

Whimble News



Oct/Nov 2004

What's on in Whimble

October

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| 3rd | Sunday mystery trip and lunch. | The Square | 10.00am |
| 10th | S Club | Scout Hut | 10.45am |
| 16th | Over-60s Coffee morning with cake stall | Victory Hall | 10.00am-12noon |
| 16th | Coffee & Cake in the church | St Mary's Church | 10.15am-12noon |
| 16th | Handel's Messiah | O.S.M Parish Church | 7.30pm |
| 25th | Whimble Victory Hall AGM | Victory Hall | 7.30pm |
| 26th | Over-60s Talk by Mr Tom Coleman on 'Devon farmhouses' | | |
| 28th | Later Life Forum - Treasure Hunt for Benefits | The Institute OSM | 10.30am-3.30pm |
| 29th | History Society Auction | Victory Hall | 7.00pm |
| 31st | S Club | Scout Hut | 10.45am |

November

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| 2nd | Over-60s Trip to Barnstaple | | |
| 9th | Over-60s Talk by Mrs M Watkins - 'Christmas Floral Arrangements' | | |
| 7th | Concert version of Ruddigore by G & S | St Mary's Church | 7.30pm |
| 13th | Whimble Scouts Jumble sale & Auction | Scout Hut | 2.00pm |
| 14th | S Club | Scout Hut | 10.45am |
| 20th | Big Night In- Angata | Victory Hall | 7.30pm |
| 27th | St Mary's Christmas Coffee Morning | Victory Hall | 10.30-12.30pm |
| 28th | History Society - Sale of Christmas Cards & Gifts | Heritage Centre | 10am-12.30pm |
| 28th | S Club | Scout Hut | 10.45am |

December

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| 3rd | Senior Citizens Christmas Party | Victory Hall | |
| 4th | History Society - Sale of Christmas Cards & Gifts | Heritage Centre | 10am-12.30pm |
| 4th | Festival of Christmas | O.S.M. Parish Church | 7.30pm |
| 12th | S Club | Scout Hut | 10.45am |
| 16th | Orchard Harmony Christmas Concert | St Mary's Church | |
| 31st | New Year's Eve Party | Victory Hall | |

St Mary's Church

Monthly Programme of Services

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| 1st | Sunday | 8am | Holy Communion |
| | | 11am | All Age Service |
| 2nd | Sunday | 11am | Holy Communion |
| | | 11am | Sclub11 in the Scout Hut |
| 3rd | Sunday | 8am | Holy Communion |
| | | 11am | Morning Service |
| 4th | Sunday | 11am | Holy Communion |
| | | 11am | Sclub11 in the Scout Hut |
| 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 Lynda Trevena on 822876 or e-mail lynda_amelia@hotmail.com

Ed The Ed

Welcome to our bumper edition of 60 pages and some very interesting articles from new contributors such as Paul and Gill Derbyshire, plus Janine and Paul Peryer. For the last 3 editions, we have been trying to squeeze in the article on page 46 which in my humble opinion, is one of the funniest email attachments I have received in years. Read it and see if you agree....if you have seen better, please let us have them!

I hope that you were able to visit the Flower Festival in the church and enjoy the creativity that we have in the village for flower arranging – see Rosemary Horrell's article on page 37 for the amazing amount of money raised. Well done to everyone involved. I was disappointed not to see an offering from Adrian Hewitt entitled 'Beefburger in a sylvan glen (onions extra and please take your rubbish home)'

Subject to house sale hiccups etc, we will be saying 'farewell' to Peter and Angela Smith around the time that you will be enjoying this edition. Peter was the driving force who kept the magazine going when it ran out of 'puff' a few years ago, so we would like to wish them good luck in their new home, and thanks for all your hard work for the magazine. Lynda Trevena will be taking over the 'What's on in Whimble' mantle, so please let Lynda know of any Whimble events that need to be included, especially in the run up to Xmas and our next edition.

Don't forget that my favourite local band, Mid Life Crisis, are back in the Thirsty Farmer on Friday 15th October, and there will be a collection for Breast Cancer charities on the night, instead of an entrance fee. Apparently you have to wear something pink, so me and the current Mrs H have already purchased our little offerings, so we're ready! Whilst on the subject of pink....I was a little perturbed to see a Parish Councillor in a recent Express and Echo photo, advertising a planned 4 day Exmoor to Exeter walk, with a friend, in their pink bras (for Cancer Research UK) – no, not Peter Bowden, but Gill Wilson, and we wish her good luck and congratulate her for being so brave, and please sponsor her for such a worthwhile cause.

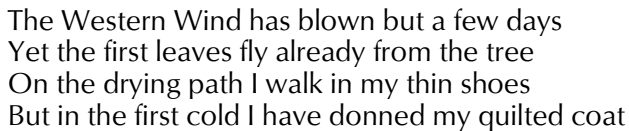
Miles has prepared a short report on the finances of this august publication, so that you can see why we need your help to complement our advertising revenue. One of the regular suggestions we receive is to ask readers to pay for their copy; the committee is not in favour of this idea, as we want it to go to every house in the village because we believe that it supports the local community. We hope you agree with that approach and help us with donations via the Post Office (many thanks for the donations left there over the last few weeks). We also want to keep the advertising rates at reasonable levels rather than price ourselves out of the market! Thanks in advance for any help you can offer.

The due date for articles for our Xmas edition is Wednesday 18th November at the Post Office please, or direct to our own Saga Lout, on Bob.scanlan@eclipse.co.uk.

Geoff Delves has written an article about the charity cricket match he organised for the Whimble playgroup and toddlers – I wanted to say well done to Geoff for all his work over recent years in running events like this. He is always thanking others for their help - I think he deserves his own recognition for supporting a variety of causes in the village. Well done Geoff!!!

FROM MY WINDOW IN THE SQUARE

Edith Marie-Louise Grout

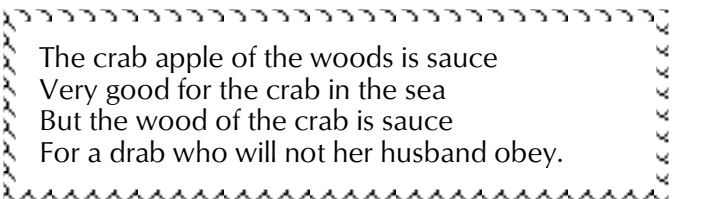


The Western Wind has blown but a few days
Yet the first leaves fly already from the tree
On the drying path I walk in my thin shoes
But in the first cold I have donned my quilted coat

I found this old Chinese proverb described well our autumnal weather, which is so changeable. One moment the clouds are thunderous, the next the sky is blue and the sun shining sweetly. I think Wellingtons would be more appropriate for country walks.

