

Whimble News



Christmas 2002

What's on in Whimple

December

6th	Senior Citizens Christmas Party	Victory Hall	
11th	Christmas Lunch-Over 60's	The Square for Honiton Motel	12.00noon
12th	Orchard Harmony	Whimple Church	7.30pm
14th	Christmas Ceilidh	Broadclyst Village Hall	7.30pm
24th	Carol Singing	The Square	7.00pm
31st	New Year's Eve in the Square	The Square	11.45pm

January

17th	Wassailing	New Fountain Inn	7.30pm
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February 27th – March 1st

Robinson Crusoe	Victory Hall
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St Mary's Church, Christmas Services

Sun 8 th Dec	11am	Holy Communion
	3pm	Christingle Service
Sun 15 th Dec	8am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Service with a Smile
Sun 22 nd Dec	11am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Service of Carols and Lessons
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	11am	Family Service with Carols (followed by Holy Communion)
Sun 29 th Dec	11am	Joint Benefice Communion

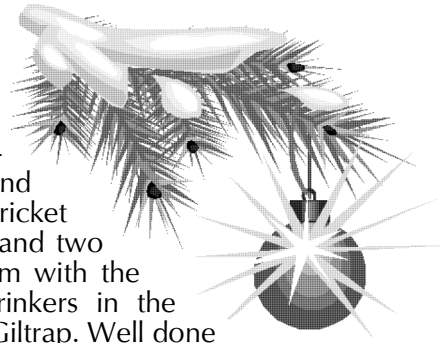
Monthly Programme of Services (for January on)

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 Whimple Diary held in the Post Office for checking availability of venues and booking events.
If your Association has an event which you would like listed above please contact Angela Smith on 822828 or e-mail Angela1smith@aol.com

Ed the Ed

What a busy couple of months for the village – things that spring to mind are Graham and Karen’s firework display and the charity cricket match (both mentioned later in this edition); and two excellent evenings from the Big Night In team with the TSW Archive Show (especially the cider drinkers in the ‘surgery’), and a superb session from Gordon Giltrap. Well done the Big Night In team!! And don’t forget that fun evening at the History Society’s Auction of Items and Pledges...well worth it just for the entertainment value of the auctioneer and Alex Spry, the king of the last minute knock-down price!! Alex has been seen sporting those fine knees during the recent warm spell, which will probably bring an early spring by confusing local wild life!!



And now gentle readers, words that will send a chill of horror through your bones...yes, the Whimbletons are girding up their loins for another pantomime – see the advert in this issue. Another visual and auditory feast of fun and frolics with people you vaguely recognise, and who you thought were reasonably sensible. As ever, I am tuning up the old vocal cords and will be leading the mumbling section at the Xmas Eve carols in The Square. Barbara Lambert is co-ordinating this annual village gathering, and is keen for instrumentalists of all levels of experience to contact her and join the supporting band.

We have included an article on the financial situation of the Whimble News so that you can see the importance of donations during the year that bump up the money paid by our advertisers – we are grateful to both donors and advertisers who help us to stay in production. Miles has done an excellent job looking after the books and he raises a valid point about how vital the extra donations are to our survival. We still want to continue to supply a free community magazine, but would be grateful for any donations to be made via Gordon at the Post Office. Thank you.

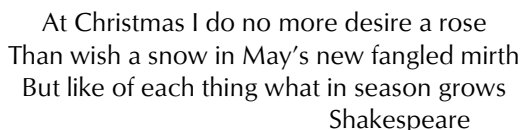
We have included a special pullout section for the Village Produce Association who are celebrating their 50th consecutive flower show since the war in 2003 - many congratulations!! Apparently they felt that an earlier idea for a nude calendar had been overdone, so we just have the pullout!

With all good wishes for a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Ed Hitchcock

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Grout



At Christmas I do no more desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's new fangled mirth
But like of each thing what in season grows
Shakespeare

I love the Advent of Christmas because for me it still holds a great sense of anticipation, wonder, magic, and miracle. It seems to bring out the best sentiments in people. Friends who rarely communicate, find time to put pen to paper and send the good seasonal wishes of 'Peace on Earth and goodwill towards men'.

