30pm
8th	Impact and S club 11 club night	Scout Hut	10:45am
14th	Spring Plant sale	Victory Hall	10.00am
21st	Impact and S club 11 club night	Scout Hut	10:45am
27th	After-school the village hall will be closed until Sunday the 5th June for alterations and maintenance		

June

11th	Church Fete		2:30pm
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July

3-9th **Village Week**

St Mary's Church

Monthly Programme of Services

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

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

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

Ed The Ed

I was saddened to hear of the death of Herbie Breyley, who had played such a strong role in the village with his tremendous support for the Whimple Cricket Club, and his work on the Parish Council. We have three tributes later in the magazine that recognise, with more detail, his contribution to village life. He will be sadly missed, and our thoughts are with Janet and with Herbie's family.

Henry Stephen has also died recently, and we will be including tributes to him in our next edition. Our thoughts are with his family as well.

I put this editorial together on Good Friday, and Nicky and I (without pantomime scripts!!!) have just walked past the field on the corner of the Talaton Road. It was one of those 'ah' moments, because we watched a lamb that was only four minutes old (as we found out later) struggling to get to its feet. We must have watched for a good 30 minutes, without a single mention of mint sauce.

I hope that those of you who dared come to the panto, enjoyed our offering this year. I thought that my dress was a work of art and that the standard of scenery and costumes was higher than ever before. See the review of the performance later in the magazine. We all had a lot of fun doing it – as you may have guessed!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Parish Council for their contribution of £150 to our funds. Also thanks to our anonymous contributors who leave donations at the PO – thank you. We have an article about how/where you can find out about the Parish Council Meetings – you will find future dates, and minutes of meetings, on the Notice Board in The Square, opposite the shop. When we have attended, we have learned a lot more about what is going on in the village. Whilst on the theme of publicity, if you are organising an event in the village, please use the Whimple Diary in the Post Office, as it may avoid clashes of dates. I see that we have a busy summer ahead of us just from the dates mentioned in this edition.

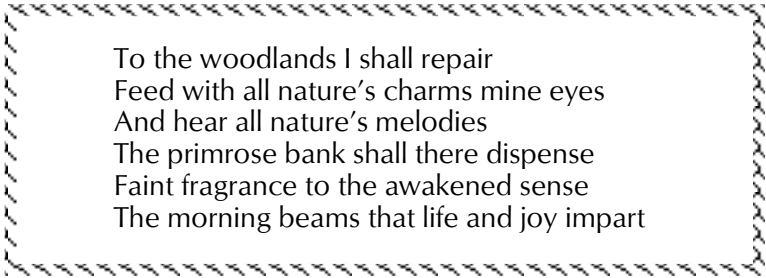
The next due date for contributions is Monday 16th May 2005 – please leave your articles at the PO with Jim and Alison, or blast them through cyber-space to our very own Bob, on bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk.

Enjoy the spring...and the lambs!

Ed H

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout



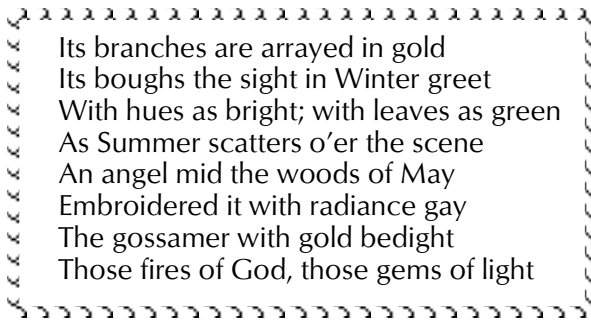
To the woodlands I shall repair
Feed with all nature's charms mine eyes
And hear all nature's melodies
The primrose bank shall there dispense
Faint fragrance to the awakened sense
The morning beams that life and joy impart

In this poem Robert Southey, friend of our Ottery poet Coleridge and poet laureate in 1813, depicts so well the beauty of a Spring morning with banks of primroses and the sweet melodies of our song birds. Spring means the warming of the soil. On some Spring days I almost imagine that I see the plants growing, especially when the earth smells good. I love to go out in my garden first thing in the morning to take in all that is so beautiful around me and particularly the great peace. The poet Chaucer chose 'aprille with its showres swot' as the pleasantest month for his Canterbury pilgrims to set forth on their journey garnished with garlands of the fairest flowers.

This year Easter has already come and gone, it is as early as it can be. There is a saying that an early Easter will be yellow with daffodils, a late one white with narcissi. This year Easter also coincided with the beginning of British Summer time. The name of this month of April derives from the Greek for opening. In many countries, the first of April has long been appropriated to a facetious custom for which no satisfactory origin has been assigned. On April Fool's day we used to relish as children to send an unsuspecting person on a bootless errand. In Scotland, it is called 'hunting the gwok', in France 'poisson d'avril'. On April 23rd, St George's day is celebrated. In the Middle Ages he was the personification of the ideals of Christian chivalry. The image of a knight killing a dragon is very powerful. In a picture by the painter Raphael in 1503, it is St Michael who is represented killing the dragon and his emblem strangely enough is what is now the cross of St George. With the invention of gunpowder and the consequent diminution of the importance of the sword and lance, his popularity faded, a process largely completed by the Reformation in England. Later St George superseded St Edward the Confessor and St Edmund of East Anglia as patron saints of England. Now the cross of St George is mainly used in international sporting events by the 'barmy army'.