Very soon, on Halloween, the clocks will go back and British Summer Time come to an end. The days and light have already shortened. This is the time for the wonderful spider webs. Their construction has not changed over the years. On a moist morning each web is spangled with raindrops which outline their intricate design. Each year I marvel anew at such delicacy of pattern and admire the action of the spider, which is almost the best I have seen for some time.

This is the season of mist and mellow fruitfulness and in my garden I have a very lovely 'Discovery' apple tree with bright red fruit shining in the sunshine. My birds love to pick at the fallen ones which are juicy. This tree reminds me of our early days in The Square - the days when orchards were plentiful. In October and November it was a delight to walk down the lanes with my faithful airedale Mister Blaze, not only to see but to hear the busy apple pickers gathering the harvest for the brewing of our local and very good cider by Whiteways. Looking back to the origins of fruit trees in England the only indigenous ones are the crab apple or *Malus Sylvestris*. It is small and beautiful especially when it is in bloom or in fruit. The wood of crab apples is very hard and in ancient times was used for carving or making mallets. I found this amusing poem not so long ago:—



The crab apple of the woods is sauce
Very good for the crab in the sea
But the wood of the crab is sauce
For a drab who will not her husband obey.

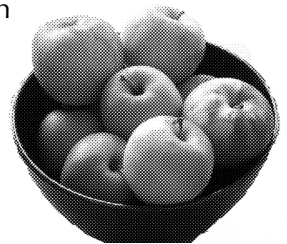
A Devon legend tells us how young girls used to pick crab apples from the hedges and lay them out in the shape of the initials of their suitors. At day break on the Old Michaelmas day, 11th October, they would run downstairs, look at them and decide which were the best preserved and then made their choice as to the name of the candidate suitable as future husband.

Greek mythology is also rich with stories of the magic power of apples. Poems tell us the story of young Prince Paris brought up modestly with shepherds who one day was asked to judge the fairest in the land. and he gave the prize to Helen, later Helen of Troy - it was a golden apple. The apple orchard within 'Paradise' of Greek myths was known as the garden of the Hesperides where the sacred apple tree grew conferring the power of immortality. The Hesperides themselves were nine fair maidens who guarded and tended the tree of immortality. The symbol of Aphrodite, goddess of love, was an apple. In the Hesperides' garden, the maidens joined hands round the tree to protect it and a serpent was coiled around the roots, a symbol of wisdom. The snake eating its tail is the oroborus, symbol of wholeness and eternity. It is strange how this story was revived in Genesis when God created the garden of Eden. The serpent became representative of all that is evil, the woman the temptress, and the symbolic apple the downfall of man.

In Celtic times apples were considered the food of the Gods and, since then by tradition, the apple trees have been wassailed over many centuries to assure good crops. Wassailing is still practiced here in the village on January 17th. It is a seasonal ceremony during which prayers and blessings are addressed to the trees. Felling an apple tree had always been considered as sacrilege and even brought with it the death penalty. It is hard to imagine when one considers how many of our apple trees have been felled and destroyed in recent years.

Apples have always been considered as great healers, the old saying "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" is well known but perhaps not so current in its application. It was even said that if you ate a grated apple on waking up you would prevent morning sickness in pregnant women. I am sure a more healthy and less harmful medicine than those prescribed in the sixties/seventies which caused so much heartache pain to young parents whose babies were born with deformities as a result of the drug thalidomide. Apples have always been considered to have magical healing powers creating beauty and fruitfulness.

At Midsummer the apple trees are the most common bearer of the sacred mistletoe. The juice of the apple was used in the Druidic sacrament much as the grape was used in sacrament of Dyonisus Bacchus the God of Wine. Apple trees planted near houses prevented the lightning from striking; they also generated love in the household.



Like the sweet apple that reddens on the topmost bough
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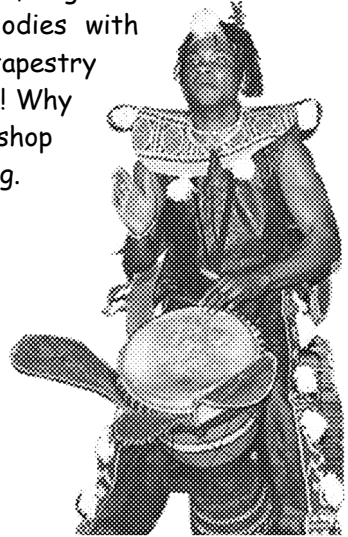
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THE MARINER'S WAY

I knew that the game was up when we were ambushed in Noel Edmonds' back yard. With my wife Gill I was into my third day of a six day trek along the Mariner's Way from Bideford on the North Devon coast to Dartmouth on the South coast. As this year's President of the Devon & Exeter Law Society it was my objective to raise £5000 for Devon Air Ambulance Trust, and at the same time to draw to the attention of the public the extensive pro bono work done by Devon solicitors.

As we trudged wearily along a country lane near Jacobstowe (present home of the creator of Mr Blobby) we saw a sign inscribed "You are now entering Peter, Peter & Wright country". On closer inspection we found a cheque for Devon Air Ambulance pinned to the top. As we scratched our heads and wondered whether to pocket the cheque and run, out sprang James Rowland and his wife. James is now a consultant with the firm of Peter, Peter & Wright with offices throughout North Devon. A wonderfully generous surprise, just when the drizzle was beginning to run down our necks.

The Mariner's Way is an ancient route taken by sailors moving between Bideford and Dartmouth to join their ships. Both towns had developed considerable trade with America throughout the 17th and 18th centuries. Both also imported wool from Spain to supplement Devon's flourishing textile industry. As the sailors moved between ports they were supported along the way by the parishes through which they passed. The accounts for Gidleigh parish show:-

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| 1760 | Gave a sailor who has a pass | 1s.0d |
| 1774 | Giv'd alms to sailor | 6d |
| and in South Tawton:- | | |
| 1670 | To two seamen as shown by their certificates suffered shipwreck | 2s.0d |
| 1670 | Given to James Wallis and his family having had losses at sea by the Turks and for Ransoming of some taken by the Turks | 2s.0d |

We had started on Day 1 at Bideford where we had a send off from some local solicitors and the mayor of Bideford who is also a local historian.

