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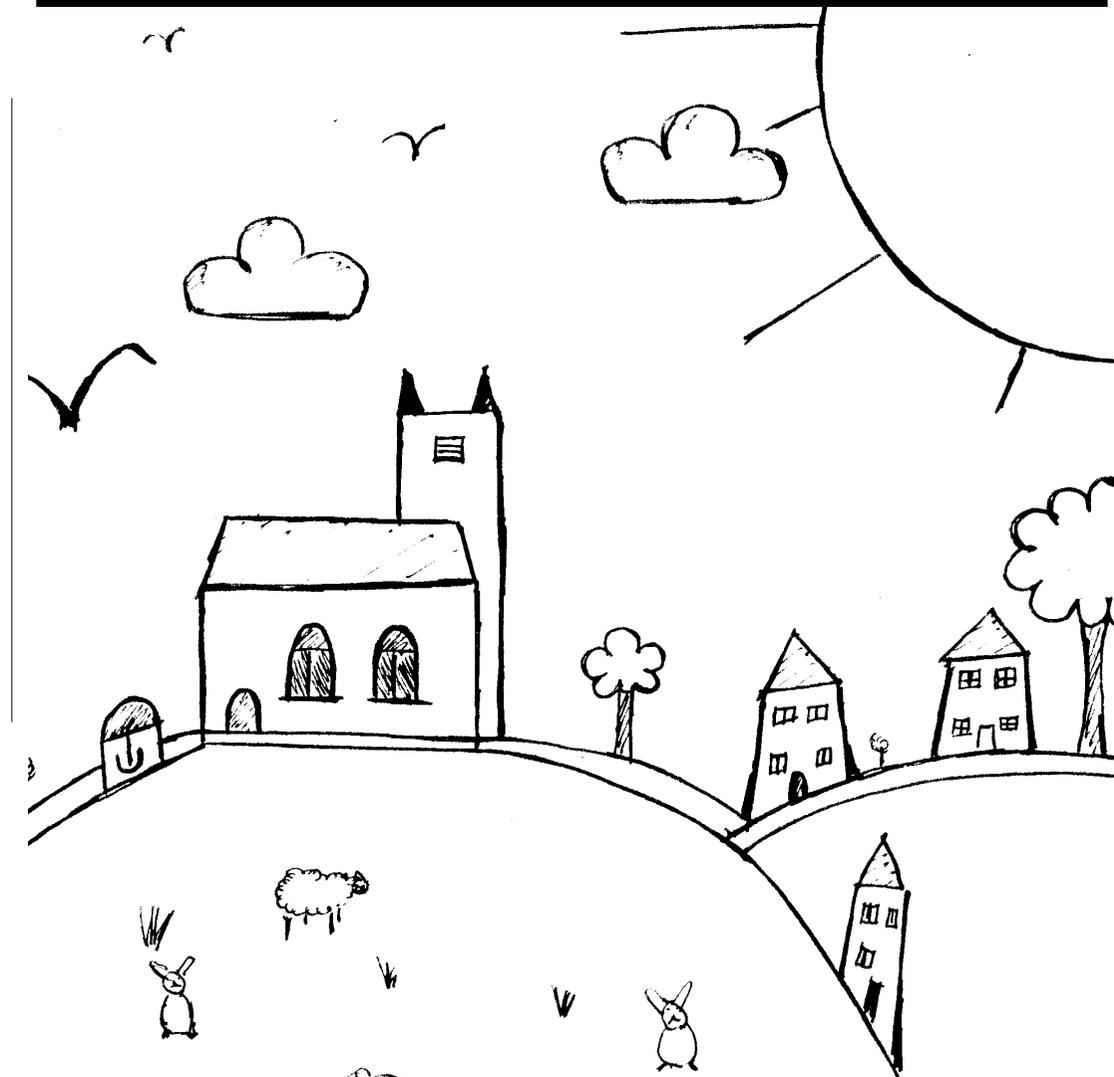
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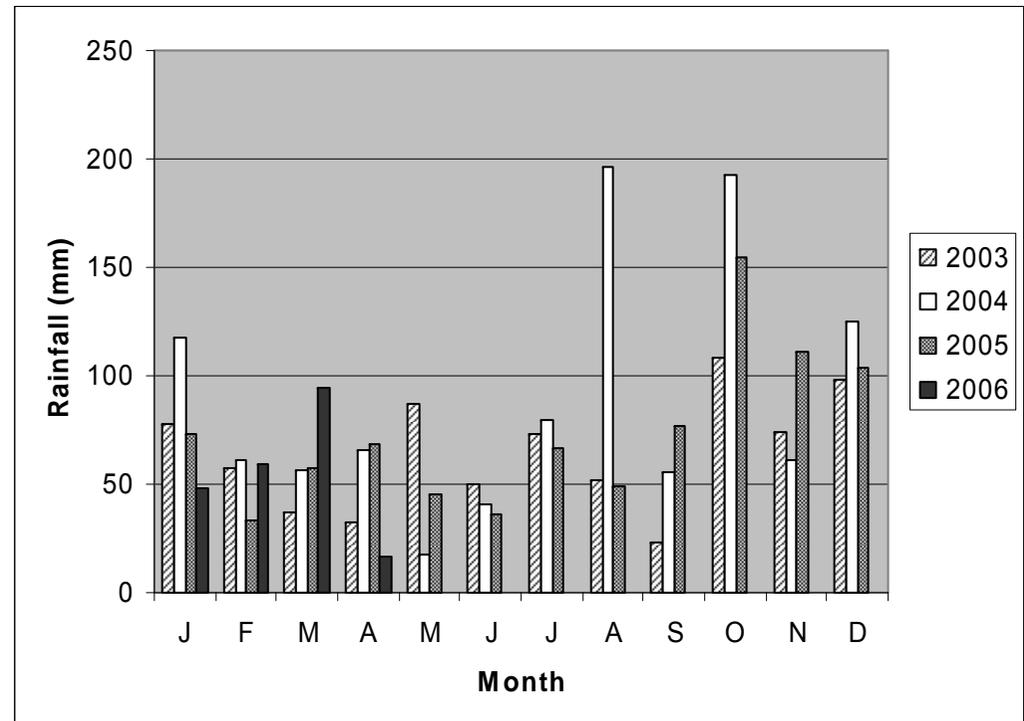
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A dry year so far, or so you may think, whilst April had much less rainfall than previous years, (only 6 days with rain) a couple of odd days heavy rain in January, February and especially March (8th with 35.5mm in one day, and 20 days with no rain) has made this March the wettest for 4 years!