We are soon entering the season of Advent. The first Sunday in Advent is the nearest to the last day of November. I often wonder how many people still understand the meaning of Advent. The difference between an event and advent is quite significant. An event is an occurrence or incident or experience specially if it is of some significance. However, it does not contain the wonderful element of anticipation of an advent which is the coming or arrival of something expected and momentous. During four weeks we prepare ourselves for a great Christian festival – the birth of Christ. I remember, as a child, we prepared an advent ring made with twigs of fir tree, pine cones, red ribbons and on which were placed four candles. Each Sunday in December when the family was gathered, mother would light a candle until Christmas when all four were lit. We had passed the Winter Solstice, the darkest day which has been celebrated from the beginning of civilisation. In early December, on the 6th there was also the celebration of Saint Nicholas, patron saint of children. It was not at all the Santa Claus of modern times with sleigh and Rudolf the reindeer. The cult of St. Nicholas has been established since the 6th century in England and there are about four hundred churches dedicated to him. Among many of the works composed by Benjamin Britten, he wrote the delightful St. Nicholas, which depicts, in words and music, the life of the Saint.

There has been a tremendous change in attitudes in the giving and receiving of Christmas presents. The art of spontaneous giving has almost disappeared. The other day I saw an article in the local press which amazed me. It was entitled SANTA CLAWS of all things. It was advertising 'Parenting Plus' which is offering advice to mums and dads who are feeling pressurised and manipulated into buying 'Must have Toys' which they can ill afford. Wide-eyed children may gaze with fascination at the latest gadgets shown on television or displayed in shop windows whilst their parents may not be so enthusiastic at finding the extra money for this latest fad.

For me Advent and Christmas have always been, and will always remain, the creative and precious time spent together, a time of tender love and care which is worth far more than anything money can buy. Giving time

and love is the most precious of all gifts. I would rather have the simple things than the trappings of the material world. It is certainly not the cars we drive, the houses we live in, the presents we give. The season of Advent brings the challenge of finding the right preparation for the celebrations of a Christian Festival. For years Christmas has been a period of wonderful poetical imagery. In the words of the creeds and carols we celebrate the birth of a child so human and yet so godly. In 'Excelsis Deo!' we sing of a sweet mother who had to give birth in a humble stable with an ox and an ass for company. We hear the voices of angels announcing the arrival of three great kings, and of a great star. There are still so many stories to tell of miracles happening at that time. The Glastonbury thorn which enjoys its annual hour of glory when sprays are cut and sent to Her Majesty The Queen. The mayor and vicar of St. John's church, in front of which the thorn grows, take part in a simple ceremony of this modest yet magical Somerset town. It is no ordinary thorn which blossoms at Christmas as well as in the month of May. The origin goes back to the first century A.D. when Joseph of Arimathea, before leaving Palestine to travel to the West Country, had cut off a staff from the tree from which the Crown of Thorns had been made. It was a symbol of faith then and many centuries later still lives on. And what about the sound of Christmas bells which have heralded that festival for centuries all over Britain? Bells were tolled to declare the death of the devil and the coming of Christ. Evil spirits temporarily lose their powers during the ringing of bells, so was the belief. It was probably in the late seventh century that bells were first introduced into England from Campania, hence the term 'campanology' for the art and science of bell-ringing. Many old church accounts show the sums paid for bell ringing. At South Tawton 'For ringing as usual and when the Bishop passed through Okehampton 15s.10d'. At St. Michael of the Rock, Brent Tor (1100 feet above sea level) on Gun Powder Plot day for 'oyle and candels 5s.5d'.

I could not finish my story without mentioning my dear and faithful friend the Robin. Isaac Walton described the bird as one 'that loves mankind both alive and dead'. He was referring to the once widespread belief that robins not only enjoy eternal life because of their association with the Nativity, but also care for the dead by covering them with leaves. They are so welcome in Winter and perhaps this is another reason they are generally associated with the happy time of Christmas.

MAY YOU HAVE JOY AT CHRISTMAS AND HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR.

NEWS FROM P.O. CORNER



Pensions, benefits etc change of payment system - latest -

It now appears that the timing of the change of method of payment will be spread over a couple of years (with the first being for child benefit claimants and some people have already received letters from the benefit agency) : **all claimants will** get a letter sometime telling them about the change and asking how they want their benefit or pension paid. The options are as were written in the last Whimpe News.