For the first part of the journey we were following the Tarka Trail – so named after the famous children's book Tarka the Otter by Henry Williamson. The route starts gently enough ambling alongside the River Torridge using the line of a long extinct railway. At Torrington the route crosses the River Torridge and on Day 2 we climbed along the line of the old railway to the clay quarries on Marland Moor in west Devon. The Tarka Trail is probably best known for the cycle track that runs from Barnstaple to Bideford through Instow with lovely estuary views. But the trail here, while still fit for cycles, is deep in the heart of rural Devon – rolling fields, woodland, flowers in abundance and bird life. We followed a heron up this stretch and I thought of Old Nog from the book and his cry of 'Krark'. Local schoolchildren had also contributed to the Tarka theme by designing and building surprise statues of the animals, some of which doubled as seats to rest old bones.

The railway line in its heyday not only took the clayworkers to their jobs, but also helped to take milk from these remote Devon farms to the railhead at Torrington and then on to London. Its 0-6-0 narrow gauge locomotives also pulled the clay which went on to make the toilets and washbasins of the Edwardian era.

On Day 3 we had a brief stop at the market town of Hatherleigh at the Tally Ho Inn. This pub boasts its own brewery and so in the interests of research we tried a few samples! Here the Tarka Trail finishes for cycles but continues as a walking trail and we soon arrived at Okehampton on the northern edge of the Dartmoor National Park.

As we left Okehampton the rain stopped and we started our climb onto Dartmoor. We took the track beside the East Okement river. This is a gorgeous path which follows the river as it tumbles over rocks and waterfalls past ancient moss-laden oak trees.

It was here that Tarka met his mate White Tip and went fishing for trout. After an hour we came out onto the moor proper just above Belstone and as we sucked in lungfulls of moorland air the blue sky was enormous.

Day 4 promised to be the most challenging so far. It was a 12 mile hike over the high moor in 'typical Dartmoor' weather ie strong winds and rain interspersed with sunshine – no two minutes the same. Friends and family joined us for this stretch. As we ate our soggy sandwiches on the grimly named Hangingstone Hill (1960 feet) the cloud lifted to reveal a wonderful panorama stretching all the way to Exmoor in the north east and Tavistock in the west. For the particular beauty of wild moorland it doesn't get much better than this.

The memorial stone to the poet Ted Hughes is unobtrusively located near this hill. It lies in a bend of the River Taw as it begins its journey to the Bristol Channel, the second part of Tarka's adventure. But we leave the northward flowing rivers at this point to following the nascent River Dart as it runs south off the moor towards our journey's end. As we stumbled wet and weary into Postbridge Gill reminded me that we were over half way.

A spot of luxury overnight at the Lydgate Country House Hotel revived us and we were again joined by friends for the start of Day 5 which would see us climbing up to Mel Tor and then wending our way along medieval cart tracks off the moor to Buckfastleigh. We passed along Dr Blackall's drive, named after the local squire who had a carriageway built alongside of a hill so that he could watch in comfort as the River Dart plunged in a torrent through the Double Dart Gorge 200 feet below.

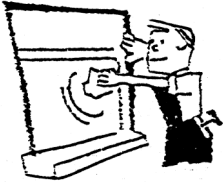
It was tempting at Buckfastleigh to take the old steam railway to Kingswear – but ever mindful of our sponsors we ploughed on to our overnight stop at the Seatrout Inn at Staverton. Distances can be critical at the end of a day when we had already walked about 15 miles. I thought it was only 3 more miles to Staverton but it turned out to be more like 6 around the lanes. Gill was not talking at this point, legs being powered by fury alone!

Day 6 dawned sunny with a light south-west breeze – perfect walking weather. We made good progress to Totnes and from Totnes to Dartmouth we followed the Dart Valley Trail. This trail is way-marked by Devon County Council and runs along the River Dart through creekside villages like Ashprington, Bow, Tuckenhay (the Maltsters – lately owned by Keith Floyd the TV chef who called the pub Floyd's Inn (Sometimes)). We passed Sharpham House – famous for its English wine and cheeses, but no time to stop – we have a date with the mayor of Dartmouth. The pace quickened as we dropped down into Dittisham and then slowed again as we climbed the 1:5 hill out of the village – the South Hams won our prize for the prettiest picture postcard views and villages, but it has some hills! We charged down the road into Dartmouth with only ten minutes to spare to meet Councillor Richard Rendle, Dartmouth's Mayor, and the local press. We were kindly presented with the Dartmouth plaque and were able to announce that we had reached our target of £5000 for Devon Air Ambulance.

During the journey I was conscious of the fact that we were following in the footsteps of working men over the centuries: the seafarers moving along the Mariner's Way; the clay miners of mid Devon; the tin miners on Dartmoor and the farmers of the South Hams. These men had to use the route for their livelihoods – we were just passing through.

Thank you to all the people of Whimble who supported us both financially and (Maggie and Jack) with your company. It was worth the blisters.

Paul & Gill Derbyshire



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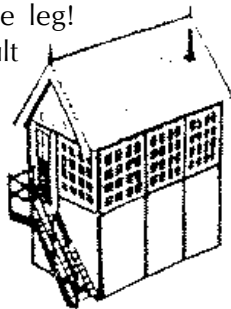
From my window in the crossing keepers hut

Since I last wrote we've finally got the new ticket machine but it seems slower than the old one and, apart from being able to tell me the price from Feniton to Stranraer, it still doesn't do Apex and Super-advance tickets. Never mind, I hope all you steam fans saw 'Taw Valley' fly through on Sunday 5th September. The question is though - what nameplate was it carrying on the day - answers on a postcard!

Lost property is the big thing this time of year. To date Waterloo have in their possession digital cameras, mobile phones and even a false leg!

Look after your belongings when you travel. It is very difficult to trace things once left behind and it is time-consuming. Also for those who are unsure, the current timetable on South West trains is in force until the 12th of December. A new timetable in-line with EU directives comes into force after that. Don't even begin to ask me how the EU would have directives on timetables, but they've managed it.