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Welcome !

To the beginnings of Summer, and this, your sixth issue of the "Whitstone Whistler"

Another bumper issue awaits you, including the usual mix of news information and events.

I would just like to once again thank all of the regular contributors, and indeed all of the new ones for your articles. You are the ones that make the Whistler, my job is to put the pieces into place.

I would also like to reiterate what I have mentioned many times in the past about the Whistler being an invaluable way of you getting your news, information, words of thanks and of course advertising your forthcoming events, even more so now that we have the Whistlestop, which means you have a method of communicating with every single house in the village, every single month should you wish. Of course, sometimes I talk to people about the Whistlestop, and I find myself amazed when a few say they have never heard of it! whilst of course many others are seen chomping at the bit on the 1st of the month in the village shop waiting to get a copy! So please do use YOUR parish magazine and indeed the Whistlestop newsletter, it is a fantastic tool in community life, and after all it really does work it getting the message through!

Enjoy this issue, and of course your summer, and I eagerly await your feedback.

With My Kind Regards

Daniel Cock—Editor



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of anabolic steroids - make a fine display along the verges as they bask in the spring sunshine or dance in the gentle breeze, I prefer their more delicate, reclusive, wild relatives that hide themselves away in broadleaved woodlands and luxuriate in the damp leaf litter. The bulb of the daffodil has narcotic properties. In small doses it is a purgative and emetic, and was recommended by the seventeenth-century herbalist Nicholas Culpepper for use against all obstructions in the body. I think I'll stick with the All Bran, thanks, Mr Culpepper.

The primrose enters the scene almost unnoticed, but doesn't remain so for long as galaxies of sulphur stars spread in woods and grassy places and at the bottom of ancient banks and hedgerows. Many regard the 'soft silken primrose fading timelessly' as the harbinger of spring. In the Middle Ages a concoction made from primroses was used as a remedy for gout and rheumatism, and an infusion of the roots was taken as a cure for nervous headaches; and as 'In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love', perhaps the less modest or more desperate village maidens helped things along a little with a love potion made from the petals of the primrose.

The last of the much-loved quartet of spring flowers to appear is the bluebell, at a time which may almost be considered summer. Bluebell woods are an evocative part of our natural heritage and the liquefaction of colour, shading from blue to purple, makes one of the prettiest sights in nature. In a poll carried out in 2002, the bluebell was voted the most popular wild flower in most counties in the UK; with bluebells blooming in a variety of habitats - in woods, hedges and scrubland, on sea-cliffs and mountains - this is not, perhaps, surprising.

In his *Names of Herbes* published in 1548, William Turner refers to bluebells as 'crowtoes' - a common folk-name - and describes their small white bulbs being used to make glue. The bulbs also contain starch, which was used to stiffen the elaborate ruffs worn by gentlefolk in Elizabethan times. There is also a rich folklore surrounding bluebells. In times past, when forests were forbidding places, people believed that the 'bells' rang out to summon fairies to their gatherings, and fields of bluebells were associated with elfish enchantments.

So, if you're taking a spring walk in the woods and you hear bells ringing - and the tongues of St Anne and St Mary are still - then it could just be...

Flowers that Bloom in the Spring, Tra-la

By Ean Lawrence

As weary summer ambles into autumn, Nature gives us one last display of colour before she puts her paint-box away for the winter to concentrate on studies in pencil and charcoal. She chooses the soft, muted reds and oranges for the autumnal sunsets, and the mellow umbers, ochres and siennas for the leaves of the trees. The colours are sometimes further attenuated by a wash of mist. We look wistfully at this picture because we know that it will fade and disappear. We pass the winter eking out the store of hope we laid down over the summer with supplements of artificial Christmas colour and January sales stained with synthetic dyes. Sometimes Nature will take pity on us: she opens for a while the leaden dome above our heads to reassure us that the sky is still blue and the sun is still there. This sustains us through the gloomier periods of winter, encouraging us to be patient. But as we cross the threshold from the old year to the new, looking forward to the time when the balance between night and day will begin to fall in day's favour, we look for signs of renewal.

The first flower to seek leave of Nature to defy winter's injunction to stay underground is not some brash, attention-seeking showman, but the graceful snowdrop. We may think its early appearance a rather rash act as snow blankets the ground, yet we admire its audacity and the purity of its white sepals and green-tipped inner petals, and warmly welcome it as we would an old friend; with the appearance of these 'snow-piercers', we can begin to believe again that winter's enchantment will come to an end. As well as 'snow-piercer' being one its local names, the snowdrop was also known as 'the fair maid of February'. This refers to a custom connected with the Feast of the Purification of St Mary, celebrated on the 2nd February, in which village maidens would gather bunches of snowdrops and wear them as symbols of purity.