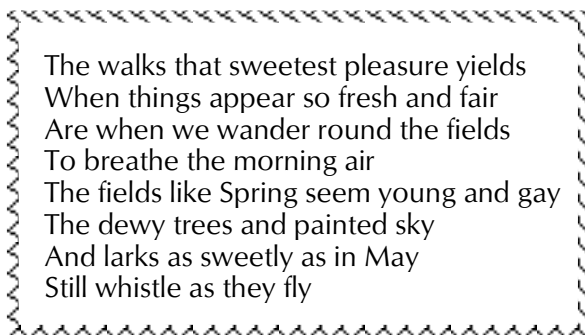
After April comes the merry month of May. When I stop to consider the landscape of glorious Devon, green is the predominant colour, and what a luscious green it is. In recent years we also get used to seeing fields of strident yellow rape oil seeds and I wonder sometimes if I really like it and decided yes I do; it lightens the landscape from dawn to dusk, even by moonlight when it looks really quite dramatic. I never know which is the best, Spring or Autumn. I love Spring for the leaf buds bursting and unfolding gracefully. I love Spring for the birdsongs and yet I love the warmth and beauty of Autumn colours. In May I find it fascinating to watch the birds especially blackbirds flipping their tails in getting their balance on a branch. The birds seem much gayer and I listen to the male thrush and blackbird when they sing to their loved ones. How eloquently they tell their tale that love still exists on earth.

In May the brooms are at their best; their golden branches glitter in the sunshine, a sight so well described in a Welsh poem



Its branches are arrayed in gold
Its boughs the sight in Winter greet
With hues as bright; with leaves as green
As Summer scatters o'er the scene
An angel mid the woods of May
Embroidered it with radiance gay
The gossamer with gold bedight
Those fires of God, those gems of light

The Welsh often call the broom 'Goldfinch of the meadows'. There is no doubt that the celtic Welsh are great poets and musicians.



The walks that sweetest pleasure yields
When things appear so fresh and fair
Are when we wander round the fields
To breathe the morning air
The fields like Spring seem young and gay
The dewy trees and painted sky
And larks as sweetly as in May
Still whistle as they fly

The common broom (its Latin name *Sarathamnus scoparius*) was formerly called in Latin 'Planta Genista' which became the badge of a long line of British kings 'The Plantagenets'. It is said that one of the original Dukes of Normandy when riding through the countryside noticed the golden branches of the broom, picked a branch and put it in his hat. Hence was born the dynasty of the Plantagenets which gave England such great Kings.

Our Ann

Her Attempt To Be First Woman To Ski Solo To North Pole

This edition of Whimble News could not go by without mention of Ann Daniels. Her exploits (!) have been well reported in the local media but just in case you have been on Mars, missed relevant articles or perhaps just moved into the village here follows a quick catch-up on what she is doing and why she is so precious to us.

On 16th February Ann flew out to Northern Siberia for final preparations and to catch a connecting flight to Cape Arktichevsky. At 81degrees 16' north 95 degrees east this is where her journey was to begin, but because of bureaucratic hold-ups Ann didn't set off on her trek until Saturday 12th March 2005.

She originally had up until 28th April, when the ice starts to break up, but because of the delay the Russian Cerpolex helicopter service has promised her 60 days on the ice and to pick her up on about 10th May. Her later finishing date will not make her journey any more hazardous – but she will have to cope with more open water to cross therefore making the journey more arduous (as if it wasn't already)!

It goes without saying that she will be braving what is considered to be one of the harshest climates on Earth. She will be encountering open water, thin ice, a constantly moving terrain, enormous ice ridges upto 30ft high and plunging temperatures reaching as low as -50 degrees c.

There is very occasional direct contact (having warm phone batteries to be able to make a call causing a bit of a problem!), but her back up team in the UK follow her progress on the tracking beacon which gives off a signal approximately every two hours.

Safety is of paramount importance and Ann is fully trained in Arctic survival. If she comes across vast 'leads' of open water she can put on an orange immersion suit (which was tested out in the family pool before leaving for Siberia!) and swim across still pulling her 220lb canoe shaped sledge. Ann also carries a .44 Magnum handgun in the event that she may be threatened by polar bears and is trekking totally alone relying heavily on her own skill, judgement and sheer determination to reach the Pole.

This trek is no mean feat. The last woman who made an attempt on reaching the Pole solo died in the attempt in 2004 due to the ice breaking up in a storm. Only two men have completed the solo-unsupported trip – first in 1990 and the latest in 2003.

Ann is Britain's only female Polar guide and speaking to the BBC before she left had this to say about why she felt able to take on the challenge whilst leaving her young family at home. **"This is my profession, this is what I do, it allows me to go away for two months then have three years constantly with my children. While I am away they have full support from family and are covered from a loving point of view. As far as the danger is concerned, I take people out and guide them and their lives are in my hands. If I was not 100% sure I know how to deal with the Arctic Ocean I would not be going."**

So what can we add other than **"Well done Ann, we think of you often and wish you every success and look forward to your safe return home, valiant and full of stories to be told in your own inimitable style!"**

Julie Millward

Latest News

After 20 days struggling against the Arctic elements, polar bears and Russian bureaucracy, Ann was eventually given no choice but to climb aboard a helicopter and be flown from the ice. She had thought that the helicopter was flying in to re-supply her. Ann had been on the ice for 20 days and in that time covered 121 nautical miles. This left 399 nautical miles to go, a realistically obtainable target in the 40 days remaining to her. So, unfortunately, her dream of walking solo to the North Pole was not to be.

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Tim Wright

From our new home in France

March 2005

Bonjour everybody,

How are you all? I know, all 'pining' for some more news from Saint Laurent!!

