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‘Charity begins from home’ is worth reading as an estimate of how much people in this parish give in money and time to charities. We have a lot to be proud of.

One comment recurs. ‘Can we have more from people living here?’ Yes, but I need people willing to talk on a variety of topics- Travelogues, Talented kids, All Roads Lead to Witheridge, A Day in the Life. Here’s a new one ‘In Another life.’ What did you do in another part of your life? Many articles start off as a chat while I scribble. Please phone / email if you can contribute.

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Cover photo courtesy of Gill Manning.
Josephine and I made a lot of money catching moles. We had a dozen traps each in the grass fields and on the way to school we would check them, then go to school with dead moles in our lunch bags. I’m sure Josephine nicked moles out of my traps because she always seemed to have more than me. The traps had to be sealed with soil so the mole couldn’t see daylight or they would just dig round it.

Josephine couldn’t skin a mole to save her life. We nailed the individual skins on the barn door - you’d get a 6” square pelt from each mole. By April they were in their summer pelts which were not as good.

I see them and smell them now, packed in a big brown paper parcel with red sealing wax. The parcels went from South Molton station to Horace Friend in Cambridge to be made into moleskin waistcoats, fine ladies’ coats, mufflers, slippers and gloves. Mum also sent her feathers, goose wings, goose down and rabbit skins.

We had to fill in our own dockets so our money came to us. We got a postal order at the same time as mother got hers. We would get 7 or 8 shillings (40p) for 20 moleskins - a lot of money in those days.

Mother gave me my first book ‘Ice Blink’ when I was 10. It was all about an Inuit boy living in the frozen north — how they hunted and survived through the winter and summer. I related to that boy, so when it snowed I would go off on my own with my sledge, a dog and a gun (air rifle). I would walk miles and miles and shoot pigeons and rabbits.

I could catch rabbits with my bare hands. If you see rabbit tracks in the snow going into a clump of sedge...
that don’t come out the other side, you fall on the sedge and grab all of it and more often than not you’ve got a clump of sedge with a squealing scrabbling kicking rabbit.

They all came back for the pot and mother was very grateful. Any spare ones were sold to butcher Tout (Peter’s father). I could get 2/6d for a good kidney haled rabbit.

Going back a good few years the penalty for catching a rabbit was deportation. On the rental agreement for Dart Raffe dated August 1946, it says that the landlord ‘reserves all game, rabbits, woodcock, snipes, quails, landrails, wildfowl and fish ..... for the exclusive right of the landlord and anyone he appointed to hunt’, but that the tenant had the right under the Ground Game act of 1880 to kill and take hares and rabbits.

As I got a bit older I bought a ferret and some rabbit nets from Ivan Vanstone’s Dad and got Josephine or Ivan to come with me rabbiting. We put the nets on either side of the hedge, then put in the ferret and the rabbits got caught in the net as they bolted from their burrows. A lot of kids did this, especially those from farming families.

Sometimes on a Saturday, father would say to feed the cattle up early and we would go bolting rabbits from the bracken and gorse. Father was a crack shot and he would snap shoot at the rabbits as they crossed the cattle tracks between the clumps of gorse. Sometimes I wouldn’t even see what father had shot at, but he would tell me to go and get it and sure enough there would be the dead rabbit.

When you paunch a rabbit you leave in the kidney and check the liver for liver fluke. If the liver wasn’t healthy the rabbit wasn’t fit to eat. If the kidneys were nearly covered in fat the rabbit was kidney haled and healthy, because it couldn’t store fat if it was ill or old.

(Mother would skin and joint up the rabbit - hind legs, front legs, rib, loin and head. Mother always had the loin, Josephine and I took it in turns to have the head. We always ate the tongue and the brains through the eye socket with a mustard spoon.

Hunting was the highlight of my life from 1947 to the mid 1950s, when other interests came along. Nevertheless I still love my hunting, shooting and fishing.
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It has all been very quiet in Witheridge lately. Due to poor weather conditions and ice on the roads, we are urging motorists to take care especially the rural roads that are not gritted. There have been no major incidents lately on the roads around South Molton and that’s the way we like to keep it.

‘Have your Say’: 3rd Monday 11am in the Rest-a-While for anyone who has a question or query in their area. (Feb 27, Mar 19, April 16, May 21, June 18).

Thank you Yorkie

Witheridge Parish Hall

The idea of new double doors on the north side of the Parish Hall has been greeted with real enthusiasm by everyone we have consulted. It will be wonderful to have easy access to the green behind the hall and to have a gentle through draught when indulging in violent exercise in the Hall! This really could become a reality before the summer.

** Our Auction of Promises in aid of this project will be held on Saturday March 31st at 7.30 p.m. Keep an eye on the posters in the shops for a list of our fabulous promises, which will be going up shortly. The Bowls Club has generously said they will donate £200 and David Taylor has managed to get £1000 in grants so far, which is splendid. This project has wings!

The Car Boot Sale continues to contribute monthly to the rebuilding fund, sometimes substantially, sometimes less so. Thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way. **We need saleable goods for our monthly stall. **

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Clare Spicer

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**Monday Club Harvest Auction** raised £117 for the Devon Air Ambulance.