Inspired by the example of the bold snowdrop, the daffodil is the next player to step onto the stage; the daffodils 'that come before the swallow dares, and takes/The winds of March with beauty'. Although the hybrid varieties of daffodils – some of which look as if they have been on a course

News

Community

Playground Progress

After much effort in past years, and as a result of much desire, the prospect of Whitstone finally having its own children's playground seems to be turning into a reality.

Following a successful campaign to establish the need and determine the level of support for a children's play area through the "Whistler" an area of land has been earmarked and more recently a committee formed, to take the project through to completion.

Newly appointed secretary Jo Short Writes;

A meeting was held at St Anne's Hall on the 19th of April and a Playground Committee has now been formed in order to take the project forward and hopefully secure

the necessary funding required. The other committee members are, Chairman - Mr Dave Fowler and Treasurer - Mrs Jane Adamson.

Our next meeting is on the 7th June 7:30pm at St Anne's Hall, and we would be grateful for all of your help and ideas with the development of the playground - We look forward to seeing you at the meeting to support this project, which will provide something for the children of Whitstone, both today and in the Future.

(Next Meeting: 7th June 7:30pm at St Anne's Hall)

The Whistler Wants To Hear From You

We welcome your letters, news, views and opinions.

Please send your articles to us either by email (whiststonewhistler@gmail.com) or by post (Address inside front cover) or by hand to any member of the committee.

Please remember to put your name and address on your letter.

County Highways Surveyor Acknowledges Whitstone's Road Safety Concerns



At the recent Bude and District forum meeting held in Whitstone, a well prepared Mr Steve Ewing, who was recently appointed to the role of divisional highways surveyor, gave a brief report relating to the recent high number of accidents on the B3254, and also provided an update on the much sought after 30MPH speed limit for Whitstone. Mr Ewing was a guest speaker at the Bude and District Forum open meeting, which was held in St Anne's hall on the 27th of April.

Mr Ewing explained the situation as he understood it; whilst he also asked the floor to bear in mind he has only been in this role for approx 3 weeks. Mr Ewing already has meetings arranged with the Police road safety and accident investigation unit to discuss any potential reasons for the high number of accidents along the B3254. Mr Ewing went on to say that he was also in the process of arranging a "Surface Scan" of the road to determine if the level of abrasion of the road surface could be affecting the situation.

Blackspot

When questioned by the Chairman of Whitstone Parish Council (Mr M Collins) about the particular concern voiced to Him by the residents of Whitstone, relating to the apparent "black spot" that is green lane end corner, Mr Ewing replied that he was unaware of this particular spot, and this could be because many of the

accidents there are minor and therefore not reported to the authorities. He went on to thank the chairman of the Parish council for bringing it to his attention, and advised a line of communication had now been established to residents and the PCC Via Councillor Bob Booker.

Speed Limit

Mr Ewing went on to advise the floor that the "speedvisor" that had been measuring the speed of vehicles travelling North through Whitstone had been removed for data analysis, again this information would be used in conjunction with the police to assist in the development of any future speed restrictions or traffic calming measures in the village.

Diversions

When questioned about the apparent chaos due to the lack of an established suitable diversion when the road is closed due to an accident, Mr Ewing replied, " I am aware that there has been some confusion over this, pre defined diversion routes should be established in the event of a road closure, dependant on the location of the accident, and I will be discussing this with the Police when I meet with them".

Mediterranean, South Africa and California. We managed to visit these exotic places without leaving Cornwall: we went to the Eden Project at Bodelva.

First, we went to the new Education Centre. We learnt how important the rainforests are to life and what products – such as rubber and cocoa, coffee and spices - we get from plants. We learnt that many medicines have been obtained from plants, and that in the Amazon, for example, fewer than 1% of the plants have been tested for their medicinal properties.

Next, we were divided into four groups. Each group was given a bag which contained one of four different combinations of products associated with plants, e.g. orange juice, olive oil, chocolate and coffee. Attached to each of the products was a grid reference that gave the place in the biomes where the plant from which the product was derived could be found. Then, each group using a map, we followed trails around the outdoor biome, the warm temperate biome and the humid tropical biome in search of the plants. After lunch back at the Education Centre, we toured (again in our groups) the tropical biome looking at the relationships that different plants have with each other and how the plants and the animals that live on them find a niche within the hot humid climate – from the rainforest floor to the canopy. In the tropical biome, a path that climbs the side of the pit enabled us to experience what it would be like to 'walk' in the canopy.

We also discovered how people, near and far, rely on plants from the tropics and how those who live in or near the rainforests are managing the land to meet their needs while conserving this precious environment – practising sustainable living, And after an exhaustive – and an exhausting – exploration of Eden, what was everyone's favourite plant? It was the cocoa plant, of course.

We would like to thank Mrs Dyer and Mrs Stanbury for organising the trip and the parents and friends who transported us to the Eden Project. We had a great day - and we learnt a lot.

The Whitstone Whippersnappers

Building Project Update

The work on the new building continues apace. Returning to school after the Easter holiday, our level of excitement rose to see, with the girders and rafters in place, that the building had doubled its height.



School Visit To Eden

As part of our science lessons in the spring term, we (Classes 2 & 3) investigated the life cycle of plants, from germination, through pollination and fertilisation, to seed production and dispersal. We learnt that some plants are pollinated by insects and others by the wind. We made 3D posters showing each stage in the life cycle.