MAKE SURE YOU READ THE WHOLE LETTER AND CONSIDER THE OPTIONS STATED.

From the P.O. point of view the “P.O. Card Account” is the one I like best! -(but I am not allowed to advise)

PLEASE - IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS OR QUERIES about the letter from the DSS, when you receive it, bring it into the post office and I'll try to explain the options thus allowing you to decide which one to choose so that you can get your money in exactly the way you want.

Don't worry about it - you WILL be able to get your money from the P.O. after the change - we just have to make sure you get the right account to be paid the way you want!

Secondly - those qualified (i.e over 60) should have received their Winter Fuel Allowance by now - if you haven't ring 08459 145 15 15 or 01392 474700 and ask WHY NOT?

Busiest times for parcels: if the pattern this year is the same as the last few years then the mornings of Monday 9th and 16th December will be our busiest times for parcel postings - be warned!

Last posting dates for letters & cards this Christmas are - 2nd class 18th Dec.; 1st class 21st Dec.; Western Europe 14th December.

Finally - just for your advice - I must draw your attention to the danger of the patient catching fire during an operation - yes - you the patient ! Extracting from an article - “When the doctor first told me that I'd caught fire during the operation I thought he was joking - .-.” It appears that the cleaning solution sprayed on the patient's abdomen caught fire when a cauterising machine was used. “ ---the fluid burnt with a clear flame and was not noticed until the doctors gloves began to melt onto the patient's skin.” And then there was the Danish man whose “.....surgical spirit-soaked buttocks were set alight by a spark from an electric knife during an operation to remove a mole from - --”(I can't read where!)

Frightening hardly describes it!

Christmas P.S - Is Santa so jolly because he knows where all the bad girls live?

We wish you a happy and wondrous Christmas and that you make 2003 the best year of your life so far.

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Christmas Sacred or Christ Massacred?

Christmas Sacred:

And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger".

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests".

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about".

Christ Massacred:

And there were in the same bedroom children keeping watch over their stockings at night. And lo! Santa Claus appeared down the chimney and they were terrified. And Santa said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring good news of great joy to all people who can afford to spend money. For to you will be given great feasts of turkey, ham and vegetables, and many presents.

This will be a sign to you: you shall find the presents wrapped in bright paper and lying beneath a green tree with a fairy on it. And suddenly there will be with you a multitude of relatives and friends, praising you and saying, "Thank you very much, it was just what I wanted".

And it shall come to pass when the friends and relatives have gone away, the parents will say to one another, "What a mess! Thank goodness Christmas comes only once a year".

Christmas/Sacred or Christ/Massacred?

it all depends on where you draw the line.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our special church services and would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

Rob Wilkinson



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FIREWORKS NIGHT

What a fantastic night it was, with over 300 people on the night.

It was a shame that a lot of people left straight away as there were over 100 prizes up for grabs when the display ended.

Next year we hope to have a much more dramatic display but this all depends on your contributions to the kitty.

On the night the collection box received a mere £5.96 but with the food money and also the money from the draw prizes raffled off it swelled to £47.85.

Last year we raised £535.97 with thanks to two major sponsors Fulfords & Halls estate agents. Danny Bratt also put in a sizeable donation from the sale of his flowers. Steve Bellamy has donated all the money received from the fire sticks as well.

Once Christmas is over we will begin to do some raffles to boost the coffers. Please feel free to put your odd coppers in the collection tin in the shop.

I mustn't forget to thank Karen and Joan for serving the food also Sally & Andrew for serving the drinks, Roger & Judy for getting the forms signed, Steve & Andrew for displaying the fireworks and last but not least all of you who turned up on the night to make it as special as it was. **Thank you.**

Graham & Karen, Whimble Stores

WASSAILING 2003

As if you needed reminding about the date for Wassailing in 2003, surprise, surprise, it will be on Friday 17th January. It will start at 7.30 pm in the New Fountain Inn, and then it's downhill from there!!! It will finish, if you can use that word in connection with Wassailing, at the Thirsty Farmer.

