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‘In Memory of’ and ‘Welcome to the village’ Please send in details of births, deaths and newcomers. Don’t assume I know! Carole

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In memory of
A Farmer’s Wife and Daughter
By Joan Troake

I have lived in Witheridge for 14 years altogether, but for most of my life I was a farmer.

Father started at Lewdon Farm in 1916 with 220 acres of arable, sheep and cattle and mother came as his housekeeper. They married in Thelbridge Church in 1920 and I was born in 1924, the eldest of 3 girls.

The farm was isolated- almost down to the River Dalch from Thelbridge Cross. We had no bathroom, just a toilet a long walk out of the back door and no electricity, so we used oil lamps, Aladdin lamps and lanterns using pink paraffin. The only heating and cooking we had was the kitchen fire, which was kept going constantly.

We cooked in a Dutch oven in the wall and over an open wood fire in the kitchen with a bar across. The heat was terrific as everything, had to slide to and fro, kettle included. The wood went inside and was ready when the oven roof turned white. You raked the ashes into the open fire, waited 3-4 minutes for the dust to settle, then in went the roast and potatoes. When dinner came out, the cakes went in. It was hard work but mother did it for years and taught me.

Mother raised a lot of poultry and we had 2 ponies - a Shetland called Peggy and Topsy a 12.2 hands cob horse for the farm work. Father thought the world of her but she had to be put down aged 28.

We went to Black Dog School (where the Chapel is now) with 2 teachers in 2 rooms – Miss Firth and Mrs Cercumbe. It was 3 miles across the fields to the road coming out at Cann’s Mill and all the children (Osbornes, Coles, Snells and Knotts of Horridge farm) walked together. I didn’t like school much as I just wanted to be on the farm.

Being the oldest, I was always out with father. He’d come to the kitchen door and shout ‘Joan’ and out I went. Even then I had a great passion for sheep – so gentle and easy to handle and I loved the lambs.

I left Black Dog School for boarding school in Wellington as father had a private school education and wanted it for us. Being brought up on an isolated farm, it taught me how to mix with people.
I left school just as the war broke out and wanted to be a nurse. Father said I had to come onto the farm, so that was that.

I met a young farmer, Ron Troake at the dances in Thelbridge. He would go past us on his tractor when I was working with father, so a wave from Ron had to be when father wasn’t looking. We married in 1943 and lived with his parents at Rull Farm, Worlington until we took over the tenancy of Lewdon Farm when father retired.

Ron and I shared a love of farming. He was a perfect farmer who kept meticulous records which his farmer grandson now has.

I couldn’t work much on the farm when our 3 girls were small.

We loved meat and lived well but not extravagantly. We grew all our vegetables and I milked the house cow to make cream and butter. The whey went to the calves then cream was scalded to make thick Devon cream. When the crust settled it was ready. Today’s cream was let go cold and we had it next day with a fruit pudding. Any left was churned to butter.

Before the days of freezers, we bottled fruit for the year - apples, plums, gooseberries, blackcurrants and blackberries and I cooked on the fire and Dutch oven until 1946 when after saving for 3 years, I paid £110 for an Aga - a huge amount.

We got it in January and within days had a blizzard. We really did step out of one world into another.

In 1955 we got a bathroom. It took 4 years - the bath one year, washbasin the next, toilet the next, then it was fixed the year after that. We finally got electricity in 1963 when the girls were grown up.

I was now free to be a farmer and indulge my love of sheep. I had 120 ewes and built it up to 300.

Lambing was outside with pig arcs and poultry houses in the field for shelter. You can hear the ewe giving little calls when she is starting so you follow the sound to the ewe and the lamb is within ½ hour to being born. I did the nights and would number all the sheds and write out what needed seeing to in the morning. I hated losing a lamb or a sick ewe. Lambing was where my nursing instincts came in but I really was born to be a farmer.
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Hi Monday Clubbers. Our trip to Newton Abbott and Torquay was enjoyable and the weather was good. We had an interesting talk from Martin Taggart about the Police and Mounted Police in the 60’s – wonderful horses.

Our next trip was Lynton for coffee then on to Lynmouth, after a delay on the road due to a camper van trying to pass, but lunch and cream teas in Lynmouth made up for our delay. Spence Kindon was interesting talking about his job as a lorry driver, what a mix of experiences! His wife accompanied him – a friendly lady!

We now look forward to a mystery trip, Lyme Regis and Paignton Zoo. Here’s hoping the ‘summer’ will come and stay for a while. In the meantime, keep dry and keep well.

ϕ 2 Mondays/month Restawhile  2:30pm or Bus trip       June Don

Witheridge & District Ploughing Association

The Annual Ploughing Match will be held on Tues Sept 27th at Puddington, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Gooding. This is a good day out in our beautiful countryside. Tractors old and new and ploughs big and small compete with their very skilled ploughmen doing their very best work. The tent is full of lots of goodies which are all judged and everyone is very welcome to enter.

Schedules are available from the Newsagent or Sheila Manley

Walk and Talk

We are still enjoying our walks, averaging 5-6 miles. Our group now consists of 4 ladies, 1 gentleman (who looks after us) and sometimes 1 dog! This month we have used the bus to drop us off at Gibley Cross. One week we walked back to Witheridge via Worlington and the other time via Rose Ash.