To round off an interesting topic, we travelled to the tropical rainforests of Malaysia and West Africa, journeyed to the

RAF Rescue Helicopter Scrambled To Whitstone Accident

An RAF search and rescue helicopter was utilised by the emergency services to transport casualties to hospital following yet another serious accident on the B3254 between Whitstone and Longhill recently. This brings the total number of serious accidents causing the main road to be closed to four in as many Months. This number does not include the numerous minor collisions which the Police do not attend or do not warrant the road to be closed. (See article opposite for more details on road safety affecting Whitstone)



The rescue helicopter landed beside the road at the top of Longhill.

Cancer Research Volunteers Bring Home The Bacon (and eggs!)



Some of the dedicated helpers who served up a 1st class breakfast recently.

Another successful Big Breakfast was held in St Anne's Hall with £710 plus donations being raised for this very worthwhile cause.

We are always able to make a substantial amount of profit due to two main factors, the tremendous support of the community and the continued generosity of The Cornish Farmhouse Bacon Company and Pennymill Eggs. There probably isn't another village that can boast that the bacon, sausages and eggs are all produced within their village. The committee members and friends

always have a hectic but enjoyable day in preparing and serving these all day breakfasts. It is always a popular event bringing many villagers together.

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It is that time of year where those of us on the Whistler committee sit down and assess the progress or otherwise of the magazine.

The Whistler underwent a transformation last year, an introduction of a new editor and full colour photos being published. The quality of the magazine in both design and content are being held up to other villages as what can be achieved.

The magazine functions due to five major parts

The Editor – The guy who spends his time free of charge assembling the magazine

The Contributors – The people who write in and supply us with articles of interest

The Distributors – The people who trudge around quite often in the rain to supply you free of charge your “Whistler”

The Parish Council for the purchase of the paper we print on

And lastly but definitely not least the Advertisers without who the Whistler would cease. Advertisers are the main source of income to the magazine.

We keep a careful eye on advertiser income and publishing costs to guarantee that the first covers the second for the whole year, to ensure that the magazine will continue to appear in print.

We have decided that due to publishing costs that the number of colour pages will have to be limited to ensure that the books balance. This means that the May and October issues will have limited colour printing but the February and August issues will be more highly populated with colour in order to display the Christmas and Carnival photos off to the best level.

We regret that the colour printing will have to be limited but due to costs all submitted photographs cannot always be printed. This step is necessary in order to ensure that the Whistler can continue to be free and delivered to every household in the parish.

Richard Horn - Treasurer to the Whitstone Whistler

Brian's

More Tales From The author of "Land of Milk & Honey"

Antiques and Unpredictability !

18. MAY 2005

Out and about by 6.30am fetching cows for milking, trying to get to Tavistock by 10.30 for BBC Antiques Road Show too handy to miss out. The milking going O.K one cow appears ready to calve but nothing much happening, by the end of milking, Put a hand inside nothing.

Carry on calf feeding and wash down, another inspection nothing, decide to phone the vet, who turns out promptly before I had time for breakfast, her diagnosis the calf has turned a ¼ turn the uterus as well, impossible to calve unless turned back, not easy. After about 15 minutes of turning, No luck. we now have 2 choices a caesarean or a dead cow, I chose caesarean, that means at least 2 vets and myself, 25 minutes later we are ready to start 2 vets plus a student, things are starting to move. Clip off hair, Anaesthetic and scalpel, in 15 minute we have a live calf, O.K. now for all we need is to stitch her up, 11.30am and still no breakfast,

Wonder out into yard with a bowl of cornflakes just watching the final stitches when the cow falls over from her standing position and burst some of the stitches, just what we need, ½ dried cow down on straw ready to stick in a

wet wound.

A good job we have extra staff, roll the cow into a safe position and lots of clean warm water to try and clean the wound, then finish stitching and coax her to stand without damaging herself. Might as well have an early mid day meal, before setting off for Tavistock, 22nd June 06 A road show is visiting Padstow might try and get there provided there is no cow calving,

04 April 06

More unpredictable cows a silver wedding anniversary for a certain Whitstone couple 7.30pm at an Okehampton venue 3.30pm a small lorry load of straw arrives and dealt with. Then a cow expected to calve for days decides now is the time, quite slowly at first by 5.30pm a calf was delivered a few more jobs to do before a wash and change of clothes. A newly calved cow appreciates a drink of water so I obliged and find another pair of legs Protruding ready for delivery (TWINS) and a tighter time scale for the anniversary dinner. I was the last one there of course !

District & County Council News

From Bob Booker - District/County Councillor

County Councillor Report:

Cornwall County Council has been highlighted by the Countryside Commission as a good example of how to tackle affordable housing.

Cornwall County Council worked hard last year in cooperation with its six district councils to support housing schemes for the less well off. The windfall income came about by the government finally reducing the 50% discount on second homes to 10%. In this first, and current financial year this amounted to 3.3 million pounds which has been dedicated to supporting local need housing developments. A total of 133 houses have already come on line as a result of this initiative. Regrettably this is a drop in the ocean, when compared with the desperate need which has been created by not replacing council houses lost through the right to buy. However it is a first step in the right direction and just shows what can be achieved when local authorities have the finance and the will to support these vital schemes.

District Council Report

The Primary Care Trust's intention to close all Minor Injuries Units at night met a great deal of opposition from Members at North Cornwall District Council. We have no control over the PCT but we are an advisory body. I attended three public meetings which were based on the potential Night Time closure of the MIU's. I was involved in discussions at Overview and Scrutiny at both District and County level. Members of the public were kept informed including a letter from myself to every household in my ward. Together with their response we succeed in reversing the PCT's proposition for our immediate area. We were lobbying for the MIU's to stay open at night and succeeded in keeping Stratton open. Parishes like Whitstone mid way between Launceston and Stratton have probably come out better than any part of the Primary Care Area. They should now have the extra Week End day time X-ray facilities at Launceston and continue to have a Minor Injury Unit open at night in Stratton.