**Safari Supper & Auction** in aid of Devon Air Ambulance was a very popular event and raised a staggering £12,750.

**Pamper weekend** Friends of Witheridge School raised £832 towards the trip to the pantomime.

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**Christmas in Witheridge**

We enjoyed at least 3 Fayres and a lot of club Christmas parties. Jungle Jim and Santa came to the children’s party after which Santa led the kids down to The Square to turn on the tree lights. Thank you Gerald and Gill Manning for donating the Christmas tree.

The church was packed to the rafters when Tiverton Town Band led the Carol Service, Carol singers walked round the village and there were Christmas Eve services across the Parish, culminating in a joint service on Christmas Day. The Rest-a-While opened on Boxing Day. No-one need be lonely here.

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**Witheridge City Moochers: History of Witheridge.**

On Sat. 17th December the Moochers performed a play written by Jack Lea, in which the cast told stories of several historical Witheridge people including Rev. Castlehow and Princess Caribou. The evening was enjoyed by all and with only twelve members, the play was a credit to them. Donations of £76 were received for church funds. Well done to Jack and all members of the group for an entertaining evening. (Photo from the Church fete)

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**The not-so Little Dart:** Jan 3rd flooded at 11am - all gone by 3pm
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Class 4 Pop & Sport Quiz

1. Rugby team won the World Cup in 2011.
2. Pop group begins with a W.
3. What boy aged 11 got invited into the British South West Climbing team?
4. 3 football teams that have come in to the Premier League this season.
5. Number of Harry Potter films.
7. Premiere league football team starts with C.
8. Retired from Man United and came back.
9. Cricket team that won the latest Ashes.
10. The best artist in the world.
11. Team that won the 2011 Premier League.
12. Teams that moved to Champions League last season.
13. Protects your head when riding a horse?
14. Team that won the Football World Cup in 1966?
15. Wrote ‘Swagger Jagger’?
16. Football World Cup 2010 when Spain won scored the winning goal .
17. X factor - Cher Lloyd came ..?
18. Won X Factor in 2011.
19. Scored the winning goal, 2003 Rugby World Cup?
20. Wanted to quit X Factor in 2011?

Answers on page 60

What are hippies for?

Why does a jelly baby go to school?

What has 4 legs and can't walk?

Why do birds in a nest always agree?

What's the opposite of 'cock-a-doodle-do?'

What's the biggest moth of all?

1. Keeping your leggies up.
2. They don't want to fall out.
3. Cock-a-doodle-don't.
4. They don't want to fall out.
5. A mammoth.

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In November Pat Benn, one of our members, demonstrated making table decorations for Christmas. It was inspiring to see the arrangements taking shape. We were given lots of ideas.

In December we enjoyed our Christmas Luncheon at the Thelbridge Inn.

In January we experienced the welcome return of George Williams who once again regaled us with more stories of his Walk around Britain.

We will be having speakers on such diverse subjects as the Farm Shop, Physiotherapy at Home, Understanding Animals and Making Sugar Flowers. We also have a book club, craft club and lunch club. Why not come along to see what we are up to! A warm welcome awaits. (Photo- Christmas celebration)

2nd Tuesday in the month. Parish Hall 2pm

Coral Simmonds

Monday Club

A big thank you to everyone for their support last year and for voting me in as Chair in 2012.

This year looks to be another good one for us. Our speakers alternate once again with our coach outings to Weston-super-Mare, Totnes & Dartmouth, Dawlish & Teignmouth, Minehead & Exmoor for tea, Darts Farm, Newton Abbot & Torquay, plus one mystery trip. That brings us up to our Christmas lunch at the Waie Inn.

To join the Monday Club, phone Mike on 861376 or myself on 860709. We have a waiting list, but put your name down and we will get you in as soon as possible. Remember you don’t have to be a member to join us on the coach trips, so look out for the posters. We look forward to seeing you soon on our coach trips. Until then take care.

Val Dickinson.

Music Group

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Charity Begins From Home

About a year after we’d arrived in Witheridge, my wife remarked that she’d never bought so many raffle tickets or been to so many ‘Bring and Buy’ sales in her life. It made me think about how much money the parish raises for charities in a year, so I asked all the clubs and charities in the village.

It’s impossible to come up with a totally accurate figure and I’ve included monies raised to help fund village organizations. Altogether in 2011 it came to nearly £32,000.

This of course, is an underestimate, for although it includes money given by ‘outsiders’, it does not include donations given by us when on the ‘outside’ nor does it take into account donations given by direct debit.

Money given is only one part of the equation. We also need to add in all the items donated and all the cakes baked for all the raffles and fairs. The value of these would surely add thousands to the total.

The last part of the equation (and certainly the most important), is the time given by all the volunteers to make it all happen. Calculating all the hours given at minimum wage it came to just over £43,000.

It’s a lot for a small parish, but it goes to show that the 'Big Society' is alive and well in Witheridge and I’m sure there are people out there giving money and time that I am totally unaware of.

Jim Campbell

Did you Know That if you look on Google maps, to get to Chapple Road, you come along Fore Street and turn by the Tivoli Cinema! Mind you it is just possible that it’s on platform 9¾.