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Please provide as much detail as possible including descriptions of those involved, vehicle details and registration, the exact location where you saw them and direction of travel, but without putting yourself in danger.

Please be aware that the South Molton enquiry office is now closed.

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News from the Allotments

One sunny afternoon in July, as several of us were tending our plots, there was a whoop of delight as Jean held up a beautiful cauliflower. “My first ever cauliflower! I’M THAT CHUFFED!”

That moment is what having an allotment is about. We have all worked at turning bare ground into productive gardens. We are now reaping the rewards many times over, not just produce (which is a delight), but the life affirming sense of achievement from our efforts.

Work on improving the site is ongoing. We have built compost bins to recycle our clean green waste and have applied for permission to build a shed to provide much needed facilities on site.

We are grateful for the funding from DCC and The Knights of Witheridge and would like to thank everyone for their support at the St John’s Fayre where we raised funds for our shed by selling produce.

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We had a very successful exhibition as part of the St. John’s Fayre in June. Fifteen pictures were sold and £90 was raised for the Devon Air Ambulance. The raffle for the picture painted and donated by David Benn was won by ticket 541. We are a happy band of like minded people who find it enjoyable to spend an evening drawing or painting, sharing a hobby which many of us never seem to have time to do at home. We are self taught. Some of us have had tuition way back, and we all help each other when asked.

Last week Iain Walker, a local artist, offered to talk to us at some future date.

We have lost a few members through people moving away, so would give new members a really warm welcome! We have facilities for the disabled.

We just charge enough to cover expenses: £5 pa and £1 a week subs.

✦ Wed 7:30pm Parish Hall Comm. Room. Eileen Curtis

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**Rest-a-While**

The Rest -a- While, in the centre of the village, serves a quick good cup of coffee, so why have you not been in yet?

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*Kaye Woollacott*

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**Witheridge Ladies’ Club**

In **May**, Stella Burrows gave us the history of the microwave oven followed by several demonstrations which were very tasty.

**June** was the summer outing - a Wild Flower Walk at Kathy and Cyril Cole’s farm. We were led through wild flower meadows, new forest planting and ponds, to see wild flowers, sedges, grasses and orchids. This was followed by a sumptuous tea in their delightful garden.

In **July**, David Roberts gave an illustrated talk on the work of South West Water. As well as advice on reducing our water use, he described the huge investment needed to maintain a clean water supply.

At St John’s Fayre we held a raffle of 2 food hampers in aid of the Parish Hall Building Fund. The winners were Barry Woodward and Loraine Wilcox. The Ladies’ Club also has a book group, craft club and luncheon club. If you would like to join us, you are most welcome.

✦ **2nd Tuesday in the month. Parish Hall 2pm**

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7. What often follows an earthquake under the ocean? A t..............
8. Where is your larynx? .............
9. What is a female fox called? ............
10. Maltese, Beagle and Pugs are ........
11. The Statue of Liberty was given to the USA by ............
12. How did a stone help Egyptologists to read hieroglyphics? .............
13. What 2 numbers come next?
   1 2 3 5 8 ............ ............
14. What did the tiger come to ? ............
15. What colour cells carry oxygen? .......
16. British Prime Minister is ............
17. Minutes in 3.5 hours? ..............
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Then one day I got talking to the owner. Dan, Finn, Merry and Pippin are 3 years old and used for llama walks on the moors. Withridge is their resting up place. They are too slight to ride on but walking with them must be very calming.
A couple of days later we were passing Withleigh and there out of the bus window, was a field full of alpacas! I nearly broke into a chorus of ‘El condor pasa’ (Simon and Garfunkel). Now I just need to see vicunas and I’ll have a full set. Jim Campbell

Poppy says ‘Thank you.’
Poppy is a bright, sociable 4 year old child of Withridge who can often be seen riding her very special red trike. She has cerebral palsy, resulting in limitations in her movement, posture and verbal communication. She will develop like any other child but will be inhibited by her physical difficulties.

Brainwave (www.brainwave.org.uk) is a charity relying totally on voluntary donations that works with families to help children with disabilities reach their full potential.
Poppy would like to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Brainwave collection tin in the shop and for all the support from the Withridge community, her preschool and Vranch House. Finally, a really big thank you to Withridge Knights for their sponsorship of much needed ICT equipment to help Poppy develop her communication skills. If you see Poppy, please stop and say hello or wave. She will be delighted.

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Hero and I by Will Martin

Hero is a male Harris Hawk (*Parabuteo Unicintus*) who many of you may recognise from the procession of St John’s Fayre.

Harris Hawks are native to the desert states of America and are the most popular bird of prey to be flown by astringers in Britain due to their easy temperament and social nature. Unlike most birds of prey, 2-6 Harris Hawks can fly together and will hunt in a pack. Now, onto my journey as a falconer.

Hero arrived on the 6th of October 2007 at only 4 months old. I was the first human he saw as, although bred in captivity, humans were not in contact with the young.

From then on training began. Initial training was mainly to get him used to people and feeding off the fist although he would come inside and watch television and became part of the family. I took him for long walks so that he would get used to the countryside and up to the village so that he saw cars and other people.

Once he was feeding from the fist, flight training began. He must fly from his bow perch to the fist for small bits of food on a creance, which is a long lead. As training progressed, the distance he flew increased until he could fly competently 25 metres and was willing to fly to the fist.