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From Samantha Reed.

It's hard to believe that nearly a year has passed since we moved to Whitstone.

Over the previous 11 or 12 Months we have made a lot of new friends; Sam has become chair of Whitstone Waddlers; and Erin (our daughter) has taken part in the carnival and started at Acorns playgroup. Although Erin has only been attending for a short time, she seems to have settled extremely quickly - Monday and Thursday afternoons are among the highlight of her week.

It was on one of these Thursday afternoons, the 6th April that Emma and Wendy arranged a visit to Launceston Fire Station. After being welcomed to the station by Mick Vidler, we were given an introductory talk on the role of the modern fire-fighter's uniform, including the breathing apparatus.

Following an extremely democratic selection process, Rufus found himself apprehensively donning the full kit. Once the laughter had died down, the children were shown through to the stations garage where they thoroughly enjoyed the next half an hour climbing in and out of one of the two fore engines. The only thing needed to complete the visit was a chance to operate (or perhaps play with!) a bona fide fire hose. This was expertly set up for the group by Mick, who deftly cascaded water through the open window of his own car in the process! All in all, it was an extremely informative, educational and most importantly fun outing which was enjoyed by all the children (especially Rufus)! A big thank you to Emma and Wendy for organising it and to Mick for his time.

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Whitstone W.I.

January was the first meeting of the W.I. 2006.

It was held in the Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, members were welcomed by the President. Mrs. Judith Ibbotson and correspondence was dealt with. The speakers for the evening were Mr. & Mrs. Newton who brought a film and spoke about the work of the West Country Air Ambulance Service. Devon had recently acquired a second helicopter, people on the borders of Devon and Cornwall are served by both Air Ambulances. One of the helicopters is kept at Devon and Cornwall police HQ Middlemoor Exeter.

These ambulances are run totally on funds raised voluntarily. Sometimes helicopters from Chivenor are called in to help. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Linda Cole. Tea & biscuits were served by Elsie Short and Linda Cole. Draws were won by Ruth Mill and Gwen Martyn.

For the February meeting of the W.I. ten members attended, which was also the Annual Meeting. The President thanked members for their loyal attendance, special thanks was given to Miss Joy Cann for putting on the heating before each meeting. Mrs. Linda Cole was also thanked for taking on as Secretary after the loss of Mrs Meta Uglow who has been greatly missed over the past year for all her devotion to the W.I. over the years. A satisfactory report was given by the treasurer. Ideas were put forward for the coming years programme. Tea and biscuits were served by Vera Hopper

and Jean Bell. The draws were won by Judith Ibbotson and Vera Hopper. The competition for a poem was won by Miss Joy Cann and Linda Cole.

March is the birthday month for the W.I. Ten members and three husbands went to the Red Post Inn for a very enjoyable meal. The President presented the prizes and cups to Miss Joy Cann for the competitions and Mrs. Ruth Mill who came first and Mrs Elsie Short second for flower of the month. Thanks was given to the staff at the Red Post Inn.

Five members went to North Tamerton for the Group Meeting on the 21st of April.

The Speaker for the evening was Mr. Rendell, who was showing slides or Exmoor, the church where Lorna Doone was shot, also lovely views and pictures of bygone days. The National Trust own quite a lot of land on Exmoor. Members enjoyed a savoury and sweet buffet, prepared by North Tamerton members.

The entertainment was provided by eight children who played the hand bells to various songs under the supervision of Mr. John Guy.

Jean Kendall.

Shop for friendly convenience and you can still save money.

By Phil Tucker

A recent rural development commission survey of 9,000 English parishes found 42% had no shop of any kind and 43% had no post office.

We are fortunate to have both in Whitstone. And like me, I am sure many of us have popped in for a forgotten or essential item recently.

Before you read further, two quick questions – Do you think the shop is expensive? Have a think about how many miles per gallon will your car do – 20? 30? 40?

Is our shop convenient?

Opening, as it does, 8am – 8pm and three days a week from 8am -10pm it must surely be considered to be such. The shop opens on Sunday from 9am – 6pm, a very rare service from a small village shop.

The shopkeeper happily stocks and distributes the monthly newsletter “Whistlestop”, posts up-coming events on the window and things for sale/wanted/lost or found.

Friendly Service?

Well I suppose “friendly” is subjective so perhaps the readers ought to answer this themselves. Have you found the service to be friendly?

What about saving money?

Competing with the buying power of Morrisons, Tesco and Somerfield is the wholly unenviable task of a village store with a weekly turnover matched in any of the above stores in (no doubt) minutes, but oddly some items in our local shops are actually cheaper. Not many I admit, but they are there. Branded items. Quality items. And if compared to “mainstream convenience shops” (Tesco Metro, Esso Snack n Shop, Shell etc) then indeed many prices are cheaper or comparable. Generally though prices in our Whitstone shop are 10-15% more than the largest supermarket chain in the country. Which rather than being derided should actually be applauded.

What do you get for your extra money?

Messages

To place your message in the whistler, please contact us by email whitstonewhistler@gmail.com or to any member of the committee listed inside the front cover

Blankets For The Childrens Hospice

18 Blankets have been sent to the childrens hospice South West at Fremington from the Monday afternoon whist drive club and the help of some other kind friends from Paradise Park, Bradworthy and Titson.