It has been a while since I climbed into my pen, but then I spend the last 2-3 months hibernating underneath a duvet and several layers of clothes, trying to stay warm after the coldest winter in the history of Saint Laurent de la Cabrerisse. The river froze up, the snow went on and on for days, the roads weren't gritted...so if it was too slippery, you thought better of driving down the hill, and social life went down the drain in Saint Laurent. Everyone hurried in and out of doors as quickly as possible and no-one wanted to stop and stand for a chat as it was just bl... Freezing.

Still that was 2 weeks ago and long forgotten now as today 15 March, and actually since last week-end, spring has sprung and with it..YES!..The temperatures! Since the weekend we are looking at temperatures of 18-20 degrees again. Of course we celebrated immediately by getting the bikes warmed up, as, to be honest, it had just been too cold to cycle, because the wind-chill factor made it feel like -10 in the day.

So with full intention we set off on our usual Sunday morning cycle, a respectable 10 km ride to Lagrasse, where we can purchase a Sunday Times (our weekly treat!). We decided to take the back road for the first bit and join the main road half way in a village called Tournisan. Well off we trot, and we arrived in Tournisan, joined the main road...or so we thought! Non! We actually joined 'the Tour de France'...or rather the 'Coupe de Taihleran' which, as we joined the main road in Tournisan via a little back street, we didn't realise.... at least not until we were, we thought, being cheered on by the local population. In actual fact they weren't cheering, but shouting at us to get out the way!!! This race, I have you know, is a very serious race, timed to the second and held once a year as a warm up for any serious 'Tour de France contender'. Being surrounded by 14 skin tight Lycra clad David Ginola look-alikes, I left Paul in my wake and cycled twice as fast as normal (well I have to show the locals how it is done on my Ridge-back-city bike!!) I then got out the way as soon as possible in the next available side alley, as inconspicuous as possible... which was no mean task with the wrath of Tournisan's population behind me. Paul experienced pretty much the same I hasten to add! Does this ring a bell with any of you, with a wedding we turned up for in the summer, un-invited...? Hummm, yes it is the same people again!. It reminded us of the English TV advert with the people that turned up in a car race by accident: 'That's lucky!'

Anyway we looked on the news in the evening to see 'if' we were famous and had indeed won the coup de Taihleran, but no...they obviously don't appreciate keen volunteers and newcomers when they see them.

Anyway after this embarrassing episode, we are still alive and well, (and very much noticed!), and we cycled on to Lagrasse, collected the newspaper and this time cycled back all the way via the back road.

This very same week end, (when fame was not appreciated...) it once again became apparent how diverse this country is. Not only did we have the world championship wind-surfing event here along the coast, as well as that at the same time the world snow-board championship was held about 1½ hours drive away in the Pyrenees. How wicked is that! We celebrated our victory of the local Tour de France by getting our shorts out (what a struggle it was to put shorts on after hibernating with warm cocoas under the duvet all winter. I must lose weight!) and spending the rest of the Sunday sunbathing in the back garden. All the birds flew away in horror when they saw our white legs appear! (It could also have something to do with the fact that I have just sown another piece of lawn and that they thought the scarecrows had arrived, but enfin...). Paul and I woke up a couple of hours later both looking like piepo the clown, with red faces and very sunburned. The following day I had to depress myself by cutting down all the plants that had snuffed it during this cold winter. Amongst it my pride and glory, a lovely plumbago. Still always a good excuse for another trip to the garden centre and all that...

We are currently tiling the kitchen walls and floors, the bathroom walls and floors, finishing off the hall, painting and decorating the rental villa in anticipation and readiness of our first German guests of the season this coming Saturday, so things are still pretty hectic. However....YES, the much-coveted E104 form, which we had been waiting for since....what seems like, forever..., finally arrived in the post. This means that we are now officially declared to be paid up on all our taxes and National Insurance payments in the UK, and we now can apply to get a French National Insurance number, register for the French tax system and then finally legally start to work. Hallelujah! Never knew that it was such a long process. They don't tell you these things in 'A Place in the Sun' programs. ('Over Het Roer' to you Dutch folks). Considering we arrived here the end of last May...any budding emigrants, be warned! Patience, Patience, and more Patience!!! C'est la vie en France and in the UK it seems! However..., can anyone explain why this much awaited form from the UK national Insurance had to come all the way from Malmo in Sweden.... as this is where it was posted from, or is this just bureaucracy gone mad???

Anyway hope you are all well and that you are enjoying the spring as much as we are?

Take care, All the best,

Janine and Paul Peryer

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WELL DONE WHIMPLE IN WINTER...

For keeping us going with collections!!!!

THE HONITON collections have started well, its Monday and Wednesday's and quite a different urban setting, and we have had good support from a local volunteer group at the site. Paul, from Southampton University, is completing a comparative study for his PhD on the energetics of composting, comparing us with larger contractors and local authorities. We hope to be pretty efficient, with extremely low compost miles from collections of raw material through to delivery of product to customers.

Last time I mentioned stuff about kitchen waste and why we are not permitted to mix it with garden waste. OR is developing a mobile composter which we hope will meet the very demanding regulations. With CRED funding we hope to start with a 500 house trial in Honiton. In the meantime do **CARRY ON COMPOSTING AT HOME**.

NOW SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES:

Very soon you will be leafleted to explain our new rates and charges:

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OPERATIONAL CHANGES:

From May 1st every household must have at least one OTTER ROTTERS garden bag. There are several important reasons for this, explained in detail in the Spring leaflet. Bags can be purchased for £2.50 from Whimple Stores (while you're there fill them with shop merchandise-they make lovely shoulder bags too!)