This is when it started getting scary as it was time to untie the creance and let him fly free. The first time was the worst but it got better as we learnt to trust each other – that is until he got up a tree and occasionally decided he did not want to come down. Likewise, when he chose to hunt squirrels and the craving for a small bit of food in my fist was lost. I have been known to sit patiently in a field for many hours, or scaling trees far too tall for sense. However, flying a hawk is still hugely rewarding and I would highly recommend it.

If you want a go there are many places around Devon where a day can be spent learning and training birds, and if you want to find out more then the Hawk Conservancy Trust has a wealth of information. [www.hawk-conservancy.org](http://www.hawk-conservancy.org)
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From the Firs
Work and Turning 60

Barbara: I was a cook for BOAC in the main office near Victoria Station. After that I looked after 2 children for a while, then my last job was cooking for a kindergarten near Victoria, which I really enjoyed.

Joan: I worked in Zimbabwe as a civil servant for the Air Force. We went out to Southern Rhodesia in the 1950s and had a lovely house in Gwelo. I was nearly 60 when the black government took over (which was fine), but as I could retire at 60, I did. I came to England soon after, as there was nothing for me to stay for.

Violet: I worked for the Society for the Blind in Great Portland Street in London and was in charge of the office there. I taught blind people to do touch typing which I enjoyed. I was there a long time.

Doris: When we came to Witheridge, I was asked to take the Sunday School. We had about 20 children- Dawn, who works in the Post Office, was one of them. We often did Pantomimes and singing at The Firs. When I turned 60 my husband had just retired although he looked after the grounds of the Congregational Chapel for a while, then we both took over running the Chapel.

Mary: I was a trainee nurse on a men’s surgical unit at St Thomas’ during the war. After the war I wanted to do tropical nursing in the British Colonies, so I worked in the Liverpool Tropical Diseases hospital and met my husband there. He was an electrical engineer, working in the Far East. I went with him, which was what I always wanted.

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Cancer Research

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In July our Area Volunteer Manager Dawn Harrison presented Long Service Certificates and Badges to village collectors, so recognising their service to Cancer Research UK. Since 1979 a huge amount of money has been raised - £43,023.05 I now have a certificate to show our achievement and I will talk to the Parish Hall Committee about having this on view in the Parish Hall.

This money helps aid cancer research and we hope that one day there will be a cure for this dreadful disease. Fund raising is never easy but through concerts, coffee mornings, our open garden, the selling of plants, our annual House-to-House collections and collection boxes, we have done brilliantly. Our thanks go to the people of Witheridge for their generous support. Our annual House-to-House collection will be in September.

Angela Pearce

Thank you, Knights of Witheridge

Huge thanks go to the Knights of Witheridge who awarded Adam Clewer (age 13) a £150 grant to go towards the cost of his competitive swimming. This meant he was able to buy some new kit and enter more competitions.

Adam has recently gained a Devon County time in the 1500 Freestyle event. He swam 60 lengths in just over 20 minutes. He will take part in the Championships next February. Adam swims for Tiverton Swimming Club and trains 5 times a week at Exe Valley Leisure Centre in Tiverton.

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**You need**
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- Cider or Brandy (if you are feeling flush!)
- Bay leaves & Sage
- Farmhouse Pate.

**Oven 180-200C**

**What to do……….**

- Marinade the pork in cider/brandy with salt, pepper, bay leaves & sage for at least a couple of hours or overnight.
- Drink the remaining cider. (You wouldn't want it to go off)
- Remove the pork from the marinade. Keep to make the sauce.
- Cover the top of the pork with a little pate
- Wrap in the pastry and glaze with egg & milk.
- Bake 30-45 minutes until the pastry is golden brown.

**Marinade sauce:**

- Add some stock/yeast extract to the marinade.
- Thicken with a little milk & cornflour, bring to the boil.

**Serve** with roasted potatoes and vegetables.

**Variations**

Try mushroom & tomato paste, bacon & tomato on the pork instead of pate or use your imagination!

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Summer Show 13th August

Congratulations and thank you to all those who took part and to all who helped to make this day a success.

Cups and Shields

**Top vase**
1st Joan Troake
2nd Jean Bryant
3rd Sheila Manley

**Top Tray**
1st John Stanbury
2nd Cyril Leat
3rd Margie Cosker

**Vegetables**
Most points Cyril Leat
Best exhibit Greg Henderson
Best potato Ivan Leat

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**Flowers**
Most points Bobbie Fish
Cut flowers Cyril Leat
Best exhibit Joan Troake
Sweet Peas Sheila Manley

**Handicraft, Photography, Cooking**
Most points Sheila Manley
Best exhibit Sheila Manley

**Children’s Cup**
Most points Lucy Kelly

**Best club plant** Bobby Fish

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**Best Gardens Competition**

**Flower garden:**
1st Cyril Leat 2nd Jean Bryant 3rd Carole Campbell

**Baskets and Tubs**
1st Cyril Leat 2nd Chris Kershaw 3rd David Taylor

**Patio Garden**
1st Maureen Smith 2nd Pat Benn 3rd Isobel Hitchings

**Vegetables**
1st David Williams 2nd Cyril Leat 3rd Roz Knight
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Oscar Pennells June 2011 Pollyanna Hunt July 2011

We welcome:
Marilyn Willcox from S.Gloucestershire
Glad and Rod Bartholomew
Maia and William Pancherz into Class 3 and Class 1

Children’s Centre Gruffalo Puppet Workshop

The Oakmoor Children’s Centre in partnership with Devon Adult and Community Learning hosted a fun packed puppet making workshop on July 28th. The course was enjoyed by 12 local families with children from a few months old to 8 years. Look out for more fun sessions.