Keep up the good work and many Thanks - Shelia Orchard

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I DID say save money

Finally, some brief figures to support my belief of why we should all support our shop more. Petrol at £5 per gallon, a car achieving 40 miles to the gallon and major shops 9 miles away. 40 divided into 18 miles return trip and multiplied by £5 = £2.25 petrol cost alone. Roughly we would save money when spending up to around £15 if shopping at our local Whitstone Stores. I once thought the milk was expensive in the shop but the reality, when I have none, is it's almost £2.25 cheaper than buying it at Tesco. And what really hurts is the Sunday Paper, if the shop were closed, it would cost me over £3.50!! In reality our cars don't do 40 miles to the gallon (what did you answer) especially from cold, petrol is still going up, and the car will depreciate by about 10p per mile.

If you can buy it locally please do. If we all use our local store a little more, it might just be there when we need it most.

Have you any thoughts on Whitstone?

Observations ? Thoughts ? Questions ?

The Whistler Welcomes Your Letters

We welcome your letters, as well as your news views and opinions. Please send your letters to us either by email (whiststonewhistler@gmail.com) or by post (Address inside front cover) or by hand to any member of the committee.

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Diary

THE GREEN INN

WEEK ST MARY

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All Welcome call Kyla 01288 341114 1st Session Free.

Concert by Minstrels and Mini Minstrels to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

17th June @ 7pm @ Whitstone village hall.
Tickets; Adults £4, children £2 - to include supper
Bring your own wine/beer
N.B. reminder to Committee members to bring tray of buffet food
Your support would be very much appreciated!

Whitstone Male Voice Choir was started in 1947. It still has one of its founder members! After 58 years Mr Wilfred Woodley has decided to hang up his tuning fork!

The Choir will be giving their final concert at Whitstone Methodist Chapel on May 28th at 7.00 p.m.

The Choir will be pleased to welcome anyone who has taken part with them to come and join them. Please support this event and make it a memorable occasion.

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Carnival Meeting
Monday 1st June @ 7.30pm
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Playground Meeting
Weds 7th June @7.30pm
St Anne's Hall

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Winner:
Carol Wells

Well done to
Carol, and thank
you to the
runners up, for
your entries.

*Can you provide photographic
evidence of a copy of the "Whistler"
being read by a celebrity or
someone famous?
Send your entries to us by email
whitstonewhistler@gmail.com or to
any member of the committee.
(details inside front cover)
We have had No Entries yet ! So
don't forget to carry a copy of the
"Whistler" with you - Just in Case!*

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There is just one simple
rule in Soduko. Each row
and each column must
contain the numbers 1 to
9, and so must each 3x3
box. This is a logic puzzle,
and you should not have
to guess.

Please email your answer to whitstonewhistler@gmail.com or
hand to any member of the committee or by post,
(address inside front cover)
£10 for the first correct entry received.

WEEK ST MARY RECTORY

AUCTION OF PROMISES & BARBECUE

Friday 26th May from 7.00pm

A fundraising event to finance Week St Mary church re-wiring project – some spectacular bargains are on offer from a private flight over Week St Mary for two, to an outing in the Port Isaac gig, to a kite surfing lesson at Widemouth, to a morning's free carpentry.

More offers are welcome – anything you can do or provide.

Most of all, come and join the fun!

Contact Lesley Booker 341221 or Sue Dickenson 341134

SERVICES AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

for MAY & JUNE 2006

MAY

Sun 7th 09.45 4th of Easter Family Service

Sun 14th 09.45 5th of Easter Holy Communion

Sun 21st Rogation at Hallworthy 7.30pm (see ad.)

Sun 28th 11.15 7th of Easter Holy Communion

JUNE

Sun 4th 09.45 PENTECOST Family Service

Sun 11th 09.45 Trinity Sunday Holy Communion

Sun 18th 18.30 Trinity 1 Evensong

Sun 25th 11.15 Trinity 2 Holy Communion

Whitstone Methodist Chapel

The Easter Weekend was celebrated with a concert being held on Good Friday given by The Withey Family who used their musical talent to provide a varied and appropriate act of worship and praise. Ashley and Jess both sang solos, duets as well as other songs with their parents all on an Easter theme. They also played a multitude of instruments including the violin, organ, saxophone, trumpet and keyboard, which provided a varied programme as well as a meaningful message. They obviously have a large fan club, as our chapel was practically full, a situation we sadly don't see often. After the concert we realized why! If you get the opportunity to hear them don't miss it! They all use the gifts God has given them to give him the glory.

Our Easter Sunday Service was led by Pam Colwill and members helped with readings and a sketch The Empty Cross. Those taking part were Christine Nancekivell (Mary), Claire Horn (Judas), Mervyn Uglow (Herod), Ray Feltham (Pilate) Godfrey Cole (Peter) and Margaret Stanbury (Jesus). Ruth Mill read the Easter Gospel message. The organist for the service was Justin Uglow. The chapel had been decorated by many gifted adults and children which all helped to make it a true celebration of the Easter message of a risen Lord.

Chapel Dates.

Sunday Services at 11.00 a.m. 7th May Mr. J. Guy, 14th May Mr. C. Drew, 21st May Service at North Tamerton. 28th May Rev M Proud, 4th June Sunday school Anniversary, 11th June Service and Lunch at Chilsworthy. 18th June Local Arrangement, 25th June Mrs. L. Bowden. Chapel Anniversary Concert 14th May given by Youthful Spirit at 7.30 p.m. Final Concert for Whitstone Male Voice Choir May 28th at 7.30 p.m. Sunday School Anniversary with Smile Club helpers June 4th 11.00 a.m. Sheila Daniel and Friends 6.30 p.m. Souls Harbour from Camelford.