Tennis Club Meeting Tuesday 3rd April 7:30pm at The Mitre

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It was with enthusiasm, if perhaps a little trepidation, that I asked the W.I. members in Spring 2007, if anyone would be interested in joining me walking for some weekly exercise. This picture was our first adventure starting from ‘Gunhole Cottage’ where I took the photo.

L to R back row Carol Mason, Sarah Lee, Lillian Neale, Helen Kemp, Joyce Woodward.

L to R front row Annis Stone, Joan Webber and our present leader Norah McTeague.

Five years on, 4 of the sporty originals are still walking with new friends. Newcomers have come and gone and now a ‘Magnificent Seven’ keep the group going but new members are always welcomed.

The 2nd picture was taken by a Northam Burrows warden at Westward Ho! behind the Pebble Ridge in 2009. A howling wind was blowing and we could just about walk. I am sure Albert’s cap was glued on. It was Norah’s birthday so we had taken a picnic. We could hardly hang onto our glasses of wine but it was a joyous event we will not forget.

When you walk you really appreciate the beauty around you and great friendships have been formed from this simple beginning. Walking is Britain’s most popular pastime and I hope the ‘Walk and Talk’ will continue.

Sometimes a bus ride takes us away from the village and we walk back and we occasionally share lifts to the start and end points. Walks are planned a week in advance, weather permitting. Warmer weather provides a day out for a special treat, so we have many tales to tell.

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring a drink of water. You walk at your own risk. Well behaved dogs are welcome with responsible owners. If you have not walked with us before, please ring Norah. We all look forward to seeing some new faces in 2012. So come on, shake a leg.

Jill Yendell

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I saw their website and went along for a few sessions and really enjoyed myself.  [www.tivertonswords.co.uk](http://www.tivertonswords.co.uk)

A large mix of people play from young to old, experienced to beginners. It costs £5 for two hours with all the equipment you need provided free of charge, although you can buy your own if you want to. You need breeches (trousers), an under plastron and an over plastron (which are made from wool to help protect your body), a fencing mask, a glove and finally a sword.

You progress in the sport in stages. Every stage you go through, you take a test (demonstration) of your skills to show that you understand the basic knowledge and the different moves.

Competitions are mostly at Wellington in Somerset every few months. It is split into two rounds—one to determine your rank and the other as a knock out stage where the winner takes all. I take part in competitions when they come along. The last one I was in, I lost 15:13 after coming back from 8:1 down but I finished in the top ten, coming 8th.

Fencing teaches you to think on your feet because it's fast moving; you get a good sense of balance and control, agility and the ability to take a hit. It keeps you healthy, but most of all, it's fun.

I would definitely recommend fencing as a sport. If someone wants to join they just turn up to the club on Wednesday. The first few sessions are free.
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We hope the cake makers in the village will help us by making some wonderful cakes for us to sell on the day. We are also asking for some raffle prizes for the event. If you have any please drop them in to me at 1 North Street or drop them into the Rest A While on the day. We hope to see a lot of people coming to support our charitable event.

Angela Pearce

WITHART

Withart continues to flourish with a number of our members on different projects. One of our number is currently painting illustrations for a book being written by a friend, one is already working on his 2013 calendar entitled 'A Tribute To The Horse' and yet another is painting the cast members from a variety of popular shows. All this goes on in a congenial atmosphere where we all learn from one another.

The club calendar is being produced, although as yet it does not have a title. It is hoped that we will be able to find one or two local venues where they can be sold- all profits going to one of our charities.

If you would like to join us, pop along to the village hall **Mondays 2-4pm**

Witheridge Allotment Society

After a very wet winter we look forward to a dry spring to start work again at the allotments. First early potatoes have been laid down to chit and the ground is being prepared with lots of dung to retain the goodness.

Many of us enjoyed the fruits of our labour for Christmas dinner with lots of sprouts, swede and potatoes - nothing better than home grown produce!

It is great to see the first shoots coming on the fruit bushes and the rhubarb- signs of everything reawakening from the winter.

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Duck in Plum with vegetarian option

A little idea inspired by a couple of our customers. After the bumper year we have just had for plums, I am sure you all have some in the freezer.

You need
Duck breast or leg (free range of course)
1 lb of plums
1 onion
2 cloves of Garlic (optional)
Red wine
Salt pepper, parsley tarragon, paprika/cayenne pepper.
Soy Sauce

What to do
Brown the Duck in a little Oil with the Onion and Garlic

Small tip-- If you fry Garlic before using your breath will not smell.
Add to all the other ingredients in a casserole dish.
Place in an oven at 180C for 1 hour.
Check and adjust the liquid during cooking to give a thick sauce.

Peppers: stuff with a mixture of onion, garlic, peas, grated cheese, and bread crumb seasoned with pepper and salt and bake at 180C til soft.

Serve: with the Duck, and potato.

Vegetarian option: Give the duck to your partner Enjoy the peppers!

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**Wednesday evening 7:30pm Parish Hall Committee Room**

Dave Dickinson

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**Bowled Over!**

In 2000 I started playing Short Mat Bowls in Witheridge. I was still living in Puddington, where WI and skittles kept me busy, but skittles ended in May, so bowling was just the extra I needed.

From the moment I walked in, I was one of the bowling crowd.