THE COLLECTION CHARGE will be 50p per bag (any bag) since OR garden bags are a massive 120 litres, this represents very good value indeed. All bags must be liftable by a fit person. Our charge for BUILDERS BAGS remains unaltered at £4.00. Pay tags can be bought from the stores or PO. and our continued thanks for helping out.

Finally remember to put out your stuff on Tuesdays 29/3,12/4 etc, and save yourself all that terrible queuing, car wear and tear, down time and probable insults (?!!) at the deplorably small Woods Farm recycling centre.

Thanks for supporting OTTER ROTTERS and call me if you need advise or would like to join in, there are many interesting tasks for all ages and genders.

Hugh Roberts 822651.

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ORCHARD HARMONY NEWS

Orchard Harmony, Whimple's very own ladies vocal harmony group is nearly three years old. How things have moved on from the very first meeting at my house, seven of us nervously sitting in my study, clutching a glass of wine, and wondering what we had let ourselves in for!!

Three successful Christmas Concerts, a wedding, cabaret spot at the over 65's Christmas Party, a Musical Quiz Evening, and entertaining at the Thirsty Farmer – are positive experiences we can look back on.

Our next venture is to put on a concert in St Mary's Church, Whimple including the Vivaldi Gloria, an extremely tuneful choral piece, complete with strings and soloists. We are aiming for October / November 2005, and are looking for new members.

If you like singing, enjoy female company (and the odd glass or two of wine!), and are up for a challenge, then come along on Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. You do not have to read music, I compile rehearsal tapes for everyone, so you can annoy your loved ones by singing around the house!

Please give me a ring on 823585 for more information.

Julia Green

Whimple Victory Hall

The hall will be closed for one week from Friday 27th May until Monday 6th June while improvements are being made. We will be sanding and re-varnishing the floor of the main hall, making alterations to the stage to allow wheelchair access to the billiard room, and renovating the kitchen. We are arranging for all of this work to be carried out at the same time to try to minimise the inconvenience to our regular users. Please bear with us.

There is a change to our Booking Secretary.

If you wish to book the hall for your event the new Booking Secretary is:

Fiona Randall - 822793

MOTHER MOLLY'S HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Now that spring is here and we are all out in the garden, remember to keep up with the weeding, and don't let the weeds flower - remember 'one year's seed is seven year's weed'.

To kill slugs, sprinkle them with salt.

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Marathon Madness

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We have been allocated Gold Bond places, which means we have to raise £1,500 for our chosen charities; Mark's being Parkinson's Disease Society, Julia's ChildLine.

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By the end of our training we will be able to identify almost every road and byway within a 15 mile radius of Whimble, but we have the privilege to see wonderful sunrises, deer crossing our path in Ashclyst Forest, and experiencing the first snow of winter.

We'll let you know how we fare in the next edition – watch this space.....

Julia Green and Mark Beedell



Otter Vale Friends of Hospicecare

Floristry Demonstration by Julie Collins of Bicton College
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Wednesday 27th April 2005

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Milestone Garage

There seems to be some concern in the village about the changes that are taking place here at Milestone Garage. I thought it would be helpful for me to explain the background to the improvements we are making.

After the opening of the new by-pass we were hit hard by the drop in passing business, but said we would give it three years to suss out the trade. Most hit were the shop sales, from 1999 to 2003 we were struggling to break even although we were very thankful for all the local support. We were still not sure whether to close the forecourt or not, knowing that once closed it would never open again - literally hundreds of service stations have closed in recent years due to very low fuel margins and therefore the inability to compete with the supermarket forecourts.

There has been a garage here since the 1920's and this has had support of the local villages since then. It used to be that a shop was on the back of a petrol forecourt but nowadays things have changed and a forecourt is on the back of a shop. As you can see we have made a serious commitment to the business recently which in turn will save the forecourt from closing.

We have never wanted or intended to take trade from other local businesses other than the major supermarkets (Tesco, Sainsburys etc). All we have wanted was to return the loyalty we have received from the local community by stepping into the 21st century and making this a business to be proud of.

Over the next 12 months we will be developing the site further, general updating and repairs and we have recently signed a contract with Texaco for fuel supply.