Bring your voices, and anything that you can rattle, bang, shake and make a loud noise with (excluding the old man, ladies!!) The more noise we can make in support of the Wassail Queen and her Princess, the better the harvest will be from the orchards - be there and help the create a bumper harvest in 2003...and you may want to bring your wellies....but definitely something to hold some mulled cider in before you imbibe, purely for medicinal purposes and the comradeship of an old village custom. It's a lot of fun, and maintains a link with Whimple's history.

See you there.....I do hope that Col. Bob has got something better than the lollipop lady's coat to wear this time.

Did you ever wonder why?

- Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour,
and washing-up liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

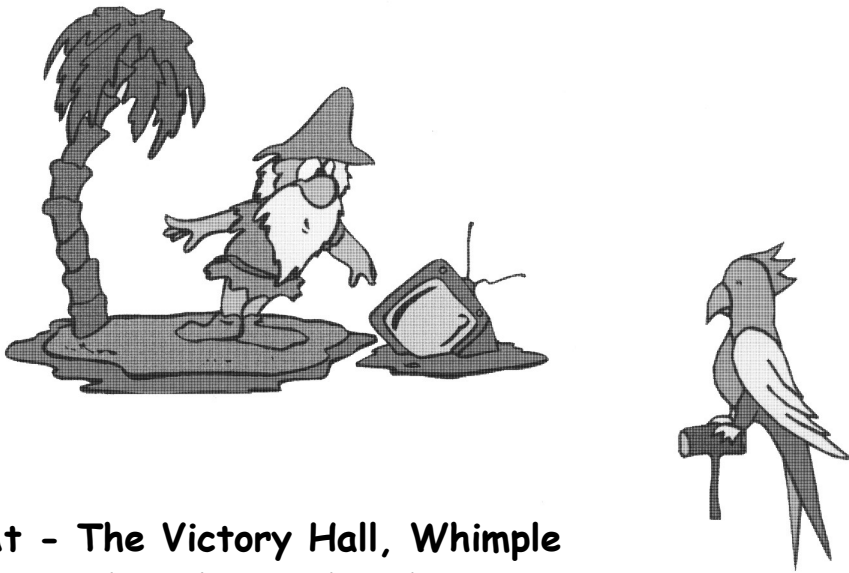


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The Whimbletons Present

Robinson Crusoe



At - The Victory Hall, Whimble
On - Thursday 27th February-6.00 pm
Friday 28th February-7.30 pm
Saturday 1st March-7.30pm
See posters for details

WHIMPLE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We continued our varied programme in October with an interesting talk by Mrs. Myhill of Feniton on the Oberammergau Passion Play.

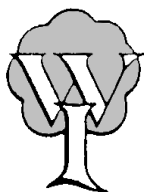
The Annual Meeting in November saw the re-election of Rose-Marie Burrows as president, with Ann Bowden and Avril Ellingham continuing in their positions as secretary and treasurer respectively. The committee has three new members, which is very encouraging. After the business part of the meeting, we were all tested on our nutritional knowledge by a Health Quiz, this was won by Margaret Burrough. Margaret also won the competition for the best animal photograph.

Several of our members enjoyed a trip to the Northcott Theatre to see "Vanity Fair" _ a superb production. Aren't we lucky to have such a good theatre on our doorstep?

The December meeting will be our Christmas Party with the drama group once again providing the entertainment.

We would be pleased to welcome any visitors to this meeting.

Ann Bowden



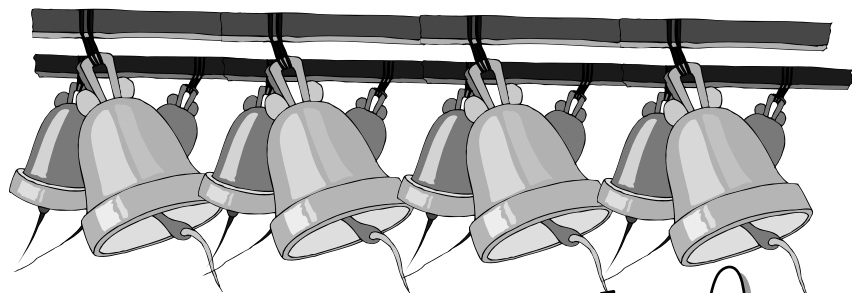
Orchard Harmony Branches Out

If you are passing Whiteway Close on a Wednesday evening you may hear the sound of music, wine and laughter, as Orchard Harmony (Whimple's own female singing group) prepare for two forthcoming engagements. The group, now numbering 13 members, has been invited to entertain shoppers at Otter Nurseries on Saturday 7th December at 2.00pm - do pop along and give them some support! Their next engagement is on Thursday 12th December when they will be joined by The Quillan Saxophone Quartet in an evening of music for all - at St Mary's Church. See page 28 for details.