S.M.I.L.E

Meetings start again after the Easter holidays on Wed 26th April at 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. and then every fortnight throughout May and June. All children aged 5 and over are welcome to come along where you will be welcome to join in the fun and games intermingled with the Christian word.

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MON-FRI 6:30PM –11PM
SAT 11AM—11PM
SUN 12 MIDDAY UNTIL 10:30PM

Ruminations from the Rectory **May 2006**

As I write this it is still Lent, Holy Week, and I truly hope that all of you who have loyally shared our Lenten journey this year have been rewarded by finding yourselves bound together in a spirit of devotion which will comfort and sustain you throughout the quiet and even days of Trinity, ahead. Loyalty to supporting the agendas of the church, however, manifests itself in a variety of ways, not least of all by those who manage its day-to-day business. In Gilbert and Sullivan's, 'The Gondoliers', the "celebrated, cultivated, underrated nobleman, The Duke of Plaza Toro" declares that he enjoys "the gratifying feeling that our duty has been done!" Subsequently, and after the less-than-musical extravaganza of attending all five APCMs, your rector can respond that he feels exactly the same, yet maybe without the same sense of being celebrated, etc! I refer, of course, all those who so assiduously prepared the necessary reports and collated the information, most especially our church secretaries, those who accepted roles of responsibility and those who dutifully attended their parish meetings. Multiple though my attendances were my role at each was relaxed and uncomplicated thanks to all of the spade-work having been done so competently by others. So thank you all very much. Thanks also to those who accepted, or re-accepted, new and demanding roles which ensured that every one of our churches continues to comply with the demands for correspondents made by the Diocese. The loyalty and hard work of those who manage our churches is reflected, too, by our eight churches now having been recognised by the Church Commissioners as a single benefice under the title 'The Week St Mary Circle of Parishes.' Bishop Bill will be coming here on Sunday the 30th July to lead a special service which celebrates our unity and, in so doing, will be honouring not the integrity of the Church Commissioners, nor of the Diocese, nor of the Rector, but most especially of our PCC s, our Churchwardens and our loyal supporters.

+ RevdRob

ROGATION SUNDAY 21st May 2006 **Beating the Benefice Boundary**

Come and join us in establishing a fun route around the new 'WEEK ST MARY CIRCLE OF PARISHES' in a church-by-church treasure hunt.

The locations and histories of our eight churches can be explored in any order but ending at Jacobstow Parish Hall where, from 4.00 pm, tea & biscuits will be served and prizes presented, last completed entries being received by 5.30pm at the latest. Maps and question sheets can be obtained on the day at the end of any one of the six morning services or at St Mary's Church, Week St Mary, from 2.00 – 3.00 pm. This will be followed at 7.30pm by the increasingly popular Rogation Sunday Service at Hallworthy Farmers' Market to which transport can be arranged for non-drivers.

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The Big

Interview

This month we meet Mr Ron Glover, Whitstone's last blacksmith.



Ron Glover came to Whitstone in 1926, aged 13, and lived at Lower Downrow (now demolished) with his parents from Tresparrett, where an older brother was a blacksmith as well. On leaving school Ron first went to work for Mr Frank Hambly, repairing farm machinery and later driving the steam engine for threshing and reed combing (for thatching) and straw and in summer a mobile saw bench, turning round tree trunks into useful planks and purlins for the farmers. First it was powered by steam, then a Fordson Two tractor, and latterly Field Marshall diesels. A full day's threshing consumed 8 hundredweights of coal, with another 2 hundredweights to move onto the next stop. The Fordson tractor only consumed 10 -12 gallons of fuel, but the diesel was even better, only 2 gallons. Older residents will remember a well at the crossroads not far from the green G.P.O. box. Steam engines also take a lot of water. As well as the threshing there was plenty of repair work needing the forge fire. Many farms had a paraffin barn engine that needed servicing. Ron could turn his hand to that as well. Today, these barn engines sell for hundreds of pounds to enthusiasts. A few survive at steam rallies.

the tenancy and set up on his own doing general repairs, the outlying farms having no electricity in the 1950s to repair anything themselves. The age of the horse and cart was fast disappearing now and most farms had a tractor. Ron, still a young man, had a bout of illness that forced him to give up the shop in 1960. After recovering from illness, Ron went back to Hambly's to work and gained a reputation as an expert pick-up baler and combine harvester mechanic, and there was still some forge work with the fire. By 1988 Ron took early retirement and lived at St Anne's Close, the chest problems still in evidence.

Ron has seen many changes, from the horse and cart all the way to today's satellite-controlled tractors and combines.

On the death of Mr Bert Batten the blacksmith at Stretchley, Ron took on

Part Of Whitstone Carnival Week 2006

Whitstone In Bloom

Firstly, could I thank everyone for the support and enthusiasm received so far for this new and exciting part of Whitstone Carnival Week.

For those of you who have not heard about Whitstone in bloom, the idea is to create a beautiful flower display to enhance the village for carnival week, whilst at the same time enabling you to unleashing that green-fingered creativity for a bit of healthy competition !

John Guest Ltd are once again kindly supporting this years carnival and will provide each person in the parish that would like to participate with a plastic tub style planter, free of charge.

Here is all you need to do to take part:

1. Collect your tub from Richard at John Guest Ltd in St Anne's Close from Monday 15th May onwards.
2. Take home your planter and let your creative juices flow! Plant away with the most colourful plants you can find.
3. Nurture your tub until carnival week, and on Friday the 14th July or Saturday 15th (from 3pm) bring your tub to the hall, from here we can place the tubs along the road and around the hall to create a wonderful spectacle people will travel miles to see!
4. Each Tub will be judged during carnival week and prizes awarded to the winners on carnival day
5. At the end of carnival week, your tub can be collected and taken home to enjoy for the rest of the summer (especially if it is a prize-winner!)