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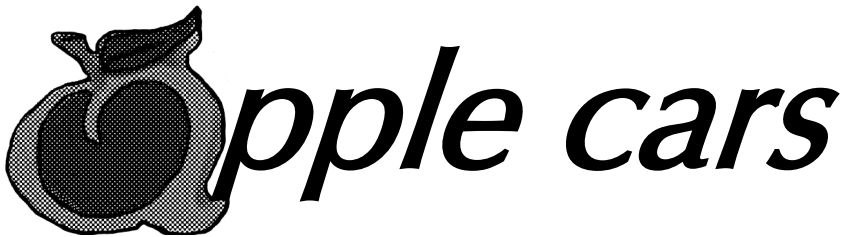
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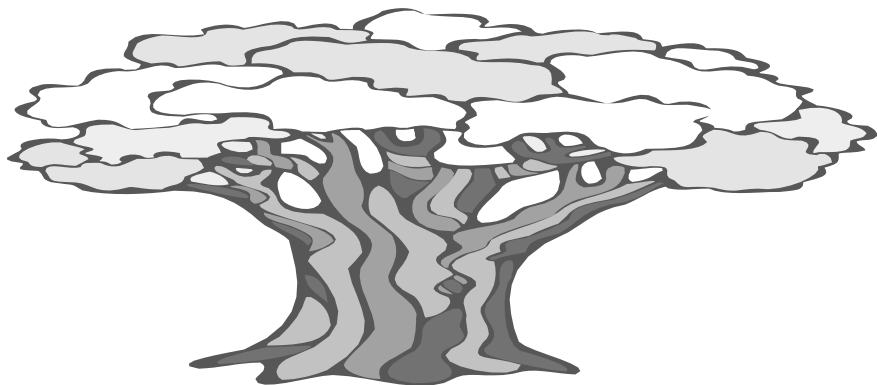
Another year another panto! The end of weeks of walking the lanes of Whimble trying to help Ed to learn his lines only for him to forget them when he is on the stage. This year for the first time the panto was a total sell-out for all three nights and several people were disappointed at not getting tickets. Anyway I attended Saturday's performance with my theatre critic hat on and believe this year's panto was one of the best yet although it barely paid a passing resemblance to the story of Goldilocks. The standard of performance from the entire cast gets higher each year especially from the younger cast members who were speaking loudly and clearly and with great confidence for their age. There were a number of Whimbletons making their debut this year though one would never have guessed it – Rosie Lavis as Black Bess gave a very polished performance. The comedy element this year seemed to have been provided by most of the cast – either intentionally or unintentionally. The new Whimbletons from last year have now really found their 'panto feet' – Tim Ayers fluffed his lines like a true professional! The prince and his cohorts worked really well together and the costumes were excellent especially the idea of dressing the young princes in the same colours as their older counterparts so we knew who was who. The hats were obviously the same for both age groups and Edward Wilson's hat problems provided a great deal of amusement to the audience. Talking of the audience, as usual it was made up of very few children and many adults who should know better. The audience participation seemed to be more vocal than in previous years with plenty of heckling from the rear, which added to the atmosphere. Back to the cast – I suppose any review would not be complete without mentioning the dame, Ed Hitchcock. As his unfortunate wife it is difficult to give a review of his performance – all I will say is that he was becoming very attached to those dresses and I was thankful he handed them back at least for another year. At the wrap party in the Thirsty Farmer the consensus seemed to be that Ed had given his usual understated performance but it was a shame that he had no make up on – a rash volunteer then offered to rectify this next year (thanks Sheenac). The music and sound effects were well provided by Slack Ma Girdle although having listened to Ed practising valiantly to try and stay somewhere near the tune of 'This Old House' I thought it was a bit hard when the group donned ear defenders during the song!!

There are so many people involved with the panto, not only the performers, but also all the people behind the scenes who work so hard to provide 3 nights of entertainment for the village.

If after seeing this years performance you fancy treading the boards or helping out behind the scenes please contact Emma Palmer on 01404 823083. It seems to me all that is needed is a great sense of humour, any other talents would be an added bonus.

Nicky Hitchcock

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A selection of your reminiscences will then be published in one of our later issues this year and may also be displayed in the Heritage Centre.

Please submit stories and photographs via the Post Office or to any member of the Whimple News team by 16th May. All articles should be signed and if you have original photographs please let us have your full address so that we can return them to you once they have been printed.

If you would prefer to tell your story rather than write it down, please contact **Naome Glanville** on 823167 and she will arrange for a member of the Whimple News team to come and see you to write your reminiscences down for you.

ADVERTISERS

Just a reminder to all advertisers that the advertising year comes to an end with the June edition and starts again with the August one.

Over the next few weeks we shall be contacting advertisers to confirm their adverts for the coming year, and also to request payment from anyone still to pay for this year. If you know you have still to pay, or do not want to continue with your advert, feel free to contact Miles on 822415 – thanks.

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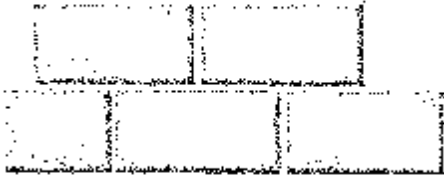
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Thanks – The Whimple News Team

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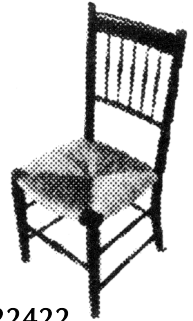
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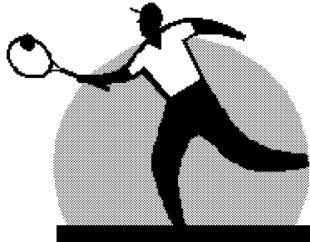
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The Club held it's AGM on 16th March
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- Subs to remain unchanged for the coming year - £20 adult, £10 junior and £45 family – PAYABLE ON 1st MAY PLEASE
- Working Party dates are – 24th April and 8th May (10am to 12 pm)
- Club Nights will again be Thursdays and will start on 5th May (7pm to 9pm)
- The Summer Social is planned for 16th June – more details to follow
- It is hoped to run coaching sessions again – starting early May. Look out for posters advising details, or contact Miles on 822415
(helpers VERY welcome)



Last year was very successful with many new members – we would love to see the same again this year. To find out more about the Club, please call either Teri Lang 822512, Jane Hughes 822659, Judith Imbo 823240 or Miles Leonard 822415

Hope to see you during the year !

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Born the son of the local saddler, Herbert Breyley was educated at the local primary School before going on to Mount Radford School, in Exeter. Herbert entered the civil service, yet remained in regular contact with the village. Eventually, Herbert returned to Whimble after a distinguished career in the civil service.