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New Year's Eve in the Square

Come and join us in the Square
At around 11.45pm on New Year's Eve
Bring candles to light your way
Hear the church clock chime midnight
The church bells will be rung
to welcome the New Year
We will sing 'Auld Lang Syne' together
(The church will be open)

Memories

Having moved to the Country House Farm (now Paddock Inn) just after WW2, my brother and I would stand on the bank at the end of the garden and salute the A.A. Motorcycle patrolmen on the main road to London. They were good sports in saluting back at the small boys acknowledging them. New to us, and probably new to the road, were "cats-eyes" which we often attempted to prise free with a penknife. It was not such a busy road in those days of petrol rationing, so I lived to tell the tale. I recall an accident just to the north, by the entrance to Raleigh Chase, when a lorry carrying radios crashed. Bakelite radios spilled over the road and even onto our field and I was convinced that some must be undamaged. They are probably collector's items nowadays, but some strict fatherly supervision prevented us "collecting".

There must have been a prison camp for German POW's close by, for we had two that worked on the farm. My father was released from a Japanese POW Camp after three and a half years, and must have been an understanding employer. Those men were so good to us boys. We went back to boarding school in Norfolk in September and before we left they asked us what we would like for Christmas. I requested a long desired "ship in a bottle" and one of them said, "Get me a bottle". I can recall my startled reaction and the rather dirty wine bottle I brought him. At Christmas my brother had a skittle board, a cord out the base pulled the skittles upright, and one swung a ball attached to a pole to knock them down - beautifully painted and fashioned. For me, the dream was realised. A fully rigged sailing ship on a blue ocean, behind which the green hills, a village and even a church, became my treasure.



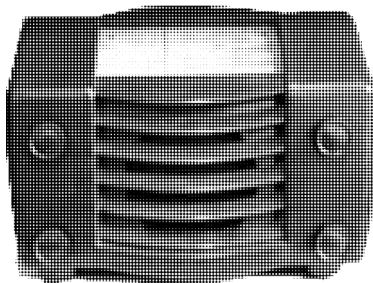
Somewhere, in one of the moves (always when we were away at school) it must have been broken, I regret that loss to this day.

Those men, so far from their own children and families, must have enjoyed our delight in their gifts. I hope they are now enjoying a happy old age, with grandchildren and great-grandchildren around them.

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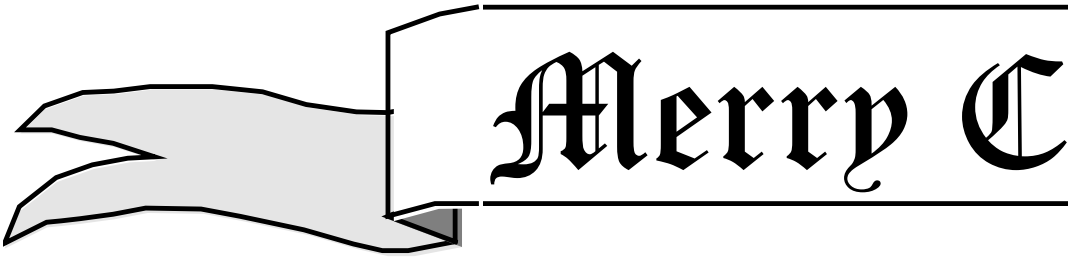
Although not religious, our household observed the "Twelve Days of Christmas" strictly, and we were sent to bed on Christmas Eve while my father gave a party downstairs. Actually the party was an occasion to put up the tree, decorate the rooms, and give us that wonderful Christmas morning experience of "transformation". We would creep out onto the landing and listen. One year we heard a roar of laughter, and found out later that my father, standing on the Piano stool to put up a garland, had crashed through the stool to the merriment of his friends. I remember well listening reverently to the voice of King George the Sixth on the Radio as he hesitantly gave his Christmas Day message to the nation. For us it was a deeply significant moment, for no gifts could be opened from below the tree until after the King's Speech. And after Gifts, tea with the Christmas Cake, and then clean up for the guests that would fill the dining room. How ever did they manage in those days of rationing?