See you soon. Alex.



S Club 11

S Club 11 has started again for the Autumn! 27 children came down to the **Whimple Scout Hut** on Sunday 12th September. It now begins at **10:45am** for various new games (including full-size air hockey & table football!) before the action-packed programme begins at 11:00am - for songs, quizzes, competitions, prizes and more games, coupled with a fun, short, interactive Bible learning slot until **12:15pm!** If you're aged between 5 & 14, then come on down! Those new to Year 1 are particularly welcome. And a **new separate group ("Impact") has started for Year 6 and above**, hopefully with its own band! S Club 11 is now on-line with its own web pages.

Take a look at www.geocities.com/dominyclan/SClub11.html for info and photos!

**Forthcoming dates are: Oct 10, 31 (instead of 24),
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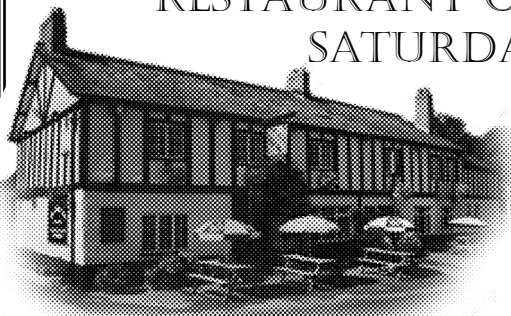
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A big than you for all the staff in Whimble stores and the PO who help so much by selling our tags and Garden Bags. To have to deal with this is a bit of a fiddle so please help by tendering the correct cash.

We have had three successful rounds in the village so far, but need to pick up quite a lot more material to break even with our expenses. All our equipment (like us!) is old and cranky and needs constant repair *.So if you cannot compost your own material, please put it out for OR and save a trip to a recycling center. This saves your time, possible queues, and loads of emissions, all up front in the media right now.*

As a not for profit community business there are loads of other ways you can help, and there are benefits both ways. Some of the tasks are:

- Preparing tags
- Looking after the shops
- Leaflets and posters
- Helping on the round (cheaper than the gym)
- Helping at the site
- Maintaining the tractor and other machines
- Delivering compost

A couple of hours now and again makes a real difference, and the odd bag of compost is very useful...

Also , as it happens we have funding for two part time posts, and there are no age or gender issues, very useful top up finance! If interested please call us.

Our next meetings are at the Nog, Feniton on 21st Oct at 7.30pm and the Thirsty Farmer on 17th November. All are welcome

Thanks for supporting Otter Rotters and keeping things local.

Hugh Roberts



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Whimple Victory Hall

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Please contact Teresa Daniels on 823619 for further details.

Help for the Hard of Hearing

The main hall now has a loop system installed to help anyone who uses a hearing aid. If your event would benefit from this facility, please let us know when you make your booking.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 25th of October at 7:30pm in the committee room. Everyone is welcome. Please come along with any questions you may have for the trustees and any views or suggestions you may wish to put forward for the improvement of the hall and its facilities.

Call for Trustees

The Victory Hall is managed by a board of trustees. If you're interested in becoming a trustee please contact me on 823614 for further details and come along to the Annual General Meeting when new trustees will be elected.

John Discombe

WHIMPLE OVER 60s CLUB

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| October 3rd | Sunday mystery trip and lunch. 10 a.m. from The Square |
| October 16th | Coffee morning with cake stall and raffle. 10 a.m. -12 noon |
| October 26th | Talk by Mr Tom Coleman on 'Devon farmhouses' |
| November 2nd | Trip to Barnstaple |
| November 9th | Talk by Mrs M Watkins - 'Christmas Floral Arrangements' |

St. Mary's Church

Thank you to all who supported the summer 'Coffee and Cake' sessions in the Church; over £600 was raised for the Restoration Fund. As they are popular gatherings it is proposed to hold them once a month during the winter months. The next will be on Saturday 16th October from 10.15 until noon in the Church. The 'Fair Trade' stall will be there with the usual selection of goods and Christmas cards too. On 27th November there will be a Christmas Coffee Morning in the Victory Hall from 10.30 - 12.30. As well as the usual array of cakes there will be mince pies (the first of the season?!) served with the coffee. There will be a 'Bring and Buy' stall, a cake stall and a Christmas Raffle as well as Christmas cards on sale and the FairTrade stall.

Watch this space! - NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY in the Victory Hall - more details in next issue!
Sarah Smith

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We will have our usual selection of food products plus Christmas cards available at the **Coffee Morning in the Church on 16th October**. At the Church's **Christmas Coffee Morning on 27th November in the Victory Hall** we intend to have an extra selection of fair traded gifts for sale

Note: we continue to hold a Traidcraft stall in the Church every first Sunday in the month at 12.00 after the service, and this is open to anyone to pop in. These will be on October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th.

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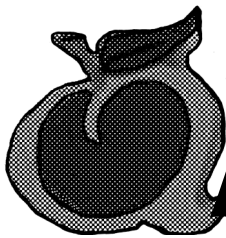
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WHITEWAY QUOTES

Daphne Rastall from the Whimble History Society, lent me a series of booklets from the Whiteway library, concerning Whiteways' price lists and customer testimonials. I have taken a selection from 1907 that caught my fancy and have taken the usual liberty of adding some comment.....the language used is wonderful, and gives an indication of the excellent reputation of the Whiteways products and how far they travelled round the world. If you want more, please visit the Heritage Centre for a browse.