If ever a man was in the right place at the right time it was Herbert. Soon after his return, the local Cricket Club, at that time was known as Whimble and Whiteways. The Club had used Slewton Field certainly since the end of the Second World War. Unfortunately the ground belonged to the Company. The parent Company was by now Allied Domecq who decided to close down the factory site and apply for planning permission to develop the site along with associated property for building.

The Cricket Club was facing a crisis as it needed a new ground. Herbert became the Club Chairman and enthusiastically accepted the challenge of devising a 'rescue plan'. He worked tirelessly with the Committee in persuading the Company to provide a suitable alternative ground. Eventually the Company set up a Trust to run the Knowle Cross Recreation Ground. The Club still had to erect a Pavilion, again Bert's expertise was invaluable in securing a loan, from what is now Carlsberg / Tetley, to fund the construction of the present Clubhouse.

In May 1991 the Pavilion and Ground were opened, it was a tremendous achievement for all involved. Even after the project was completed Herbert continued as Chairman guiding the Club through what was a difficult transitional period. Eventually, he stepped down as Chairman, yet continued to play an active role in the day to day running of the Club. He had always been the Club's member of the Trust that oversees the Recreation Ground.

I firmly believe that Whimble Cricket Club would not enjoy its present facilities or prominence in local cricket but for Herbert Breyley. He was a most generous benefactor in many ways to the Club. He will be sadly missed by all members of the village not just the members of the Cricket Club.

Roger Smith

Herbert

(Known as HB)

Herbert Breyley was born 9th [unclear] Whimble, which was his home in childhood and Junior School. He had schooling at Mount Radford School. He joined the Post Office office in [unclear] and was called up at the age of [unclear] into the Signals Corp. Being a pilot came up through Italy including [unclear] with the Poles; subsequently [unclear] installing new links of communication [unclear] cessation of hostilities.

After a short while he joined [unclear] (Admiralty) in Bath and worked [unclear] work in London. In due course [unclear] London becoming Secretary [unclear] M.O.D. He was a self effacing [unclear] Thatcher awarded him the M.B.E. [unclear] 12 years working in London [unclear] house he was born in, to his [unclear] happy years here.

For at least 12 years of that [unclear] Chairman of the Parish Council [unclear] whom he still had a small part [unclear]

During his Chairmanship of [unclear] able to oversee and orchestrate [unclear] their old ground at Slewton [unclear] outskirts of the village, where [unclear] best grounds in Devon, complete [unclear] facilities, all of which are a testament [unclear]

As Chairman of the Parish Council [unclear] with the considerable redevelopment [unclear] last couple of decades and [unclear] parishioners. With his vast [unclear] administrative skills, he ran [unclear] Council very successfully. Last [unclear] structure plan for Devon kept [unclear] District Council at Sidmouth [unclear]

Janet

Breyley

(HERBIE or BERT)

February, 1924, at Leigh House, Whimple, Devon, aged 81 years. He spent his childhood in Whimple and his Senior School in Exeter.

On leaving Mount Radford School aged 18 and was ultimately drafted into the Army. Being skilled in communication he was sent to the Monte Cassino episode and was being kept in Austria and Italy for communications for three years after

the Ministry of Defence (the Old Admiralty) was there, doing about 50% of his work. During his course he worked permanently in the Army, working to the then Nine Unions in the Army as a racing man and when Margaret Thatcher was M.B.E., he refused to take it. After the war he came home to retire to the village of his beloved Devon and spent 20

years he was "Mr Whimple" - Chairman of the Whimple Cricket Club, for 20 years.

At the Whimple Cricket Club he was instrumental in the moving of the club from the old ground to Knowle Cross on the edge of the village. Now the club now enjoy one of the best grounds in the county, complimented by superb clubhouse and a fine testimony to his organisational skills.

On the Parish Council, he was closely involved in the development of Whimple over the years. He enjoyed the camaraderie of his fellow councillors, his knowledge of politics and his sense of humour. In a "Westminster style" Parish Council he had great interest in the village and was always in touch with the East Devon people until he died.

Herbie held a life long respect and love for Whimple. He played an active role in the community when he returned to the village after a distinguished career in the civil service union, serving on the parish council from 1987- 99. He held deep convictions, strong beliefs, and was passionate about all he did.

Just days before his death he wrote to WPC in support of the bus shelter improvement plans for the square.

The village faced a major challenge at the beginning of his 12 years on the council; the closure of Whiteways factory, the largest employer and landlord and the sudden death of Richard Whiteway, the driving force behind the cricket club.

Herbie understood the cost this double loss would have on the village. Elected Chairman in 1990, a post he held until he retired in 1999. He worked tirelessly with East Devon District Council and the owners of the factory, initially to keep the business running and once that was lost, he turned his efforts to minimising the impact of change the village was facing. (400 new houses!)

The Knowle Recreation Ground is testament to his love of cricket and fair play. When the club faced a future without a home, he negotiated not only the site for the new ground, its enhancement and a long term security for the club.

He was honest, well meaning, a man of high integrity and political conviction. In battle he was determined and thorough in pursuing his goals, irrespective of the outcome he never sought personal glory or bore any grudge.

Herbie was immensely proud to have had the opportunity of taking part in shaping the future of Whimple.

I enjoyed our political discussions and learnt a lot, usually over a drink in the pub and will sorely miss his counsel and passing.

Sara Randall Johnson, Chairman WPC

Whimple Post Office News



The opportunity for you to win a home in a free draw being offered by the Post Office finishes on 1st April., If you have not already completed an entry form and you want to take part then please make sure your Application reaches us by 31st March.