At first I played with woods belonging to the club, but they are different sizes for different hands, so it’s good to have your own. Before long I bought my own set with a posh bag, then I entered competitions- no pressure. Never let it be said I am the boasting type, but I do treasure my shields.

I’ve had so many laughs, danced, feasted and made lasting friendships -one in particular. Now when I go out, I ‘carry’ a stick and have given up playing bowls, but I’m a social member and enjoy watching competitions and a free cup of tea in the interval. So, why don’t you join the WSMBC- just do it, as I once did. All ages are welcome. Bowling really is a lively social club.

Ruby Cligg

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From the Firs :
Long live the Queen

Doris I remember that even as a young girl she was concerned to be right with the people. I went up to The Mall to see the decorations—only buses were allowed, no cars. For the street party my parents made me a crown and a blue satin cloak with a white gown and a shield. We watched it on a neighbour’s TV.

Barbara When the King died, I remember making a note to get back home in time to see the new Queen on TV. On Coronation Day I was living in London so I got down to The Mall early and got a place right up against the railings. It was marvellous seeing them all come down the Mall, such a young couple. It was quite frightening though - too many people surging down.

Christine I remember a street party in Barnstaple. There were long trestle tables with all the food on and we got a day off school to see it on TV.

Pauline (Carer) I wasn’t born until Coronation year but I remember the new Queen coming to Eggesford and planting a tree. I was about 3. I stuck in my mind that I wore a plaid skirt with a pin and there was a girl in the same skirt, but no pin!

Jim Campbell I remember it well- the Headmistress came into our class and said ‘The King is dead’. I was nearly 6.’ (on hearing the King’s death wasn’t well remembered)

We had a very enjoyable Christmas Lunch at the beginning of December. We held a raffle to help with the rent and electricity costs. Everyone brought a raffle prize which helped immensely.

We cater for about 40 meals each month and everyone enjoys the food and company. In January we started the year with casserole and dumplings with a selection of puddings.

We lost one helper, Jackie (she will be sorely missed), but Pam Charlton joined us in October. We could do with more cooks, so if any ladies are willing to join us, they would be very welcome.

A big thank you to a very dedicated team of cooks and helpers, without whom the Luncheon Club would not be able to function.

Mavis Huckle
Susan and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes and the many cards and notes that we have received over the past few months. They have really helped us both in our recoveries and remind us what a wonderful community it is in which we live.

I am feeling much better, but am only back at work on a part-time basis for now, in accordance with an agreement made with the Archdeacon. I hope to be back to full-time working by Easter.

It’s not easy trying to keep to my agreement, because we’re coming into a very busy time of year as we enter Lent and prepare for the great festival of Easter.

As last year, we will be offering Frugal Lunches every Friday of Lent, beginning on 24th February. There is no charge for these simple lunches of bread and soup or cheese. We hope, though, that people will make a donation in thanks for all the many blessings that we enjoy in this country, and in this village, because all profits from the lunches will go to Christian Aid to help people around the world who are in real need.

Reverend David Prescott

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Whilst listening to our Music group taking part in the Devon RCM Festival at Exeter Cathedral, I couldn’t fail to be impressed by the fabulous sound produced by the organ. At the end of the concert, the organist gave a short recital and I noticed our organist, John Harris, listening in awe. I knew John would be celebrating a special birthday soon, so strings needed to be pulled! Permission was granted for Jan 4th and after a brief resume with Andrew Millington, John was let loose with ‘I’ll be back in 30 mins.’ His performance was superb - a birthday present to remember.

Sheila Plummer

AN EASTER CONCERT
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The 2012 Easter Concert ‘Sweet Harmony’ performed by the Silkstreet Musicmakers, includes a solo mezzo soprano and a solo flautist (a local girl) and will take us from the magnificence of Bach, to the romanticism of Mendelssohn. This fundraising event is in aid of the Royal Society of Musicians and St. John’s Church.

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We have been doing lots of exciting things over the last term. We hope you enjoy reading about them.

**Art**

We made firework pictures on a black piece of paper. We used pastels to make the fireworks look real. Fireworks fly up in the air and explode. We used different colours like blue, green, and silver to make the fireworks look like they were exploding. We drew rockets and sparklers. After we finished we put them up on display in the library. They looked really nice. **Shaun, Cameron, Archie, Kieran.**

We have been doing prints of Witheridge village. We went out and drew some buildings and then came back to school and made some string prints. We have also looked at some famous artists. **Bethany, Lily and Emma.**

**Visit to the pantomime**

On Thursday 17th December the whole of Witheridge Primary School went to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. We went on two huge coaches and the show was in Barnstaple. The show contained loud noises with lots of bangs. Some people threw Starburst sweets out into the crowd.

Our best bit was when the extremely sleepy dwarf kept falling asleep. Our least favourite bit was when the ugly, selfish, grumpy, wicked queen was extremely selfish. The show was so good that we did not want it to end.

We were allowed to take sweets with us. We would like to say thank you to the Friends of Witheridge who paid for us to go on this trip.