TESTIMONIALS

From His Serene Highness The late Duke of Teck, Glen-Aray, Windsor –
“Messrs Whiteways & Co. having supplied their brands of cyder to H.H. the Duke of Teck, H.H. begs to state that he is in every way pleased with them, and has found them most excellent.” (*what he means to say is there any chance of some freebies, chaps if I do some creeping?*)

Miss G Milne-Horne, York Place, Edinburgh – “ I am so much pleased with these cyders I mean to give up wine for them as a rule.” (*and then when I sober up, I forget all my plans and promises*)

From J St. Loe Strachey Esq, Newlands Corner, Merrow, Guildford-
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From Frank A Bellville Esq, Stourghton Grange, near Leicester –
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From the Convent, Woodstock Road, Oxford –
“The Mother Superior thinks the ‘ Sweet Alfred’ brand especially good. (*please may we have another 15 cases to last the week and we promise to let you have your delivery driver back soon...let's party, baby....*)

CYDER FOR EXPORT

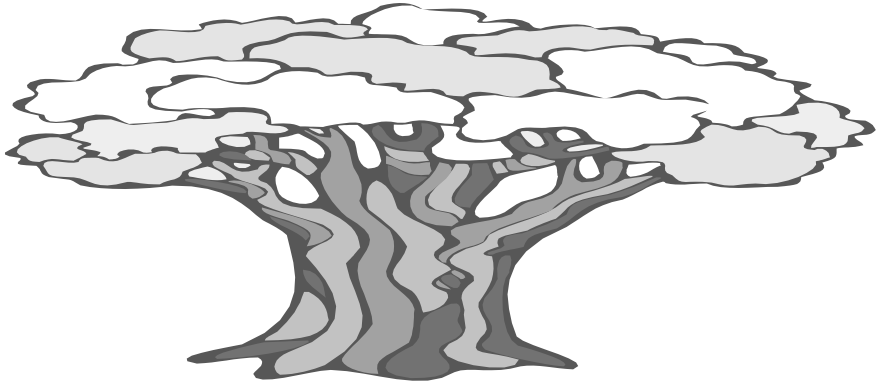
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WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

The heady success of our 50th Show last year was always going to be a difficult act to follow, but this year's Show certainly did. The judges' comments certainly reflected this and it is very pleasing to report on such a good Show. Although many of the Classes had excellent entries, it was so good to see so many colourful exhibits in the flower classes. It has been a while since we had such quality exhibits in these Classes and it certainly gave Henry Stephens and Bert Mortimer a few headaches determining the winners. It was very pleasing to see some new names amongst the trophy winners but everyone who entered should be congratulated in helping make the Show such a great success. A complete list of Cup Winners is included with this report.

Although there were not quite as many entries in the Children's Classes this year, the quality and imagination of the exhibits was at the usual high standard. Winners in these classes were David Banfield, Robbie Palmer and Louisa Rowlands who shared The Cygnets cup; Katie Ackland who won the Basildon Award; Jessica Bolden who won The Fletcher Cup and Helen Webber who won The Children's Challenge Cup. The photography section was again keenly contested with some outstanding pictures and Tony Hindle took the trophy in this section. In the Arts and Crafts Classes, Shirley Williams took both trophies in this section demonstrating her skills with some fine exhibits.

Once again the flower arranging had the usual outstanding exhibits and added its own special contribution to the Show. The trophies in this section were won by Barbara Lambert and Heather Burrough. Clearly having the ballot for the best exhibit in the show is very popular and helps people feel a part of the show. With no entries from Marion Turner in the Wine Classes this year, there was going to be a new winner of The Cranny Brook Cup and this was Joss Bratt. There is no truth in the rumour that there is a subscription to AA with this trophy! Every year the billiard table is tested to see just how many cakes it will take and this year was no exception. So many wonderful exhibits and all edible! Congratulations to Margaret Burrough who took the honours in this section.

The Pot Plant Section was actually won by Michael Mallet. Unfortunately this was given out incorrectly on the day and was due to a mathematical error on our part for which we humbly apologise to Michael. The guilty parties have been duly reprimanded and enrolled on a maths night class so the same mistake does not happen next year! And finally, but by no means least, the flowers and vegetable classes. It was so good to see so many exhibits in these classes and as mentioned earlier, it certainly gave the judges a hard task, particular with the flowers. This was again a very keenly contested section but once again the overall winner was Gerald Radford, who won The Whimple Folk Cup, closely followed by Heather Burrough who won the Win and Bob Shepherd Cup. The Slewton Cup was shared by Lilian Braund and Paul Wilson with Joan Ward taking the Slewton Cup. Joan very kindly gave out the prizes and our thanks to her for doing that.

As reported in the last edition of The News, a cheque was presented to Myrtle Docks at the Show as a result of the tremendous support we received from the Open Gardens Event. The superb support for this event meant a substantial sum of money has been donated to Ottery St. Mary Hospital.

The Committee would like to express their thanks to everyone who helps us set up the Hall for the Show and put everything away again, it is very much appreciated. Hopefully all those of you who exhibited for the first time enjoyed the experience and will do so again next year. And while talking of next year, the Show will be on Saturday 13th August 2005, so start your planning now!!

Paul Wilson, Hon. Secretary.

**WHIMPLE AND DISTRICT
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WHIMPLE FLOWER SHOW 2004
CUP WINNERS**

Section 1 Flowers and Vegetables:

The Whimble Folk Cup
The Win and Bob Shepherd Cup
The Slewton Cup
The President's Cup

WINNER

Gerald Radford
Heather Burrough
Lilian Braund & Paul Wilson
Joan Ward

Section 2 Pot Plants:

The Briar Trophy

Michael Mallett

Section 3 Homecraft:

The Sir Henry Imbert - Terry Cup

Margaret Burrough

Section 4 Beer and Wine:

The Cranny Brook Cup

Joss Bratt

Section 5 Floral Arrangement:

The Sandfords Cup
The Marie Louise Grout Cup
The Roy Horsburgh Trophy

Barbara Lambert & Heather Burrough
Barbara Lambert
Heather Burrough

Section 6 Arts and Crafts:

The Len Rose Memorial Cup
The Whimble Craft Cup

Shirley Williams
Shirley Williams

Section 7 Photography:

The Paul Henry G.C. Memorial Cup Tony Hindle

Section 8 Junior Classes Children Under 5 Years:

The Cygnets Cup

David Banfield, Robbie Palmer
& Louisa Rowlands

Section 9 Junior Classes Children 5 to 7 Years:

The Basildon Award

Katie Ackland

Section 10 Junior Classes Children 8 to 11 Years:

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Jessica Bolden

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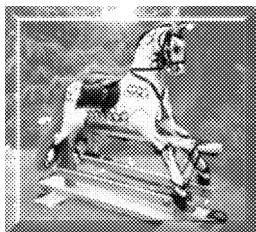
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Whimble History Society



ANNUAL AUCTION OF ITEMS AND PLEDGES

Don't miss this annual event that helps to provide funds for the History Society and the Heritage Centre Project, to be held, as usual in the Victory Hall on Friday 29th October, at 7.00 p.m. The Auction itself will be handled by Oaks and Partners of Cullompton (an entertainment in itself!).