Witheridge Pre-school

Last term, (a distant memory), we grew mustard and cress, mung beans, runner beans, tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, marigolds, sweet peas and a variety of meadow flowers!

Each child then had a bean plant to grow at home with the help of their parents. Although our outside area can be used in all weathers, we also enjoyed a walk to the woods to see the bluebells. The first group went out in glorious sunshine, but the 2nd group came back looking like drowned rats and needed hot chocolate to thaw out.

Eleven children (Amy, Alfie, Ashley, Emily, Isabel, Freddie, Poppy, Harry, Felix, Sky and Jasper), left us this term and we had a small leaving ceremony to wish them well in primary school. They will be able to watch their plants grow and help with harvesting in our shared sessions with Class 1. Next term we will harvest our produce and learn about people who help us.

Thank you to the Knights of Witheridge for some new construction toys and thank you also to those who supported our Family Bingo evening and raffle at St John’s Fayre. Future fund raising events will be advertised. Paula Hallett
Sunday services are at 11 am and the Women's Fellowship meet in the Chapel fortnightly on Thursdays at 2.30 pm. Special services and events are detailed below.

Leaving primary school is a huge step and Witheridge Primary School recognises this in a service that is a celebration, sad and entertaining, all at once.

10 children were leaving this year and sat facing us so we knew this was special. We had memories, poems and tributes from each teacher, interspersed with hymns. The children turned to face us and sang off by heart-no reluctant singers here (and that's special, believe me) and the Headmaster and Rev Prescott talked about looking forward (a few hankies were out by now), but the last hymn was just what we needed.

The children faced us then sang quietly about being afraid (!), then the CHORUS-think lots of words, sung very very fast and as loudly as possible. These children sang that they won't be afraid of new things because “My god is big, gigantic, enormous, powerful, amazing, awesome, ............... so I know I have nothing to fear, oh no, I know I have nothing to fear.”

Witheridge, your kids are well prepared. Carole Campbell

You may remember that during Lent, as well as putting on a popular course and a well supported series of frugal lunches, we put aside an hour each week simply to sit in silence. People found this “Quiet Space” very moving and powerful, so we have decided to make this a regular weekly event.

As in Lent, there will be no preaching, no discussion, no talking – just the chance to take some time out and sit quietly with others in a beautiful and spiritual place. We meet every Tuesday from 2 - 3 pm. Do come along for as long as you like, as often as you like.

Bishop Stephen Cottrell has argued that taking such ‘time out’ can transform the way we see life. For Christians, he argues, this fresh perspective of relishing every moment with a greater attentiveness will improve our relationship with God.

You may be surprised what doing nothing can do for you! David
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**In Memory of**

Edward (Ted) Beckley  
Edna Crerie  
Marie Gloyn  
Fred Hitchings

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**Congratulations on**

The Wedding of Claire Davies and Rupert Brooks  
The Baptism of Lucas Verrier, George Boyles, Alexia Gibbings  
The Confirmation of Susan Archer, Denise Reed, Linda Middleton-Jones and Jan Turpin.  

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Edward (Ted) Beckley  
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Fred Hitchings
According to our feedback, the inclusion of Anderton & Rowland’s Funfair in this year’s fair was a resounding success and it has been a pleasure to get so many requests for the funfair to return next year. Perhaps for the first time, teenagers felt that St John’s Fayre had something special for them and all credit goes to the youngsters for the way they conducted themselves throughout the three day event.

It is with pleasure that I can announce that, subject to contract with A & R, the funfair will be back next year, along with all the other attractions that make the Fayre a highlight of the year for many people from near and far. We wish to expand on the carnival theme, so would like to discuss with local groups and businesses, the possibility of increasing the number of floats in next year’s parade.

My thanks to all the committee members who worked so hard and to the sponsors and businesses who give their financial support that, along with our own fundraising events, underpins the viability of the project. Of significance is the opportunity for local charities and clubs to raise funds on Fayre day.

**AGM Tues Nov. 8  7.30pm Parish Hall** for the election of officers.

We are always looking for new volunteers and new ideas and would especially welcome participation from parents and young people. After four years as Chairman, I will be stepping down, but will be giving my full help and support for as long as I am able.

Gerald Manning, CBE

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Witheridge C.of E Primary School
Class 4’s Camp
Paignton 13th – 15th July

We visited Kent’s Cavern, Quaywest and Paignton Zoo and travelled on the Dartmouth Steam Railway and the Harbour Boat Cruise. A great time was had by all. Mrs Halsey

I liked eating sweets, staying up late, going on the boat and the train and playing games with Simon. I love the campsite, sleeping in the tents and sharing food with each other. I will love the zoo tomorrow, where we can see all the animals up close. Kieron

We all got along with each other without anyone feeling left out. The places we visited and the activities were all so much fun. The best part is that there is a camp at all and that the teachers and helpers do it because they can. The absolute best thing about it is just being involved. Si

I enjoyed the water park- the rapids and slides were fabulous. I also liked the boat cruise and the steam train. Kent’s Cavern was really good (especially in the dark caves). Unfortunately Phoebe and I had to stay up all night giggling and eating sweets! I’m really looking forward to Paignton Zoo. I hope it’s as fun as what we’ve done already. Jess
I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the children outside of the classroom. Being able to chat, without the normal restrictions, has been a joy. My favourite part was the train trip to Goodrington then having fun playing tag in the water park. Thanks to Samantha and Ann for keeping me company on the scary water slides and to Mrs. Halsey for organizing such a brilliant trip.  