**Poppy, Imogen, Tizzy and Maia.**

**Cinema**

Class 3 and 4 went to the cinema in Taunton to watch a Narnia adventure called Voyage of the Dawn Treader. It was brilliant but it was scary when the snake jumped out and nearly tipped the boat over! The best bit was when Eustace
fainted and when he turned into a dragon. **Dylan, Ben, James and Toby**

**A trip to the Museum, Exeter**

On 26th January we were treated to a trip by friends and family of Witheridge to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter. We saw some extinct animals like American bullocks, tigers and warthogs. We searched upstairs and downstairs in different rooms with our groups. We saw Gerald the giraffe, Ellie the elephant, Tigger the tiger, William the warthog, Peggy the pigeon, Milly the mouse, Gilly the goat head and Patrick the polar bear.

There was a mummy tomb and a bird wrapped in bandages. There was also a lovely dolls house. The doll’s house had some dolls and lovely furniture in it. We had an excellent day!  
**Danica, Paisley, Katheryn and Daisy**

**The Dance Festival**

On March 15th class 3 are going to a dance festival. It will be amazing. Our theme is about 2012 in Witheridge. Class 3 can’t wait until they go and are rehearsing hard.

The dance festival is at Lapford School. The year 4s know all about it as they went last year too. There will be lots and lots of schools there as well.  
**Marc, Tyler, George, William, Lucy and Harriet**

**Headmaster’s Report**

Beyond giving children a thorough grounding in the 3 Rs, we try to broaden their experiences and aspirations. In January, Classes 3 and 4 visited the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter, which reopened after a multi-million pound redevelopment project. The result is spectacular and the children had a truly inspiring afternoon. For many it was their first visit to a museum.

We are now planning our training for the Exmoor Challenge in May - a challenging 4 hour, 16.5 mile walk over Exmoor, which would be a tough trek for adults, never mind 10 and 11 year olds.

Over the next few months teachers, parents and children will walk almost 100 miles over half a dozen different routes to build up the stamina and pace required for the event itself. The children experience quite an extreme challenge which teaches them something about themselves and the importance of doing their best and not giving up.  

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Sonia

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Chulmleigh Show Jumpers
On 20th Nov. 8 students took part in the show jumping event at Heazle arena. Will Thurgood came an amazing 3rd in the Individual Class after a double clear. We entered 2 Junior teams- Fran Risdale, Georgia Youll, Saskia partridge, Beth Powell and Jack Callister, Will Thurgood, Damon Clarke and Caitlin Nightingale. Neither team was placed but they did well, especially Beth Powell who had a very good double clear.

Trade your way to the USA
- Year 9 students Mark Hamill, Dylan Ingliss and Will Mulligan have made it through the auditions and will appear on the show. Filming starts early in 2012 and can be viewed on BBC and CBBC.

N. Devon Cross Country Championship
24 young athletes took part on 2nd Dec. The course was steep and very muddy but even so the majority of the team finished in the top half. Henry Charles was 2nd and Evee Banbury was 4th in their year groups. Will Hamill, Bronwyn Cousins, Jordan Ford and Jeremy Tucker qualified for North Devon team in the county championships.
Many people talk about their dreams but don't do it. I grew up in the country around Romansleigh and in 1998, when I found myself on a new chapter in my life where I could give up teaching, I chose to buy a farm.

I was more interested in the land at West Yeo than the house, especially the culm grassland river flats beside the Little Dart river. This is the rainforest of Devon – historic wetland where you get the mix of plants such as orchids, Devil’s bit, scabious and ragged robin.

I took the holistic view, so having found the habitat, I excluded the sheep from this area because they ate the wildflowers and 7 years later the diversity is such that the area has County Wildlife status.

For me farming is about respecting the arable weeds growing alongside the corn and preserving the seeds and berries in the hedgerows to feed the birds. By choosing to farm alongside wildlife we have gained awards from the RSPB and Devon Wildlife Trust but more significantly, we have flocks of yellowhammers, skylarks and grey partridges breeding at West Yeo once again, something not seen since the ‘70s.

Restoration of the field pattern was an important part of my early research and we have now put the hedges, banks and orchards back to how they were in 1850. We buy rooted native seedlings and let the oaks, ash and holly grow into mature trees, but this is a 10 year programme in which our animals have played a large part.

**Sheep and textiles. I needed my own business if I was to make any money**

I came from a lifetime career as a textiles and art teacher, but I’ve always owned coloured sheep. I arrived at W Yeo with 25 black sheep, to the amusement of the neighbours. Think- new, female, farmer and black sheep!

At my first wool clip, I proudly took my wool to S. Molton to receive the princely sum of £2.22. Clearly I needed my own wool business if I was to make any money, so I introduced more Leicester Long-wools and Wensleydales and...
improved the quality of the wool dramatically. Now textiles account for 10% of the farm income and employs 5 local hand knitters. They are skilful and patient and I am proud to sell their work not least to leafy SW1 (following a feature in Homes and Gardens).

**Red Rubies- gentle quiet beasts**

I came with 6 Red Ruby cows and calves and with the help of my partner Robert and his father, have introduced Langworthy Moor bloodstock. In summer they coarse graze the culm grassland so increasing biodiversity there. The bull joins them to serve the cows with next year’s offspring and the calves (usually only one), single-suckle their mothers for 9 months. In the Autumn they strip graze the turnips and kale and as the nights get colder they come in for food and shelter. Calves are weaned at this time, housed for the winter and fed on rolled oats/barley, molasses and hayledge. The 1 & 2 year olds are in a separate group being fattened on the pea and barley wholecrop until they go to the abbatoir for slaughter. The females are mated or AI’d and sold for breeding. Most of the boys go for meat but some are lucky and go for breeding.