I suspect that the well still survives in one of the outhouses at the back of the kitchen. At the bottom of that well, I promise you, lie several bottles of wine. My father would tie cord around the neck of the wine or champagne and lower it into the cold water. There was no other way to chill wine in a house with no refrigerator or electricity. Many the bottle that slipped loose and sank into the darkness.

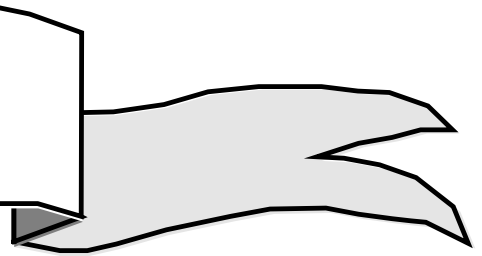


Next time, memories of some of the "grown-ups" I recall who lived around us, my first experience of Clotted Cream and a tragedy with it, too.

John Bliss



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7.00PM IN THE SQUARE

INSTRUMENTALISTS

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PLEASE RING BARBARA



Whimble Website

The village web site, www.whimble.net is now on line. It aims to be of interest to those of us living in Whimble - and hopefully to people who do not have that privilege! The site will try to give information on the what, where, when and who of the village. It is not intended to detract from our highly successful 'Whimble News'. Whilst I can glean much of the publicised information I would appreciate input from all the organisations in the village. Use of the MSN Messenger service or an on-line forum for example, could help create interaction between those of you who are 'on line', and particularly if you may be housebound. In addition, individual input, whatever your age, will help to give the site more interest and animation. I look forward to receiving info, ideas and contributions from any village organisation including, of course, potential advertisers, so go on line or call me on 823155 asap! The Whimble History Society web site is also on line at www.whimble.org. Both web sites have advertising facilities at very reasonable rates.

John Aiton

CHRISTMAS 2002 AND NEW YEAR 2003 REFUSE WASTE COLLECTIONS

NORMAL COLLECTION				>	REVISED COLLECTION			
Wednesday	25 th	December			Friday	27 th	December	
Thursday	26 th	December			Saturday	28 th	December	
Friday	27 th	December			Monday	30 th	December	
Monday	30 th	December			Tuesday	31 st	December	
Tuesday	31 st	December			Thursday	2 nd	January	
Wednesday	1 st	January			Friday	3 rd	January	
Thursday	2 nd	January			Saturday	4 th	January	
Friday	3 rd	January			Monday	6 th	January	
Monday	6 th	January			Tuesday	7 th	January	
Tuesday	7 th	January			Wednesday	8 th	January	
Wednesday	8 th	January			Thursday	9 th	January	
Thursday	9 th	January			Friday	10 th	January	
Friday	10 th	January			Saturday	11 th	January	

Monday 13th January - back to normal.

RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

The normal fortnight for all collections will change.

From Christmas week collections will be one week later than usual.

There will be no collections during the week Monday 23rd December to Friday 27th. December inclusive.

If your collection was due on the above week, it will be collected instead during the week beginning Monday 30th December on the same day as usual and then fortnightly after that. Recycling collections will take place on New Year's Day.

If your collection was due on the week beginning Monday 30th December it will be collected instead during the week beginning Monday 6th January and then fortnightly after that.



An Evening of Music for All
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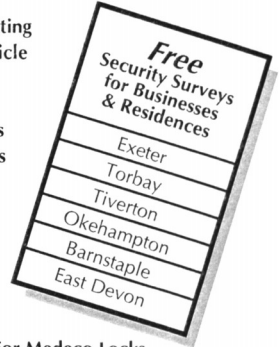
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WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Once again it was standing room only at Sandfords when we held our Annual General Meeting. In reviewing the year's events, it was disappointing to have had to cancel the coach trip, and the Flower Show was not quite the heady show of the previous year but the others were all successful. We are pleased to welcome Gill Curtis and Marion Styles onto the Committee and would welcome anyone else who has an interest in helping. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due and at only £1 per family represents the bargain of the year! Monies to Pauline Rogers please.