Mrs. Daniels

I really enjoyed the residential. I liked going to Kent’s Cavern and going on a cruise. I loved going on the train ride, but best of all I enjoyed swimming at Quaywest. Louisa is very fun to share a tent with – we had lots of sweets.

Connie

Headmaster’s report

By the time you read this, teachers and children will be looking ahead to September and the start of a new school year.

However, rather than continually looking forward to the next goal, it is sometimes useful to pause, look back and reflect. The 2010/11 academic year was a remarkable one for Witheridge CE Primary, which started with Ofsted confirming us as a “Good” school and and the Church of England judging us as very good with significant elements Outstanding.

The school year ended with 103 children on roll, the highest number for years, a very good set of SATs results achieved by our Y6, and two of our cricket teams becoming North Devon Champions! Well done and a big “Thank you” to everyone involved in our School’s continuing success. Having paused and reflected, let’s push on for an even better 2011/12. “Per ardua ad astra”!  

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Wetheridge Pre School
It’s been another good year at Chulmleigh Community College. Once again Mole House won the house point competition. I have really enjoyed my 4 years at Chulmleigh and I am greatly anticipating my 5th and final year. During my time at the school I have been involved with many musical activities under Mr Cookson’s excellent guidance. I also attended the Devon Music Mix at Westpoint, where students from all over Devon got together for lots of musical activities including the Big Sing.

I have been trained as a mentor and am looking forward to meeting my new mentee in the following year. The mentoring system at Chulmleigh has greatly improved. Mentors are encouraged to be responsible students who set a good example for the school. We are also trained to deal with any situation regarding bullying of any sort.

I have been lucky enough to go on many school trips, including one to Futuroscope in France. It was simply fantastic. I had loads of fun and also became more confident with speaking French. Although the trip was expensive for me, it was definitely worth it and I highly recommend trips such as this. Looking forward to another year, I’ll be sad when it’s over. Taegann
All Roads Lead to Witheridge
by Val Dickinson

I was born in Lavant, W Sussex where Dad worked on a mixed farm. We lived in a cottage in the middle of the fields, ½ hour walk to school and an hour to the nearest shops. Mum found it very lonely and was often depressed and when I was 12, my sister arrived, which set her back again. My brother and I loved it there though.

We were out all day playing in the woods, the river or climbing trees. We collected bird’s eggs, picked blackberries, nuts and mushrooms and built camps. We knew all the flowers’ names and to this day Ernie can tell what the bird is by its call. We were best of friends then and still are.

Dad worked long hours but we didn’t have much – no money, no car or TV although we had a radio. There was no electricity and an outside toilet and yes bath night was in front of the fire.

Ernie and I both worked at the Triang toy factory and it was there I met Vern. I made wooden baby walkers while Vern was in the ‘rumble room’ where the bricks were spray painted and waxed. In 1966 we came to Devon with Vern’s parents and found that the deposit on a house in Chichester would buy a terrace in Bampton.

We got married soon after and moved to Bampton the same day. Vern was a drayman at Whitbreads and I made toiletry bags for Boots at Fentons. I stopped to have Lorraine but money was short, so I did outwork for Fentons with a treadle sewing machine in the bathroom.

When Graham arrived I felt I could just enjoy them. I introduced them to the countryside around Bampton, going out every day to see the flowers and a donkey called Sixpence in the church yard. I started my first playgroup in Bampton with my friend Jill and about 30 children.

With 2 active kids we outgrew our very small house. We had been flooded a few times (it would go in the front door and out the back with little warning), so in 1978, we moved to Pullen’s Row Witheridge, to a house on a hill with a garden.

Within days, I answered an advert for a shop assistant at Peter Tout’s in The Square and started straight away. I loved working at Touts. I didn’t mind cutting up meat but
loved dressing the fruit baskets at Christmas.

Then Vern was ill, starting with a tumour on his spine. It was a year of hell for all of us as the treatment caused problems with all his organs. Just as he was getting better, he had a heart attack, a chest infection and finally leukaemia. Touts were marvellous while I was back and forth to the hospital, as was Rev Meering. After Vern died I came back home to find 80 cards on the mat. Witheridge was where I should be.

I stayed at Tout’s until the shop closed (14 years altogether) and it was there that I met Dave. He came into the shop regularly for years, mostly for beefburgers. One day I offered to cook him a real meal if he would wash up and here we are now!

I was offered training to counsel cancer patients at the hospital, (which I suspect helped me more), but when I took up child minding again, it really snowballed.