Being organic is as important as being self-sufficient so 1/3 of the farm produces oats, barley and peas which sustain the sheep and cattle during the winter. Farming organically is challenging as we don’t turn to pesticides to solve our problems, but we build fertility by fixing nitrogen with clover and peas. The dock beetles sort out the docks and thistles are controlled by topping.

**Making it pay**

We do need to make a living though and when my daughter Sophie purchased The Stag at Rackenford, we turned our attention to producing organic chickens, ducks and pork to sell from field to plate. This has been a challenging experience at a time of recession but it seems people are still prepared to pay for quality.

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The new fence was completed over the Christmas holidays giving us an enclosed play area. Our theme is ‘Our Environment’ with a focus on farming and the book “Farmer Duck”, so the role play area is a traditional farmhouse kitchen. After ½ term we will be looking at ‘Minibeasts’ so the role play area will be a minibeast zoo! We will be celebrating Easter with cooking, crafts and egg hunt.

**Events:**

- **Sat. March 24th Easter Bingo** Witheridge P. Hall 7pm for 7:30 start.
- **Fri. May 25th Coffee Morning** East Worlington Parish Hall

**Parent & Toddlers**

We have a lovely friendly group with a very homely atmosphere so please come and join us. Mums and Dads get their own nights out - Dads to the Golden Panda for a Chinese meal in February, Mums will have a meal out in March.

Term ends Tues. 27th March with an Easter egg hunt. Opens: Tues. 17th April.

**Contact Donna Webber** 860346 www.eastworlingtonpreschool.co.uk

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**Witheridge Pre-school**

The end of term was very busy as usual. We told the story of Christmas through the journey of the 3 Kings followed by our Christmas party. They then sat quiet as mice listening for the sound of the reindeers’ bells to tell us that Father Christmas had arrived. Lots of very excited children when this happened.

The garden improvements allow the children to play outside whatever the weather and we have purchased all weather suits thanks to Mandy’s fund raising and support from the wider community.

This term we joined Class 1 on a visit to Exmoor Zoo, where we the education officer introduced us to nocturnal and diurnal creatures to link to our theme of day and night.

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At our AGM held at the end of November, it was agreed that our committee would remain the same with no changes, meaning that I am still in the Chair!

We had an amazing talk at our January meeting by Julian Willford, on ‘Bees in the garden and honey’, so now we all understand the old saying ‘busy as a bee.’ It was such an interesting subject and really got us all ‘buzzing around’, so to speak.

Our day trip will be on Sat 16th June, when we will be visiting Wells, which has a historic cathedral and interesting gardens. There will be some spare coach seats, so please contact myself on 860208 if you wish to join us. Chris Kershaw

Witheridge Community Composting

Green garden waste is collected in the village on Thursday mornings from the beginning of March until the end of October, so we will be starting again soon.

The cost of this service from March 2012 will be £8.00. We collect trailer loads of green garden waste- £10.00 for members, £15.00 for non members. We also sell finished compost that is £1.00 per bag at the present which will be £1.25 from 1/1/2012, delivered free in the village. If you require more information please contact Greg Henderson 860819

Bingo at The Firs

Bingo is held every other Tuesday at The Firs Care Home, which is next to the old Doctor’s surgery. We have an assortment of prizes as well as a raffle. Everyone is welcome. Look for the Bingo information board outside the Firs which will give you the time of the next meeting.

We look forward to seeing some new faces. Ken

❖ Every other Tuesday at The Firs Care Home 7:30pm

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Bideford - much bigger, lots of shops.
Braunton - surfing, sand dunes, cafes
Fremington to Instow and back is an easy afternoon out.
CAR PARKS: Braunton, Park and ride

HOW FAR?
Fremington - Instow 4 miles
Instow - Bideford 3 miles
Bideford - Torrington 5 miles
Fremington - Barnstaple 2 miles
Barnstaple to Braunton 6 miles
(and that distance back again!)


Photos Carole Campbell
Witheridge Cricket Club

We recently held our annual presentation evening at the Sports Club. We had a solid season with both sides finishing in middling positions in their respective divisions. The main prizes were awarded to Ryan Bowden, who picked up both the 1st XI batting and bowling, Greg Cole (2nd XI bowling) and John Gibson (2nd XI batting). We have a brand-spanking new ground and clubhouse complete with bar at Nomansland and are always looking for new players, of any ability, to enjoy these fantastic facilities. To join the club contact witheridgecc@hotmail.co.uk or Russell Hilton 01363 866 287.

Zumba fans, time for our next theme nights on Sunday 11th March and Wednesday 14 March.

Come to class dressed ready to shimmer and shine!

Wed & Sun  Parish Hall 7-8 pm

Pavanne Hawkes

Witheridge Tennis Club

The court can be booked at Witheridge Newagents, 16a The Square Witheridge 01884 860815.

Fees are £2 per person per hour with children under 16 FREE. Annual Subscriptions are £30 per person or £50 family membership.