Items for the Auction can be left at the Heritage Centre on either Thursday 21st October from 5.00 p.m. until 7.00 p.m. or Saturday 23rd October from 10.00 p.m. until 12.00 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 bring items at these times please contact Bob Roberts on 822311. In addition, pledges of benevolence, help or provision of work etc. should also be notified to Bob.

Please be generous with items and your support on the night – it is the Society's main fund-raising event of the year. Thank you.

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OVER 65's PARTY

3rd December 2004


Your party this year is assured thanks to the Cricket Club, Geoff Delves and The New Fountain Inn.

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 Whimble Village invite the Villagers of Whimble who are over 65 years of age (before 3rd December 2004) to a Christmas Party at the Victory Hall, Whimble on Friday 3rd December 2004 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 29th November.



To: Mrs Lucy Smith
2 Clarence Villas
The Square
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I/We will be attending the Over 65's Christmas Party on Friday 3rd December

Name(s) _____

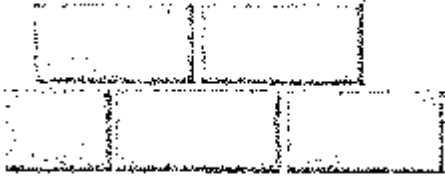
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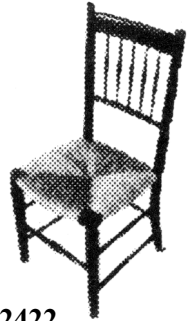
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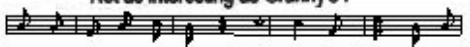
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TWO LONELY MARROWS

Having been driven to the cricket field to support the charity match which I watched very little of outside as it was rather chilly, we spent most of our time in the club house peering through the window, not drinking alcohol I hasten to add but sipping lemonade. We met up with a few other friends and caught up with our holiday news before deciding it was time to make our way home. A couple of us thought we'd walk as the exercise would do us good. As Frances and I reached the old fire station we looked across towards the Victory Hall and wondered what we could see on the grass. Walking across the road to investigate we realised we were faced by two marrows on a piece of paper which read , help yourself, V.P.A. surplus. Frances and I thought we'd have one each and decided we could make good use of them.

You're probably wanting to know why I've written such a load of twaddle but we would like to thank the person and what better way than to say thank you than through the Whimble News.

Frances and Lynda

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WHIMPLE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

September 14th saw our first evening meeting since the summer break and members enjoyed catching up on each other's news. We were especially pleased to see our Secretary again and hear about her visit to Australia and her new grandson, born during her stay there.

The speaker at our September meeting was Alan Payne who spoke to us of Poltimore House, its past glory and present plight and the band of volunteers who are working to bring some stability to this historic building. A most interesting subject.

Our annual Garden Party, held on a sunny afternoon in August, was a pleasant, friendly event. A visit was made to see the splendid garden of a member, followed by tea at another member's home where refreshments provided were worthy of The Ritz!

On 13th September about 30 members took part in a coach outing to the Clarke's shopping village at Street. A splendid chance for a lot of conversation and a little retail therapy.

We are a thriving WI and would be so pleased to welcome new members. Why not come along on the second Tuesday in the month and look us over. We're very friendly and we don't bite!

If you have any queries about WI please contact the Secretary, Ann Bowden, on 01404 823450.



Sue MacCulloch

Gilbert and Sullivan comes to Whimple!

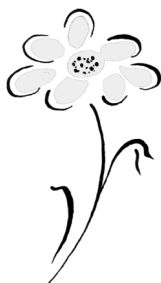
The New Ottregians, whose main production is a major musical in The King's School, Ottery St Mary each summer, will present a concert version of the G & S operetta 'Ruddigore' in Whimple Church on Sunday, 7th November at 7.30pm.

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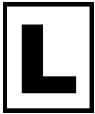


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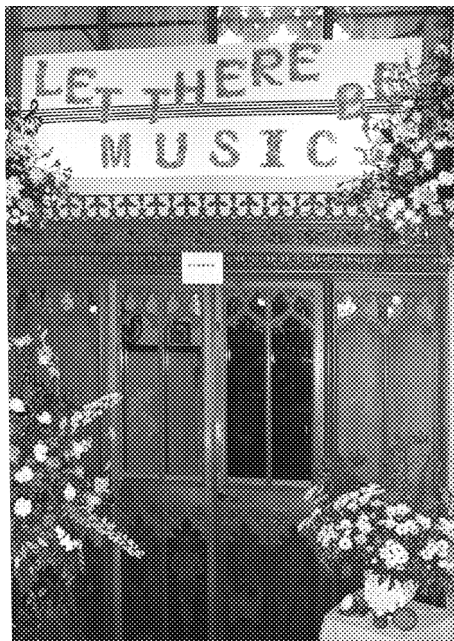
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Whimble Church Flower Festival



A very, very big **“thank you”** to every one who helped to make “Let there be Music” so successful.

Finally the weekend arrived. The church was a blaze of colour and smelled glorious, and even the weather was smiling on everyone. Over sixty five people from the village were involved during those days, ranging from flower arrangers, people helping with catering, and stewards in both the church and directing the traffic, and that did not include the numerous people who had helped during the run up to the festival. A great tribute to the community spirit of Whimble. The weekend finished with a most enjoyable Songs of Praise.

As a result of all that hard work, a sum in excess of £2200.00 has been raised for the Church Restoration Fund. I must be honest, although I obviously hoped that a large amount of money would be raised, from past experience I never expected that we would reach anything like the above figure. Again very many thanks to everyone.

Rosemary Horrell



Whimble Scouts

Just to say firstly, a big thank you to our gallant band of leaders who since April have not only run their respective nights, but also have given up weekends and weeks of holiday, to take cubs to camp at Caddihoe, scouts to a jamboree in Dorset, and just last week the scouts went camping again this time to Woodlands Park at Dartmouth. Despite torrential rain on Friday and Saturday morning, they had a great time and had lots of fun.

Over the holiday we've seen leaders and the committee working hard together checking and cleaning, and this paid off for the Church Flower Festival. I know I enjoyed looking around the displays even if our lad Graham was determined to try and damage the pews with his head. We spent two hours in casualty and four Butterfly stitches later put this right though. The best thing for Graham was he got away without having his hair washed for a week!