We started off with 1 child and ended up with 40. We went out across Geoff Cox’s fields to see the hounds, bottle feed Beryl’s lambs and when ‘Finding Nemo’ came out, we went all round the village looking for Nemo and we found him in Heather’s pond! People were wonderful. They were used to seeing me with all these kids holding hands like a snake along the road. We picked blackberries to make jam and the children made their own lunch, things like tuna fishcakes, pizzas and pancakes. Somehow both the morning and afternoon children appeared for lunch! One year we did a Nativity play and got permission for a donkey to carry Mary into the church but 3 weeks before the event, the donkey died!

My daughter called me Mousie as I’d get up early to do all the housework so I could go to work, which I really wanted to do. I was Mousie the childminder and some still call me that today. I retired by not taking new ones on, stopping when the last child started school.

Now I am a Church Warden (having done all the jobs in between) and I just love it. My life is balanced by long walks across the fields and Dave’s fascination for travel.

My road led me to Witheridge and it is where I should be. A big ‘Thank you’ to all the people of Witheridge. I’d like to give you all a big hug.
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❖ 1st Friday School Hall 6:30pm

Henry Hawkes

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❖ Wed & Sun Parish Hall 7-8 pm

Pavanne Hawkes

Brownies

Well done to Hannah on gaining her leadership qualification.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Ball at Betham Farm. We were treated to a lovely walk around their grounds and all the Brownies enjoyed munching the raspberries straight off the bushes.

In the Autumn term we go back to basics working towards our Brownie Skills badge. This involves learning to read maps, sewing, tying knots and having a go at basic life skills.

Our pack is thriving at the moment. We currently have 28 Brownies and a healthy waiting list. Brownies is for girls aged 7 -10 years, but to avoid disappointment, girls need to go on the waiting list from aged 5 years, so if you are interested then please get in touch.

Jacqui Brown Owl

❖ Tuesday 5:30pm Witheridge C.of E School

Guides will be Out of this World during the autumn term as they learn about planets and constellations.

Witheridge Guides

On Saturday 1st October leaders and girls will be travelling to Wembley arena for the Big Gig. The Big Gig is Girlguiding Uk’s very own Pop Concert with acts like JLS performing. Everyone is very excited especially Hannah! Guides follow on from Brownies and are for girls aged 10 – 14 years. To book a place contact: Jacqui Adcock 860145

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Twenty-Four Hours
A Day in the Life: John Burd Motors

I’ve had the garage now since 1997. My day begins at 7:45am when I open the workshop and look in the diary. Richard, Rick and Rachael come in at 8 and we plan the day.

So today, Ricky is rebuilding the bodywork on a Landrover with major rust. Richard is servicing a Diahatsu Charade, checking a seized brake calliper, then will road test it to check its running ok. Rachael is in the office taking phone calls, booking work for next week and preparing invoices on finished work. I am working on a Mazda with bodywork damage after an accident. I remove the broken parts but can’t do any more until new parts arrive.

Richard moves on to fitting a front wheel bearing on a Ford Escort and another road test, then we both work on a Peugeot 307 diesel whose engine keeps going into ‘limp mode’. We plug in the diagnostic machine - an antipollution filter in the exhaust is faulty. We clean the filter and refit it, but the fault is still there!

SO..., next try the pressure differential switch which will tell us if the filter is blocked. It isn’t, but the switch is faulty, so we fit a new one and road test – fault cured. Many jobs on modern cars are electronic faults and it sounds simple – plug in the machine, it says what’s wrong, fix it! Reality is the machine tells you which system but within the system the fault can be difficult to trace. Our reward is when we find it.

Jonathan from the lorry depot asks us to check a Nissan with the abs light on. It’s nearly lunch but we do a diagnostic and find the right rear brake sensor is possibly faulty... another road test with the machine in live data mode. No signal on the sensor, fault found. Lunchtime!

After lunch, Ricky is happy welding, Richard and Rachael collect a car from the MOT testing station for a service and I check a brake judder on a Nissan 4x4 and fit some new discs and brake pads.

5pm: the customers collect their vehicles and by 6:30pm all vehicles are parked up and locked.... another day!

Most interesting job: a ‘haunted’ car which would turn itself on and off randomly including the lights and windscreen wipers – electronic fault. Doesn’t happen often: being asked to repair a large model camel with fibreglass.

John Burd
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The Luncheon Club is still very popular. Unfortunately some of our regular customers have been poorly and we hope to see them back with us soon and feeling better. In July we had a lovely roast dinner and in August we had a wonderful cottage pie, which we hoped everyone enjoyed. Many birthdays were celebrated and flower decorations were given.

Mavis Huckle

Our thanks to the Knights of Witheridge, for a donation of £154.74 to purchase a set of drawers in which to store the children's work. This is much appreciated. Thank you also to everyone who supported our Body Shop Pamper Night and our Coffee Morning in May which raised nearly £600.

1843 ducks set off down the river for our annual Duck Race and Dog Show on 2nd July and raised £3078. Isabel Pennells ‘owned’ the winner.

In the Summer term we were judged ‘Good with outstanding features’ by Ofsted. Well done to the staff and committee for their dedication. The building work is happening at last. It will give the children their own outside area, open up the room with double doors, new floor covering and new paint. We look forward to a new look pre-school when we return in September.

Donna Webber

We finished the term by joining the pre-school on their summer trip to Bickleigh Railway Centre which was enjoyed by all. Mums also recently enjoyed The Grove Inn’s fish & chip night and a meal at the London Inn in August which gave everyone a chance to meet up for a chat during the holidays. We start again on Tuesday 13th September.