Cheques should be made payable to Witheridge Tennis Club.

ZUMBA fitness

Witheridge Sports Club

Weekly opening times (special event times may vary)

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**Badminton Club**

The Badminton Club meets in the Parish Hall on Mondays from 2-3 pm, cost £2.50 per session. We can provide rackets if needed. We welcome all ages and abilities and are looking for new members. **Greg Henderson**

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**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. **Greg Henderson**

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**Witheridge Golf Society**

The Society met at Waterbridge on 7th December for the Christmas Golf Trophy with 14 members present for an excellent day’s golf. The prize for nearest the pin was not claimed.

The winning team was Rob Walker, Brian Burgess and Tony Harris who won for the second meeting running. Handicaps will be reviewed!

New members are always welcome. The format will be varied in 2012 but the emphasis will still be on a team game.

Contact [astonguy@tring92.f2s.com](mailto:astonguy@tring92.f2s.com)

- **Meetings:** March 14, May 9, July 11, Sept 12, Dec 5 (Christmas Trophy)

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**Table Tennis**

New Years Resolutions broken already? So make a new resolution to come along to an activity in the Parish Hall at least once a week. Not only will you feel fitter and make new friends but you will be contributing to the Parish Hall funds as well.

**So, how about trying Table Tennis?**

We are a friendly small group, all equipment is supplied and we offer tea and coffee too. So come along and pass an enjoyable hour, beginners to would be Olympic contenders most welcome!

You must be over 16 years of age. A warm welcome awaits.

- **Friday mornings 11:00-12:00** Parish Hall only £2.50

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**For safety reasons children are not allowed.** **Greg Henderson**
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Children’s Activities

**Witheridge Explorers** would like to say a much belated ‘Thank you’ to the Knights of Witheridge for their donation to buy blinds for the Church Rooms. These have greatly enhanced Explorer sessions as we can use slide shows to help the children understand the biblical stories.  

**1st & 3rd Sunday Church Rooms  9:30am**

**Wargamers** continues to meet once a month, in the primary school hall, to play the table top games of Warhammer and 40K.

There is a range of experience between us, from absolute beginners to battle-scarred veterans, so there’s always plenty of friendly support to help get the rules under our belts.

**1st Friday each month**

**School Hall 6:30pm  Henry Hawkes**

**Taekwondo Sparathon** round Devon raised £445.96 for Children in Need. Contestants started in the morning with matches in North, East Devon and finished late in the evening in Torquay. A long but rewarding day.

Brownies is for girls aged 7 -10 years, but to avoid disappointment, girls need to go on the waiting list from aged 5 years.

If you are interested then please get in touch.  

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

**Witheridge Guides**

Thank you to all the people who supported the Guides and Brownies in their bake sale on 3rd Dec. We raised **£78.60** for Children in Need. Thank you to Kaye for letting us use the Rest A While Centre, Jackie and Hannah, our Guide leaders, for giving up their Saturday morning, and to everyone who baked, bought and ate their way through the great array of cakes on offer. This money will help children with disabilities in the UK.  

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Cows with calves drink about 40 litres of water a day, so the water content of a cowshed increases by over 5 tonnes every week. Some is absorbed by the bedding, some drains away and some evaporates, but calves spend more than 80% of their time lying down, so if the building isn’t right, the bedding gets wet and the calves chilled, increasing the chance of infections getting onto their lungs and causing pneumonia.

We use smoke tests to check the efficiency of ventilation. We recently had a meeting about pneumonia and ventilation with more than 40 beef farmers: respiratory disease can be a big problem in the winter.

My great-great grandfather was John Roberts, a remarkable man who had 30 grandsons who served in the Great War. Born in Cruwys Morchard, he later lived at Newland Farm with his son Thomas and died in Witheridge in 1919, aged 90. My grandfather George served in the Army Service Corps in WW1. He died in Newton St Cyres in 1948.

I recently found a picture from an old newspaper of John Roberts on the Witheridge Historical Archive and I would like to find out more about him and his descendents, especially anyone living in the Witheridge area. My father Sydney Roberts, grew up in Witheridge and later farmed at Farthing Park, Morchard Bishop, my home for 16 years. I would very much like to hear from anyone who can help me with my quest. (Photo courtesy of Witheridge Historical Archive) 01877 386332
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    2lb/900g potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced  
    2 medium onions, thinly sliced  
    6oz/150g smoked bacon, chopped  
    Dry cider, salt, pepper, butter  
  - **Method**:  
    Lightly butter a casserole. Layer potatoes, onions & bacon. Season with a little salt and a lot of pepper. Finish with a layer of potato and a dot of butter. Sprinkle with 6 tbs cider.  
  - **Bake**: 1½ hours 220C/ Gas 7, Remove lid, bake 15 mins more. Sprinkle ¼ spoonfuls of cider on top before serving.  