Next year will see the fiftieth consecutive flower show since the war and we are looking to make it a special show. You will notice that there is supplementary sheet with this edition of the News which explains a lot more about the VPA. We are hoping it will encourage more people to enter next year's show and also to help those of you who enter the flower arranging and photography to make early preparations for your exhibits.

Details of all the events for next year are on this sheet and we look forward to seeing an abundance of entries in our word search!

Paul Wilson
Hon. Secretary.



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21st CENTURY VILLAGE YOUTH CLUB

In 1972, the 'Disc Jockey' charged £1.00 for the Spectrum Youth Club, Christmas Dance, in Whimple. In the same year, the Whiteways' Fete donated the princely sum of £25.00 to keep the Spectrum Youth Club going for many months!!!

For over 30 years, the Spectrum Youth Club, Whimple, has provided a venue for hundreds of young persons from the village to meet; have fun; learn good social interaction skills; to work and play with others; participate in team events. and be with other persons of their same age group.

The Spectrum Youth Club, Whimple, has always promoted strong traditional values, whilst allowing young persons to enjoy themselves, in a safe and supportive environment.

A small, but dedicated, Spectrum Youth Club Committee, still promotes these traditional values, and provides activities for the young person in the 21st Century. These range from computer games to escorted outings to Theme Parks!!

Perhaps today more than ever, our young persons need a safe place in the village where they can meet others of their same age group, one night each week. This will encourage our young persons to have a strong sense of community spirit at the heart of the village.

We are aiming to reopen the Spectrum Youth Club in the New Year. All young persons aged 10 and over will be welcome. Any adults in the village who are interested in supporting the Youth Club should contact Vicki Kendrew-Welton on 01404 823682.

We would ask parents to support the 2003 Programme otherwise, this long standing community Youth Club will close, and our young persons will have no organised meeting place in the village.

Spectrum Youth Club Committee



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£SD Quiz

Here are the answers to the pre decimal quiz in the last edition –if you remember, the amounts can be gleaned from the word clues on the left, and they must add up to total value given below.

The answers are in brackets alongside the original questions

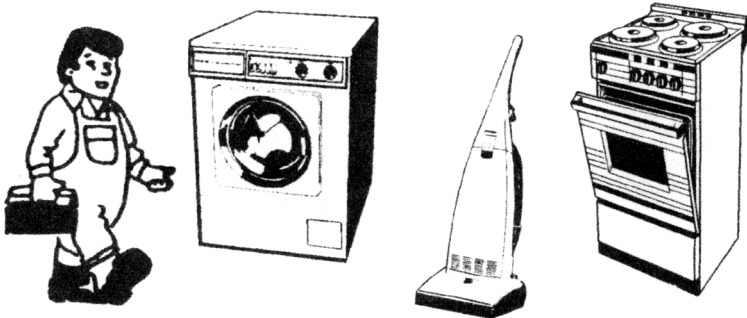
	£.	s.	d.
1. A stone (14 pounds in weight)	£14	0s	0d
2. A singer (tenor)	£10	0s	0d
3. A form of transport (penny farthing)			1¼d
4. Move up and down (bob)		1s	0d
5. Part of Ladies Underwear (half a knicker)		10s	0d
6. Part of Queen's Head-dress (half a crown)		2s	6d
7. Venus, Mars, Pluto (3 far things)			¾d
8. A poorly Octopus (sick squid)	£ 6	0s	0d
9. A Leather Worker (tanner)			6d
10.A Type of Pig (guinea)	£ 1	1s	0d
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ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN AT SANDFORDS SURGERY

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UNWANTED 'PHONE CALLS.

If like most of us you are fed up with these unwanted intrusions into our already busy lives, you can get the calls stopped by calling:
The telephone preference service on 0845 - 070 - 0707 (local call rate) and ask to have the calls stopped.

BEAT THE BOGUS CALLER

Most people who call at your door are genuine but there are a few unscrupulous people who prey on the elderly. Avoid being taken in by taking a few easy measures to protect yourself and home.

1. Think before opening the door – are you expecting anyone to call.
2. Use a door viewer and put the chain on before opening the door.
3. Ask for clarification for his or her identification.
4. Always check the caller's ID card. Phone the company by getting the number from the telephone directory.