As always, please feel free to give me a ring at any time should you have any questions about the pre-school or toddler group.

Donna Webber
We are a small and friendly club open to anyone aged 16 and over and have now been ping-ponging for the last 5 months. Whatever standard you play, do come and give us a try. We can arrange matches against other groups if that is what players want.

Our thanks to the Methodist Church for the long term loan of a ½ size table and to 2 families in the village for the loan of their tables to get us started. Now, thanks to a generous donation from the Knights of Witheridge, we have 2 new full sized tables which become the property of the Parish Hall. So do we have a parent willing to start a group for under 16’s?

❖ Friday mornings 10.30 – 12.00 £2.50 per session

On 13th July we had settled weather for the Summer Golf Trophy held at Waterbridge, with an excellent turnout of 20 members. It was particularly good to welcome new members William Martin, Norman Richards and Heather and Alistair Collinge. The winning team of Graham Clarke and Phil Canning, Mike Merrigan and Michael Williamson birdied four and parred four out of nine holes. The format is a 9 hole Texas Scramble, a buffet lunch and a 9 hole competition in the afternoon. New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining, contact Andrew Clark

**Autumn Trophy**: Wednesday 14th September

**Christmas Trophy**: Wednesday 7th December.

**Short Mat Bowls**

We meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings each week throughout the year at 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start. Club shoes and woods are available for those who have not played before. **Children over ten and under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.**

The first three evenings are free, then a green fee of £2.00 per session and a subscription of £20.00 per annum, is payable. This facility is available to residents of Witheridge and surrounding villages. Harry Richardson

**Witheridge Golf**

Witheridge Golf
Badminton Club

The Badminton Club meets in the Parish Hall on Mondays from 2-3:30pm, cost £2.50 per session. We can provide rackets if needed. We welcome all ages and abilities and are looking for new members. For safety reasons children are not allowed. Greg Henderson

Witheridge Sports Club. Come and join us

Mon: 7-11pm Men’s skittles
Tues: 7-11pm Pool, 2nd team training
Wed: 7-10pm 1st team training
Thurs: 7-11pm Women’s skittles
Fri: 7 - midnight Darts
Sat: 12 noon - 9pm Football
Sun: 12 noon -7pm Live Premiership football

Saturdays ‘Music til midnight’ Ruby & Colin Pike (last Sat in month).

We have a wide range of activities for all ages. Children under 11 must leave by 9 except on family nights.

Chris Cole

Witheridge AFC

Both teams have had a period of re-building. The 1st team lost some experienced players, but the management team of Mike Taylor, Shane Kallaway and Ray Charran, worked hard to bring in new players.

Steve Ebdy and Richard Blake have been appointed Captain and Vice Captain and a good spirit has returned to the squad in pre-season, with an air of quiet confidence for the new season, starting on August 13th at home to Ivybridge. The reserves also lost a few key players but Darryl Hancock has supplemented his numbers with a group of local lads who are now old enough to play in adult football.

Chris Cole

Football Focus

With the new season racing towards us, the teams have been in training for a while and are rearing to get started.

What a better way than a friendly against Tiverton Town at home on the 2nd of August, and what a result a 4-2 win for the Witheridge first team. In all fairness Tiverton did not field a full first team, but congratulations to our boys for a fantastic win, let’s hope it’s the start of a good season.

The planning consent for the new stand is under way and will give at least 94 of us somewhere to shelter in those odd days we do get a drop of rain in North Devon. It would be great to see it full, so please come along and support the teams when you can. Greg Henderson
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- very large pan (M&S) jam triples in volume
- small plate in fridge
- 7 jars + lids (3lb fruit makes 6-7 jars of jam)

Ingredients
- 900g (2lb) blackberries
- 300ml (½ pint) water
- 350g (12oz) cooking apples peeled, cored and sliced
- 1.3kg (3lb) sugar

Method
Jars: wash jars and lids in boiling water. Drain. Place jars (not lids) in oven 100C, 200F until jam ready.
Jam: Simmer the blackberries with 150ml (1/4 pint) water until soft. Add the apples with the rest of the water and simmer to a pulp. Add the sugar and boil rapidly for about 30-35 mins.
Stir most of the time with a wooden spoon until setting point is reached. (Jam thermometer 104C)

Setting point: (the hard bit) - cooled jam wrinkles and wont run. Around 25 mins, take the plate out of the fridge, add a small amount of the boiling mixture to the plate. Let it cool, does it form a skin, wrinkle up and not run? Repeat every 2 mins, stirring all the time, to the setting point.

Bottling: Leave to cool for 1-2 mins. Take the hot jars out of the oven. Pour jam to the rim directly into the jars using a mug or cup. Screw the lids on immediately. Makes 6-7 jars of jam

NB Most jam will set within 30-35 mins.

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There are no vehicles in the village. Donkeys traditionally carred goods up the hill; sledges bring things down. There are links with Charles Kingsley, Turner, Dickens and the Spanish Armada.

Walking: You can download walks in both directions round the headland from the website. Hobby Lane is an easy walk with lovely views and dripping wet woodland.