- **Thick beef soup -meal in a bowl**
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  - **Ingredients**:  
    200-300g shin beef (/ braising steak sliced  
    2-3 large carrots, 1-2 leeks, 1 large onion  
    2-3 large potatoes  
    1-2 beef/chicken stock cubes  
    Salt and pepper to taste  
  - **Extras**: handwritten  
    handful of chopped celery, base stalks of cauliflower/broccoli, handful of green beans from freezer, ½ small swede  
    Any leftover cooked veg  
  - **Method**:  
    Peel and chop all the veg. Add veg and meat to large pan. Add stock cube, salt and pepper. Cover in water, bring to boil & stir. Simmer gently 1:15 – 1:30 hr until the meat is soft and falls apart. Mash the veg down to make a thick soup. Taste & add salt/pepper if needed. If still watery, boil down until soup is thick.  
  - **Serve**: with chunky wholemeal or baguette or toast and butter for lunch or dinner.  
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This being the first newsletter of the year, the council wishes you a Happy New Year.

Chulmleigh & District Youth Centre

The new £550k youth centre was recently opened and your parish council are keen to see Witheridge Youth gain access to the excellent facilities on offer there outside of school hours. In partnership with the community police and Friends of Witheridge School the council wants to provide evening transport at least one evening per week, possibly two. Tom Mack our DCC Youth Worker has invited our young people to attend the Thursday evening Youth Club & PCSO Rosputynski (Yorkie) will be chatting to our young people about Phatfish Youth Club. Look out for more info. from school on transport.

Part-Night Lighting

As I write, somewhere near you your street lights are being switched to part-night lighting. As part of a major change to our street lighting policy Devon County Council (DCC) will be turning off over 100 lights between approximately 12:30am and 5:30am (GMT) daily resulting in a reduction in carbon footprint and electricity costs.

When the clocks go forward an hour in the spring, the light controls being used do not have the capability to adjust for the hour change and the times will move to about 01.30 am and about 06.30am. Between April and October, due to the lighter mornings, the lights will not normally switch back on. After the clocks go back an hour in October, the timings will go back to about 12.30am and about 05.30am and will switch back on during the darker mornings.

Lighting on the B3137 (Fore St. Church St.) will remain on. Lighting on new estates will be converted by DCC on adoption.

Public Rights of Way - Footpaths

We are still looking for volunteers to keep an eye on our rights of way. The annual paths survey is due, if you are interested in helping contact the clerk.

Christmas Tree

Thanks to Gill & Gerald Manning for once again donating the village tree this Christmas.

To fell, transport, erect and remove by 12th night cost £855 this year; next year we will have to source a tree too. How much of your money do you want spent next year, is £1200 too much? Please contact us with your thoughts.

Grass Cutting

As part of the cut backs last year DCC reduced the number of verge cuts in the village from 6 to 4 resulting in some areas looking the worse for wear. The parish council have been looking at ways to reinstate the 6 cuts and have reached an agreement with DCC to pay for the extra 2 cuts from the parish precept.

Parish Bier

A little bit of our history will be returning to the village shortly from Tiverton Museum. The Parish Church have kindly agreed to put the parish bier on display for all to see. We are not sure how old it is but if you have any useful facts please let us now.

Local Development Framework

At the end of February the parish council will be meeting with North Devon Council forward planners to review the outcomes of the recent work undertaken by the Community Task Group. This will help inform the strategy for shaping the village in the future. If you have any thoughts, the council are always open to hear from you, please speak to one of your councillors or attend council and make a contribution in the public session.

Councillor Vacancy

...Following the resignation of David Taylor. If residents do not seek an election the position will be advertised for co-option. The council thanks David for his term of office.
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Agendas (including planning applications to be considered) are published at least three days in advance on the Parish Council web site at www.witheridgepc.org together with minutes of all meetings. Planning applications received after agenda publication will be dealt with at the meeting owing to a 21 day limit on the Parish Council responding to the consultation from the Planning Authority. The Parish Council is only a consultee, and does not determine applications.

Paper copies are available on request.

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Public Rights of Way Liaison

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FPC Finance and personnel CTG Community task group JF St John’s Fayre

HA Historical Archive PH Parish Hall Committee CP District Crime Prevention Panel

SPMC Sports Field Management Committee

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Crossword Answers

1. New Zealand 2. Wanted
3. Alex 4. Swansea, QPR
& Norwich. 5. 8
10. Van Gogh 11. Man United
12. Manchester United, Man City
and Arsenal 13. Riding helmet
14. England 15. Cher Lloyd
16. Andres Iniesta 17. 3
20. Frankie Coccoza
**Walking Round Witheridge**

**DOWN**
1. Vet here. (7,4)
3. Rising sun catches these bungalows. (4,5)
4. Witheridge by an older name. (6,3)
5. Opposite the church. (6,6)
7. Go scrumping here. (9,5)
8. Quick on her feet. (4,4)
10. Its a rectangle actually. Heart of village. (3,6)
13. Bungalows look across to the church. (6,5)
14. Drive right into the village. (4,6)
15. Follow the pole star. (5,6)
17. Delivery lorries can’t find it. (6,5)

**ACROSS**
2. Get your eggs here. (8,4)
6. No need to go to Keswick. (9)
9. Very steep down to the river. (4,4)
11. Dairy & Grocers were here. (4,6)
12. Busier since new surgery. (6,4)
16. Not closed, opposite school. (5,5)
18. Lovely string of cottages. (7,3)
19. Not quite Greensleaves. (10,4)
20. The ‘new houses’. (10,4)
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