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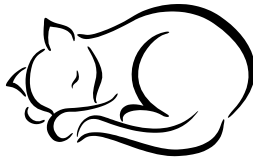
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# WHIMPLE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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## Church Fete

The date for this year's Church Fete is Saturday 11th June. Other details have not as yet been finalised but we hope to have a variety of stalls selling home-made cakes, confectionary, preserves, plants, books, toys etc. There will be tombola, raffles and various games for the children.

Please put this date in your diary NOW!!



## New Informal Monthly Celebration Service!

The popular new informal services are continuing on the first Sunday of each month in Whimble Church at 11a.m. A music group and a number of different people take part in the new-style format - which is an exciting mix of drama, songs, stories & quizzes for all the family.

All ages are involved - Everyone is invited!

**Sunday 3rd April – Easter Celebration Service**

**Sunday 1st May – May Day Celebration Service**

**Sunday 5th June – Early Summer Celebration Service**

P.S. More members for the new 'band'/'orchestra' warmly welcomed!

**S Club 11 &**

**IMPACT**

SClub (5 - 9y) & Impact (10 - 14y) meet in the Scout Hut at 10:45am - 12:15pm on alternate Sunday mornings. As well as a brand new full-size **table tennis** table, hopefully the sun will shine on us for various **outdoor** games!

Please join us even if you've never been before or haven't been for a while.

Friends from surrounding villages are encouraged to come - & it's all free!!

**Forthcoming dates are: Apr 10th, 24th, May 8th, 22nd, Jun 12th, 26th**

**Also Impact Club Nights: Sat Apr 9th, Sat May 21st.**

For more info contact Phil or Rebecca Dominy on 822163 or [dominypr@hotmail.com](mailto:dominypr@hotmail.com) or visit [www.geocities.com/dominyclan/SClub11.html](http://www.geocities.com/dominyclan/SClub11.html)

# WHIMPLE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A very successful New Year dinner was held at the Tumbling Weir on January 28th with 32 members attending.

At the meeting held on February 8th Ken Burrows gave a an interesting and lively presentation on 100 years of policing in Devon (1856 - 1956). Ken focussed his talk on policing locally with special reference to Whimble and Ottery St. Mary.

At our March meeting our speakers Alan Candy and Ian Atwell, from the Wellington Farm Rescue Centre, were accompanied by a beautiful dwarf Shetland pony called Pip. He is one of many horses and ponies that have been rescued from ill treatment, by volunteers who welcome visitors to the centre.

Once again the Fairtrade stall was well supported.

We meet at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month in the Victory Hall and new members are always welcome. If any prospective members wish to join or require any further information regarding the Whimble Womens Institute please ring **Ann Bowden** on 01404 823450.



Jan Begent

**Oh - To be in England**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**7.30pm**

**St. Mary's Church, Whimble**

**Cantilena Chamber Choir are returning to Whimble to give a concert of choral music. It is a repeat of a St. George's Day concert (and Shakespeare's birthday), hence the title. The concert will consist of a wide variety of songs, some serious, some less so, and a few piano duets thrown in for good measure.**

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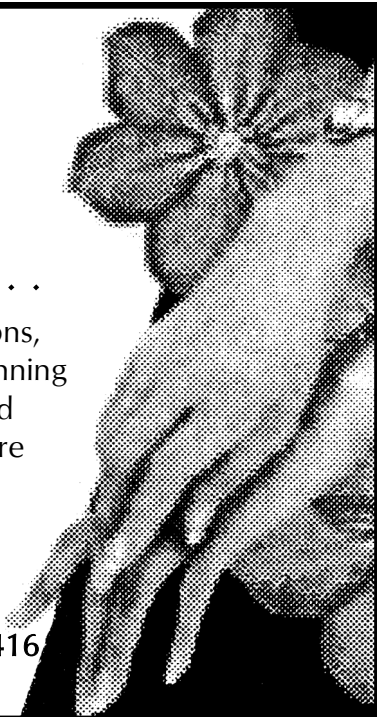
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# Parish Council News



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Do you wish something in particular was/wasn't happening in the village?

All these questions and many others are regularly discussed at your Parish Council meetings and the decisions made affect you and your village. The Parish Council is keen to hear your views and opinions **BEFORE** deciding anything – so how can you do this?

Your Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Monday of every month in the Victory Hall at 7.00pm. You are positively welcome to attend and to stay for as little or as much of the meeting as you wish. There is always an opportunity for you to speak at the opening of each meeting.

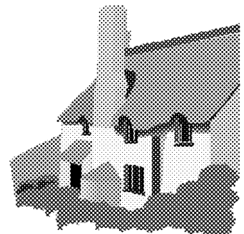
If you are unable to make the meetings, but wish to comment on an issue, you are able to write to your Parish Council Clerk:

**Mrs Gerri Turner**

Penraddon, Hand and Pen, Whimple, Exeter EX5 2PX  
whimplepc@tiscali.co.uk

After each meeting the minutes are displayed in the '*Parish Council Notice Board*' in the village square. This is the main form of communication that the Parish Council has to let you know what has been discussed and what has been proposed for your village. It is important therefore to keep an eye on this information, in case you wish to get involved with a particular issue.

We look forward to hearing **your points of view** at future Parish Council Meetings.