Should you have any further queries, or need your tub collected, please contact Dan on 341114. Please also remember to keep an eye in the Whistlestop for any further information about this, and the rest of the forthcoming carnival week.

Whitstone Carnival Week 2006

**CARNIVAL QUEEN CHOOSING CEREMONY
& VILLAGE QUIZ**

**£2.00 Including a Pasty - Wine Available
Sat May 20th at 7pm in St Anne's Hall**

A busy carnival week commences on **Friday 14th July** with the crowning of the Queen, Followed by a local entertainment show.

Saturday 15th July – Skittles fun for all the family, with BBQ and bar at St Anne's Hall Whitstone. Children's skittles will commence at 6pm and from 8pm for the adults.

Sunday 16th July – United service

Monday 17th July – Whist Drive - a popular event with good prizes at St Anne's Hall

Tuesday 18th July – Flower and product show

Thursday 20st July – Children's sports in the carnival field .

Friday 21st July – Car treasure hunt - A local treasure hunt followed by refreshments at St Anne's.

Saturday 22nd July – Grand Carnival, commencing at 7pm followed by BBQ, bar and disco at St Anne's Hall.

As the Whistler is a little earlier this year, times and exact details are to be confirmed, please check the "Whistlestop" for up to date information. Willing helpers are always sought !, please come along and support the Carnival - It's your community, be part of it.

The next carnival meeting is on Monday 1st June @ 7.30pm in St Anne's Hall - Please come along if you can.

For further info please contact Julie Tucker 01288 341617

Whitstone Carnival Week 2006.

Flower and Produce Show.

Tuesday 18th July in St. Anne's Hall.

Entries to be exhibited between 2.00 – 3.00p.m.

On view from 6.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Entries to be staged between 2.00 and 3.00 p.m. Food must be covered.

Judging commences at 3.00p.m. Only 2 entries per class please.

There is no charge for entry and prize money is only awarded in the children's classes. Please put your name on a piece of paper and seal it in an envelope

with the class number written on the outside.

1. A flower exhibit suitable for the Queen's 80th Birthday. (Flowers may be purchased)
2. A flower exhibit in a football boot (Flowers may be purchased)
3. A wild flower exhibit in a watering can of your choice.
4. A flowering plant
5. A foliage plant
6. A single rose
7. 3 dahlias
8. 4 stems of sweet peas
9. 3 pansies
10. 3 violas
11. 3 hydrangeas
12. A hanging basket
13. Spiced apple cake (Set recipe)
14. 3 white bread rolls (No breadmaker entries sorry!)
15. Minced beef & onion patties (shortcrust pastry)
16. 3 chocolate eclairs
17. 3 almond biscuits (Set recipe)
18. A pot of homemade jam (Any flavour)
19. A pot of marmalade
20. A pot of homemade chutney / pickle / relish
21. A bottle of homemade wine / cider / beer
22. Tapestry / cross stitch / embroidery not previously entered
23. A sewn article (hand or machined)
24. A hand knitted article not previously entered
25. A handmade card for any occasion
26. A piece of homemade jewellery
27. A photo you have taken depicting happiness
28. A china animal
29. 3 hens eggs
30. 3 potatoes
31. 3 carrots
32. 3 onions
33. 1 lettuce
34. 3 pods of peas
35. 3 beetroot
36. 6 strawberries
37. 6 raspberries
38. 6 blackcurrants
39. 3 sticks of rhubarb
40. A selection of herbs

Men only classes

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40. A newspaper cutting with your own caption
41. Funniest socks
- Senior Citizens**
42. A photograph of your Mother and/or your Father

Children's Classes (please put your age on the envelope)

1. 4 years and under – A decorated wooden spoon
2. Reception, Years 1 and 2 – A picture of your house
3. Years 3 and 4 – A summer collage
4. Years 5 and 6 – Design a quiet area for the school
5. Budehaven Years 7 – 11 All day breakfast pizza (Pizza base may be purchased)
6. All ages – Largest number of items in a small matchbox; only one of each item and list of items on a sheet of paper.

Set Recipe for Class 13 Spiced Apple Cake

- 8 oz SR wholemeal flour
- 1tsp baking powder
- 2tsp ground cinnamon
- 6 oz chopped dates
- 3 oz soft light brown sugar
- 4 fl oz or ½ cup apple juice
- 2 eggs beaten
- 6 tbsp. sunflower oil
- 2 eating apples cored and grated
- 1 tsp. chopped walnuts
- Oven 180c/350f gas 4
- Line and grease 8 inch deep tin
- Place flour, baking powder and spice into a bowl
- Mix in dates and apples and make a well.
- Mix sugar and apple juice in a bowl and add to the date and apple ingredients.
- Also add eggs and oil and mix thoroughly
- Spoon into tin and sprinkle with chopped walnuts
- Bake for 60-65 minutes
- Set recipe for class 17 Almond biscuits
- 6 oz SR flour
- pinch of salt
- 3 oz caster sugar
- 2 oz ground almonds
- 5 oz butter
- Few drops of almond essence
- Blanched almonds
- Oven 180 c 350f gas 4
- Grease 2 baking trays
- Mix together dry ingredients, rub in the butter
- Add the essence and mix well, bring together using your hands
- Roll out thinly and cut into rounds. Place half a blanched almond on each.
- Place on baking tray and bake for 15 mins.

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