Donkeys. Until 1990 donkeys carried just about everything ‘upside’ in special panniers. Now they carry children in the meadow at the top of the village and pose for photos.
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Vet News: Why Do Cows Point North? By Dick Sibley

Cows are fussy feeders. They pick and choose what they eat and like to eat at certain times of the day. The most productive dairy cows are the greediest – eating lots of food for long periods and turning their food into milk. Farmers give extra feed, mixing it in a giant food mixer, but things can get in that shouldn’t be there and the greedy cows eat them, often with a bad outcome.

It is not uncommon for us to surgically remove bits of metal from cows’ stomachs - nails, bits of fencing and most commonly, wire fragments from car tyres. Tyres are used to weigh down protective sheets over feed and rusty wire fragments can break off and get mixed into the diet.

We now use caged magnets to protect cows at risk of tyre wire disease. The cow swallows the magnet which stays in the stomach for life, collecting metal fragments that it might inadvertently eat. Sometimes, they regurgitate the magnet, and the farmer finds it lying in the feed trough, but then which cow needs another magnet?

I once tried to convince a farmer that all cows with magnets point north whilst grazing, so the cow without a magnet is the one out of line! In fact, we can detect a magnet in the stomach with just a cheap compass and it’s amazing what we find attached to magnets after a year or two.

The photograph shows one that was removed from a cow... a large nail, several bits of wire, and even a broken knife blade, all of which would have threatened the cow’s life had she not had a magnet. The scalpel shows the size of the objects – she didn’t swallow that!

Free Piano Music from John Corfield

Every retired person should have a hobby. One of my hobbies is composing piano music just for my own amusement. I recorded some of the pieces on a CD for my son, Sean, who lives in California and he put them online. Anyone interested may hear or download them at "John Corfield piano pieces" http://corfield.org/entry/John_Corfield_Piano_Pieces or Corfield.org/music and then click on "20 piano pieces". There are waltzes, nocturnes, marches and a couple of novelty pieces. Hope you enjoy them.
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St John’s Fair
At July’s Parish Council meeting, the council expressed its thanks to St John’s Fair Committee and all those involved in the organisation of what has been acclaimed as the best ever St Johns Fair.

Public Toilet
Thank you to those who responded. Please let us know your thoughts on how we should fund the toilet if it is a priority for the community. What do you think of the current charge of 20p? Should it be higher or are you happy subsidising each use of the facility by £1.69 from your local precept tax?

Winter is around the corner!
Local authorities in Devon are organising winter weather plans. Devon County Council (DCC) salt our main roads in Devon, however communities are being asked what services they would like to provide themselves to top this up. The past two winters have resulted in some modest levels of snow, although we are fortunate it usually disappears pretty quickly. Suggestions of what we can do locally include gritting of pavements and checking on the vulnerable in our community. If you are interested in getting more involved, we can discuss DCC’s Snow Warden scheme with you. For more information go to: www.devon.gov.uk/press-release?id=3872

Street Cleaning
North Devon Council (NDC) schedule a fortnightly mechanical road sweeper to visit Witheridge and also empty the rectangular bins in the Square.

Church Street, Fore Street, West Street and part of North Street are swept fortnightly, with all other streets swept six weekly. If your road is not being swept contact NDC on 01271 374776.

The Village Caretaker is employed by the Parish Council and undertakes the cleaning and maintenance of the public toilet block, bus shelters & youth shelter, the playgrounds, emptying the parish council cylindrical bins (rectangular black ones are District’s) and dog waste bins. Some street sweeping is topped up by the Village Caretaker periodically.

Public Rights of Way:
Footpaths
We are still looking for volunteers to keep an eye on our Rights of Way. If you are interested please contact the clerk.

Audit Annual Return.
The Audit Commission certified the annual return of Witheridge Parish Council for the year ending 31/03/11 with no qualifications. The accounting statements are available on application from the Parish Clerk. For full newsletter see www.witheridgepc.org
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**E Worlington:**  
Village Hall 11:50 - 12:10

**Drayford:**  
Drayford Cross 12:15 - 12:35

**Witheridge:**  
Square 14:00 - 15:00  
School 15:05 – 15:50

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**Spring Puzzle**

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**Things I might go to if I could remember when they are on: September to Mid December**

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**Where am I?**

- *Where am I?*

**KIDS Corner Answers**

**20 Questions**

1. Found at Paddington Station
2. Paris
3. 208
4. Grinch
5. JR Tolkien
6. Underworld
7. Tsunami
8. Throat
9. Vixen
10. Dogs
11. France
12. Rosetta Stone - same words in 3 scripts. Greek words used to work out hieroglyphs.
13. 13 and 21 (1+2= 3, 3+5 = 8, 5+8=13 etc )
14. tea
15. Red
16. David Cameron
17. 210 (3x60+30)
18. 12 sides
19. all have same number just different lengths
20. Shore
Historical Society Crossword

Across:
1. Founded Witheridge Transport 6,3,7
5. Vicar and Scout master 9
7. Oldest known property 7,7
9. Newsagent used to be one 3
11 Charter .......... granted 1248 4
13. Provided church clock 9
14. First one in Witheridge 1948 4,6
15. Last Witheridge baker 4
16. Witheridge recorded here 8,4

Down:
2. Built aerial ropeway in Witheridge 6,4
3. Historically part of this Duchy 9
4. Last Witheridge Miller 7,5
6. Drayford clockmaker 2,8
8. Meat producer started in Witheridge 5,7
10. Was the British School 6,5
12. Restraint in The Square 6

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