NEVER CALL THE NUMBER ON THE CARD - IT COULD BE FALSE

Wishing you all very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

John Munslow (01404 823456)

WHIMPLE PARISH NEWS INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT 2001/2002

This year we have seen a real trading loss of approximately £400. Thankfully, generous donations have more than covered this figure – we will therefore end up some £20 better off.

The only real cost of the magazine production is printing. Whilst we are lucky in that we have negotiated a good deal for this with Kevin Thompson from the village, this still comes in at £348 for each edition i.e £2088 pa.

Almost all the other costs are covered by those who give up their time to keep this magazine going – it is difficult to put an accurate figure on this input, but it is hugely appreciated.

The contribution of those who advertise in the magazine is the key to our ‘survival’ and this year has led to income of almost £1500. Thank you to each and every one of those people. It’s still good value – just compare.

I have mentioned donations above, and these do make a massive difference to whether we lose money or keep our ‘head above water’ – if anyone feels they want to help, please let the Editor know, or make a donation through Gordon at the Post Office.

A full summary of the financial year (2001/2002) follows:

Income from Advertisers	£1495.00
Donations	£ 441.33
Interest	<u>£ 0.48</u>
Total income	£1936.81
Expenditure on printing	£1923.90
Other incidental costs	£ 18.99
Rebate on printing costs	<u>£ (24.00)</u>
Total expenditure	£1918.89

The carried forward figure for the Magazine is £201.80, compared to last year where the adjusted balance brought forward was £183.88.

Miles Leonard - Treasurer

Organisations in Whimble

Whimble Parish Council

Chairman: Sara Randall Johnson 822524

Clerk: Mrs. Amanda Newman, Council Office - Torno 823385

Royal British Legion, Branch and Womens Section.

Chairman: Mrs. F. Pratt, Sandfords 822451

St. Mary's Church

Contact: Rev. Rob Wilkinson 822521

Devon County Councillor

Mr. R. Giles, 14 Winters Lane, OSM. EX11 1AR 813387

Whimble County Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs. D. Brice 822584

Whimble History Society

Chairman: Richard Webber 822038

Secretary: Roger Smith 822244

Whimble Mothers Union

Mrs. D. Rastall Killigarth Church Road 822486

Whimble Pre-School & Toddler Group

Chair: Jo Westney Glencroft, Church Road 822168

New admissions/Playleader: Sue Solf 1, Hillside, Talaton 822981

Whimble Womens Institute

Secretary: Mrs. Ann Bowden, Bradcott House, The Green 823450

Whimble Over Sixties Club

Mrs B. Iball 11 Rectory Close 822905

Whimble Youth Club

Chair: Alison Lawry 822292

Whimble Recreation Trust

Knowle Cross Sports Ground. Mr P. Garraff, Luppit 891206

Whimble Village Produce Association.

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

Whimble and Broadclyst Young Farmers' Club

Mr. R. J. Burrough, Gatheshayes Farm 822257

Whimble Football Club

Chairman: Geoff Delves, 10 Elizabeth Close 823258

Whimble Tennis Club

Secretary: T. A. Lang 822512

Treasurer: J. Hughes 822659

Whimble Cricket Club

Mr. R.J.Smith 822244

Whimble Victory Hall Management Committee

Secretary: Pam Scanlan, Albecq, The Green 822262

Booking Sec: Penny Wienreb 3, The Square 823064

Whimble Post Office

Gordon & Heather Owen 822359

Whimbletons

Emma Palmer 823083

Neighbourhood Watch

John Munslow, 44, Slewton Crescent 823456


St. Mary's Bellringers

Captain: Judith Canniford, 22 Grove Road 822873

Whimble Scout Group

Group Scout Leader : Alex Spry 822844

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John and Carolyn would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during the sad loss of their Mum, Betty Hughes



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On Sunday 15 September, John Kendrew-Welton and Geoff Delves had a charity cricket match, using only non-cricketers from the village. We would like to thank the cricket club for the use of their facilities, Sally for the bar, Vicki and helpers for the BBQ, John Silk and Martin for the umpiring and not forgetting the players and supporters who helped to raise £112.54 for the charity S.E.N.S.E.

Geoff and Karen Delves

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