Date for your diary

The scout group annual jumble sale and auction is to be held on 13th of November 2004 at the scout hut. The village collection (items large or small) will take place on Friday 12th of November starting at 2pm from the square. If items need collecting on a different date please phone Alex on 822844 or Adam and Penny on (01392) 464927. Thank you all in anticipation of your support. Cheers.

Alex

CONSIDERATION FOR PEDESTRIANS

Now that the children are back to school, just a gentle reminder to drivers through the village, to give parents and children a wide berth if they are walking in the road. Generally drivers and pedestrians share the road, where there is no pavement, with consideration and politeness. Recently there has been an instance when a car has come dangerously close to pedestrians, and another instance when wing mirrors have made contact, at 'pinch points' on Church Road - it is not possible to squeeze past another car and pedestrians at the same spot!!

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Ed H

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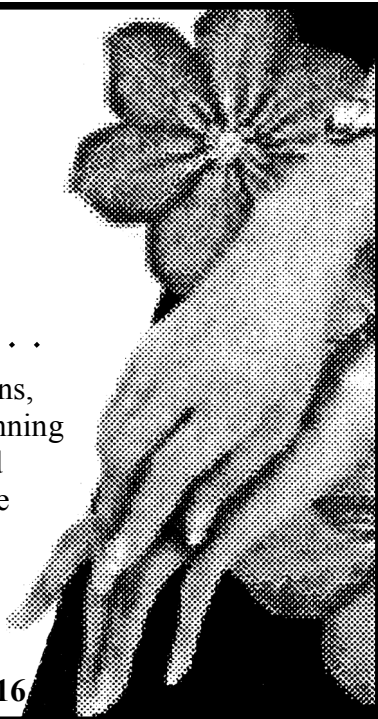
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Ed H



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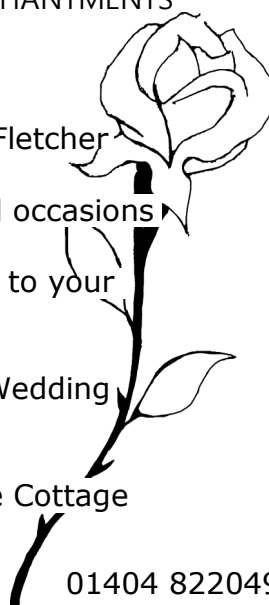
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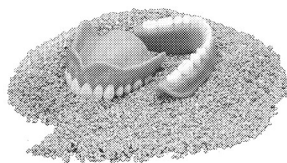
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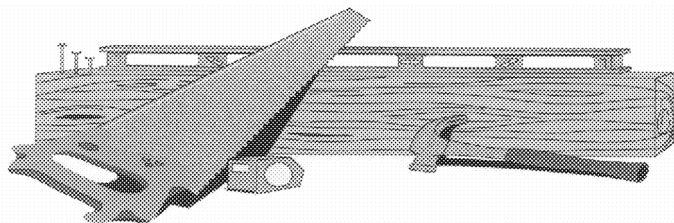


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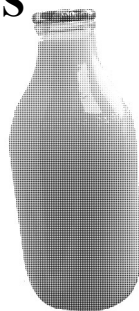
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Whimble News – Finances

As we draw a close to the latest year of the News, finances remain tight but 'above water'.

For information, the costs of producing the News run at £2088 per annum, alongside the time and support given by the committee in various guises. We are grateful for the continuing help given by Kevin Thompson who prints each and every edition through his business - Thompson Printers in Exeter. He is very generous in turning a blind eye to when we run into an extra page and often works to tight timescales.

The bulk of our income, as always, comes from those who advertise in the News. We appreciate their ongoing support and hope that their adverts produce plenty of interest. If you have the opportunity to support a local business, please do so.

When all outstanding adverts are paid for, the income generated will be just below the costs of production. However, I am pleased to confirm that for the last year we have received donations in excess of £300, the largest of these at £200, from the Parish Council.

In summary, we have had another good year, with costs of production being covered by advertising revenue and kind donations. The committee have agreed that we will maintain the same rates for advertisers again this year.

I hope that everyone who reads the News enjoys it and also appreciates how it arrives through your door. Production is by volunteers in their own time. Further help would be appreciated if anyone feels able to do so – contact Bob Scanlan or Ed the Ed.

Miles Leonard

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Here are some actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution recorded by maintenance engineers.

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(P = The problem logged by the pilot)

(S = The solution and action taken by the mechanics.)

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

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'We bought a house for ourselves in St.Laurent de-la- Cabrieresse, or rather made an offer on it; then we were told it was accepted and within one day the estate agent rang us and said 'Sorry, the old man was confused and had already accepted an offer from another English couple, and got the two mixed up'. So we went out searching again the next day, found a house in Durban, a medieval village, which we liked nearly as much, but the garden was not as nice. We made an offer, it was accepted and then we received a phone call to say that the lawyer for the first house told the estate agent he didn't trust the other English couple and didn't think they had the money, so then he advised the old man to accept ours which he did... do you follow me so far? Well we then had the dilemma that we had offers in France on two properties and technically a verbally accepted offer in France is binding, though legally you have seven days to change your mind for a good reason... Anyway the estate agent rang the owners of the Durban property and explained everything; they were not very happy... so now we are back to the first one.

It needs everything doing- new kitchen, new bathroom, new windows, but it is in a fabulous position, on top of a hill with no houses in front, overlooking the village, no one behind. It overlooks miles of vineyards and hills; neighbours with a big pool on the right and a near derelict bungalow on the left; 7 minutes from the motorway between Carcassonne and Narbonne, 20 minutes to Narbonne itself and 45 minutes to Gruissan. At the moment it is a bungalow with three bedrooms but eventually it will have a little tower with one more bedroom and balcony. The garden is good, about four times the size of the garden at Slewtton Crescent and it is south facing. And it was cheap, 135000 euros (So now we can do some alterations).

There was one snag, however.. Termites were found in the back garden, but we got the vendors to treat the house , just in case, before signing; otherwise we might be buying a pile of wood chip instead of a house... well you never know!