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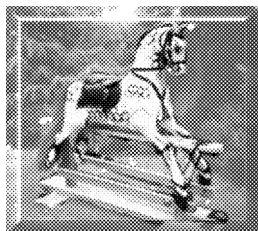
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At our recent Committee meeting, we finalised the classes for the Flower Show in August. We are hoping to have the schedules ready for our Spring Plant sale which will be on Saturday 14th May, 10.00 at the Village Hall. There will be a wide range of plants available so don't go the garden centres just yet when there will be numerous bargains on your doorstep! If you have any surplus plants in your garden we will gladly take them as there is probably someone out there who would like it! There is something in the various Classes for everyone so come along and find out more. Don't forget to make a note of the date for the Flower Show, Saturday 13th August 2005.

**Paul Wilson,**  
Hon. Secretary.



## Ottery St Mary and District Hospital League of Friends

Ottery St Mary and District Hospital League of Friends are hosting a 'Wine and Savouries' evening at Ottery St Mary Cricket Club. The evening is open to all and will be held on Saturday April 9th 2005 from 7.30pm onwards.

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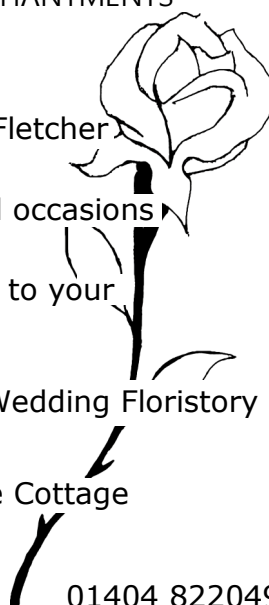
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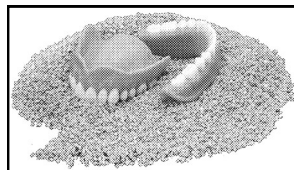
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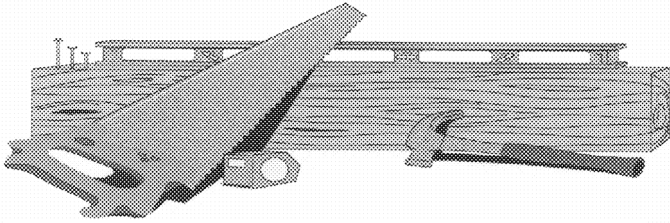


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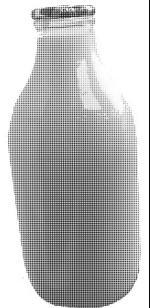
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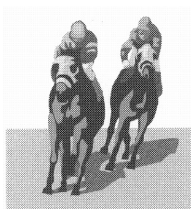
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The Governors and Staff of Whimple School have been concerned for some time about the safety of the children travelling to and from school and the traffic situation outside the school at these crucial times.

In consultation with the road safety department at County Hall, we are working on a plan to improve the safety for our school and the village community.

We have produced a school travel plan which aims to:-

- Reduce car travel ,danger and congestion outside our school
- Encourage pupils and staff to walk or cycle
- Make bids for funds to provide facilities for safer walking and cycling
- Raise levels of physical and mental health and social well-being
- Focus on travel issues in the curriculum

In order to achieve this we will:-

- Monitor the ways pupils travel to school
- Reduce the number of cars coming to school
- Speak to parents, other residents and organisations and businesses in the wider community

If you have any questions or suggestions please speak to the Headteacher or me.

**Pam Scanlan**

Vice Chair Whimple School Governors 45

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OPEN: SATURDAY 2nd April

|            |                  |
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| SATURDAYS  | 10.00AM – 3.30PM |
| WEDNESDAYS | 2.00PM – 4.00PM  |

UNTIL: SATURDAY 1st October

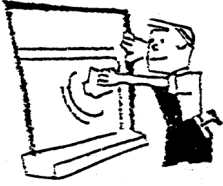
The existing galleries have been reorganised and new items added during the winter closure. The new Whiteway Gallery situated in the new extension is also open. The History Society who own and run the centre are always willing to accept items relevant to Whimble or Whimble residents. If you have any such items, which are no longer required, you are encouraged to hand it to the staff at the centre who will arrange for it to be added to the archives.

D R Roberts

## WHIMBLE PTFA

Jenny Sanders is the new Chair of the PTFA, with Michelle Moinzadeh as the Vice Chair. The PTFA has started planning for Village Week, which will run from Sunday 3rd July to Sunday 10th July. Jenny and Michelle will be arranging a meeting for everyone who would be interested to getting involved/helping with the Week, so that fresh ideas and assistance can create another brilliant week for the village, and raise funds for the PTFA.....watch this space.

Jenny would like to thank Jim and Alison at the PO for judging the Easter colouring competition.



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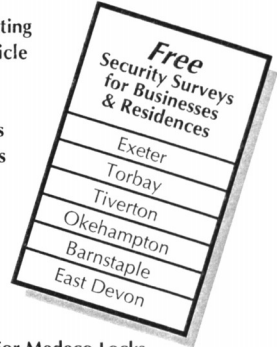
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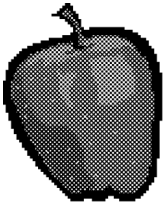
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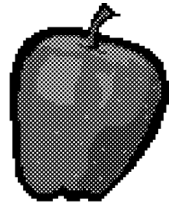
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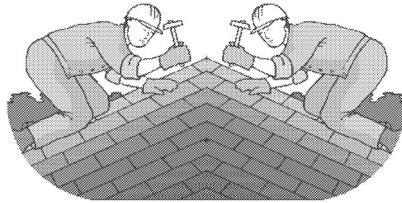
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