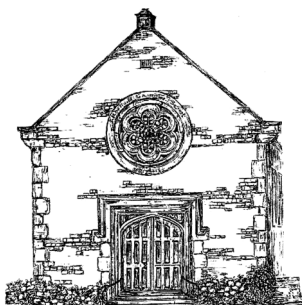
The rental house we have bought is at les Ayguades, Gruissan, similar to where I stayed last year, but a different, larger house, (two double bedrooms, one is a mezzanine); there are two gardens, one a reasonable front garden, large enough for a table and chairs for 8 and two sun-loungers, and there is also a built-in barbecue. The back garden is small, but ideal to hang up everyone's beach towels and to store dinghies, canoes or bicycles and all that jazz.

It was fully furnished including TV, plates, cutlery, tablecloths, etc. It has a swimming pool to share with 50 other villas and is 300 metres from a lovely beach and 100 metres from a lagoon (inner sea) and opposite a nature reserve and 2 km from Gruissan village, which is now connected with a brand new cycle path, tarmaced and, surprise, surprise, we will be able to rent out bikes for this as well!! You've got to be quick! It is only 10 mins from Narbonne and motorways, so what more do you want?

The next step is to organise insurance for it all, which should be fun in a strange language; we will probably find out we have insured our ears instead of our house or something, if Paul is anything to go by. The Estate agent said 'You must give the lawyer 9% but Paul understood 9 poisson (9 fish!).' and he did not understand why. .say no more. Also Paul went in to one estate agent on his own whilst looking for a house, and told the agent he wanted to SELL a house instead of BUYING... nearly lost our house in Exeter to an unknown French estate agent, never to be seen again. See now why I insist on going everywhere with him. Tomorrow it will be car hunting, so I must go, otherwise he will come back with a lemon (citron) instead of a Citroen car..

Janine's E-mail address is janineperyer@hotmail.com

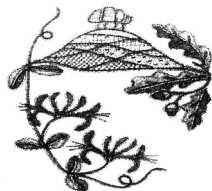
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BUT if you are in any doubt, be on the safe side and dial 999



One road user problem, which although not strictly related to neighbourhood watch, which is causing great concern to many villagers, is the growing number of qualified drivers who don't seem to understand the 'give way' signs and markings.

There have been a number of 'near misses' at the New Fountain Inn, the Railway Bridge and particularly at Post Office Corner, where drivers do not even slow down and/or obey the road signs.

Please observe the signs and markings, which are of course legal instructions, for the next accident may be yours!



The Boscastle disaster in August was so sad for those affected and they are all in our thoughts.

Some neighbourhood watch advice worth taking from the incident is:

- many people affected did not have an inventory of the possessions and valuables to give to their insurers
- some people had inventories had not updated them for some time
- some people who had not increased their insurances in line with real cost
- others lost their inventories which they kept on their computers or hard copies on the ground floor

Nobody is suggesting that the same kind of catastrophe on the same scale could happen here, but some remember the floods a few years ago in Whimble, and also a disastrous fire.

Copies of inventories are easily made and asking others to hold them for safe keeping might be a suggestion.

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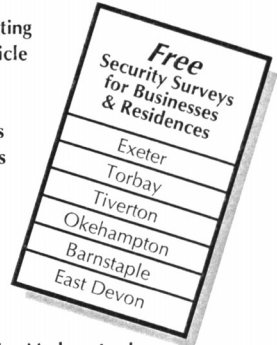
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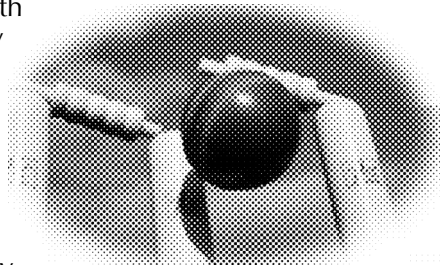
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CHARITY CRICKET MATCH

A charity cricket match was held on 12th September at Whimble cricket club. The money raised this time was for the Whimble playgroup and toddlers; we raised over £220, which was great. A big thank you to all who came along to support the event.



We raised the money by charging the players £3 each to play, with a barbeque and a 50/50 draw. There were also donations given to us by Mrs Randall Johnson and Edna Carthew. Many thanks to you both.

Thanks also to the cricket club for the use of their facilities - especially the sexy barmaid they provided. Thank you Sally.

A lot of the money raised came from the barbeque, for which Vicky Kendrew-Welton very kindly donated all the food. She also, with her son Jed, did the cooking throughout the afternoon - thank you both.

Now to the match; Vicky had Adrian as her captain for the day. Having lost the previous two years' matches saying I had all the best players, we decided to pick our teams on the day. We each chose one player at a time, you know like we did at school - leaving the little fat one to last; sorry BOX (Dave Mahoney).

Thinking he had picked a team to take on England, having Whimble's first team captain Ben Silk and last year's second team captain Tony Bickel to get some runs and take a few wickets - well that was the plan. Having won the toss Adrian put my team in to bat first. It looked like his plan was going to work with my first three players only getting 14 runs between them. However things started to get better when young Adam Bright came to the rescue with 26 declared (having agreed at the start if you get 25 you have to declare). There were also two other maximums - one by Sean Window and the other by me. Things were looking up with the rest of the team and, with the bowling extras they gave us, we put on a score of 153 for 4.

Now it was the turn of Adrian and his team of super-stars but alas it was not to be with Ben & Tony just managing to get 20 between them, and only Richard Bright getting into double figures, due to the skill of my bowlers in the damp conditions, bowling them out for only 86.

Not having picked up a cricket ball since last year, Gordon Podbury took 5 wickets. I think Whimble are looking for a bowler for next season also a captain if you are interested Gordon.

Better luck next year Vic and Adrian.

The whole day was a great success and thanks to everyone that took part.

Geoff Delves.



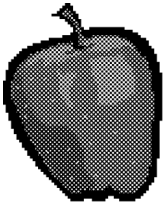
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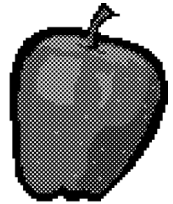
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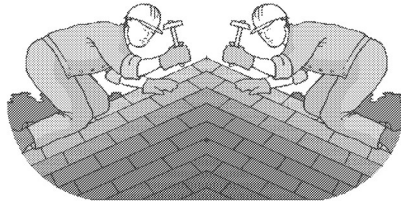
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Sylvia Broom



DIARY DATE

The Orchard Harmony Christmas Concert will be held in the Church on Thursday 16th December. Julia and the ladies look forward to seeing you all again.



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