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Summer 2012 marks the beginning of the 3rd year of Witheridge Voice. The format is evolving but producing it gets easier with practice (if not less time consuming). We now get information, news, club updates and personal stories from just about the whole age range across the parish. Gathering these stories is my reward.

Witheridge is hiding a wealth of experience and wonderful stories. A conversation in passing often leads to an article, which is very gratifying. Some future threads will be ‘Historic Houses’, ‘A small business’ and ‘In Another Life’ in addition to recurring threads such as ‘Witheridge Born and Bred’ and ‘Talented Kids’.

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Please email the Editor.

Carole Campbell

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Some thoughts on Taw Vale Beagles: 50th Anniversary
by Harry Higgs

I got involved with Taw Vale after meeting Charlie Dale in the St Loyes Hotel. I had a tame beagle named Barrister and somehow his evening walks always ended up there. The inevitable question was ‘Will he hunt?’ Charlie suggested we have a day with them and find out.

Taw Vale was formed as a private pack in 1962 with kennels at Glebe House, Bow, under the Joint Mastership of Kathleen Varndell and Richard Simpkin. Geoff Cox was Huntsman on Tuesdays, Peter Snell on Saturdays.

I write everything in the kennel book, partly due to legislation, partly to my bad memory and according to my book, we moved from Bow to Witheridge on Sunday, Jan 29th 1979, with 10 ½ couple of dogs, 6 ½ couple of bitches and 5 couple of unentered hounds. Hounds are counted in couples, 2 hounds to a couple. The story goes that the Squire was normally the Master of the local pack and as it was his job to find work for the village youths, he sent the less intelligent boys to the kennels, where they could count twice as many hounds without running out of fingers.

Taw Vale now became a committee pack. Geoff Cox was elected Master and Huntsman as he owned the new kennels, I was Treasurer and Jim Cole was Kennel Man on weekends. I covered weekends and Jim’s holidays until I took over in 1996.

Strange how hunting life revolved around pubs! George Hill (who joined us in 1982), used the Club at Rackenford. We once walked the hounds all the way to Rackenford, only to find the Club shut and a thirsty walk home. At Bow, we walked hounds to the Tom Cobly at Spreyton- pints for Roy Parkhouse and myself, a large bowl of water for the hounds. At Witheridge we walked around the block, the main road to Thelbridge pub (½ pints for all), then a long way home along the back lanes, sort the hounds out and back to the pub for a meal and pay for the beer.

Many people mistake beagles for fox hound puppies and we are often asked, ‘How big will they be when they grow-up?’ For show purposes a beagle is not supposed to be more than 16" at the shoulder. We have taken our share
of the rosettes at the West of England Hound Show.

Hounds hunt by instinct. There is no such thing as the leader of the pack. Some hounds are good at taking a line on tarmac, others on grass, or plough. When we breed from a hound, we hope that the progeny will have as good a nose as the sire or dam and be of the same temperament.

For the last 8 years, we have paraded hounds as part of St John's Fayre. They may not be very well behaved, but this adds to the fun. We normally finish up in West Street with the correct number of hounds as I can't trust them to stand through reading the Charter and the National Anthem.

As part of the same education programme, Geoff and I visited Witheridge School with a couple of hounds and Geoff gave a short talk on the part hounds play in vermin control. The talk was very well received by the staff who admitted it had opened their eyes.

We also take hounds to Devon County Show, although we have had our share of disasters. Once a small boy came into the pen and was set upon by a very large hound that pushed him backwards into the drinking bucket. My first thought was ‘His mother will kill me’, but she didn’t bat an eyelid.

Beagles are fairly hardy so vets’ bills are kept to a minimum. Hounds are wormed, using Drontal tablets, at the start and finish of every season and prior to any shows. Hounds can be identified by tattoos in their ears or by micro-chipping, but as I am not very good at tattooing, all of our hounds are micro-chipped. If we left a hound out, it could be traced back to us.

My day starts at 7:30am,- cleaning kennels, walking out and doctoring hounds. Serious injuries are referred to a veterinary surgeon. In hot weather the walls of the lodges have to be hosed down to keep them cool and I might not finish until 10pm.

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1. 1982 2nd in line to the throne (7)
5. 2010 See the Queen on ............. (8)
7. 1990 1st use of .. not for spiders (5,4,3)
11 2004 Huge wave (7)
13.1977 In a galaxy far far away (4,4)
15. 1953 Queen’s ................... (10)
16. 1969 One small step for this man (4,9)
17 1980 Difficult but most popular toy (5,4)

DOWN timeline
2. 2009 Thriller singer died (7,7)
3. 1981 Royal wedding of ... (7,3,5)
4. 1984 Brother for William (5)
6. 2012 Picnic on Parish Hall field (7)
8. 1971 new money counts in tens (7)
9. 1963 1st episode of Dr. ............. (3)
10.1997 1st book of the wizard (5,6)
12. 2000 celebrations for the ..... (9)
14. 2002 new currency in Spain (4)
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So, the double doors, which will give a whole new dimension to the Hall, are now within reach. The planning permission has been applied for, so hopefully there will be no hitches and we can look forward to them being installed this summer. Come on, let’s have some ideas from you so that with this new added feature, the full potential of the Hall can be realised.

Clare Spicer

Funding of £3500 has been allocated to Witheridge to increase participation in sport and physical activity but it has to be spent within the next 12 months.

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Long Term: funded activities must be sustainable and long lasting.

Other villages used it for: netball, Pilates and running groups, club equipment, training courses, after school sport clubs, celebrations for the Olympics, equipment for Youth Clubs, Young Farmers Clubs and Wis

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It was towed home by tractor and trailer. I was 14 when we started work on it in winter 2009. We used one of the barns on the farm and are still working on it even now. It’s an on-going pit of money!

It came ready and running but needed new wheels, bumpers, roll cage, bucket seats, winches, rally harnesses, off road tyres, sump guards, new batteries, and lots of body modifications.

I had money saved up and also worked on a local farm. Sometimes when my Dad was feeling generous, he would help out! Many of the spares came from friends or eBay.

I already knew how to do simple welds and mechanics but needed to become a better welder and all round mechanic and my Dad helped me with that. We didn’t really know what order to do things in, we just kind of went with the flow!

First of all we started to rip apart the body work, in place for a roll cage and much larger wheels. Some things went badly wrong though- 2 months into the build we had to replace the alternator which cost around £100.

When we first got it going I was very pleased as it was my first car. It’s not finished yet, so I don’t know how I will feel when it is, but it runs perfectly for such an old car: couldn’t ask for more.

I drive it all the time in fields surrounding where I live and sometimes at friends’ houses who also share the passion! I’m still interested in cars and have already acquired my 2nd vehicle and looking for my 3rd. The skills I’ve learned have really helped with construction courses at school.

What did I enjoy most? Driving it. Enjoyed the least; mending it when it all went wrong!  

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Although the village is bigger, the number of shops has decreased dramatically. In 1952 Witheridge was still on the main Tiverton to Barnstaple road and there were 15 shops, plus a Miller, a Wheelwright, a Blacksmith, a Saddler, a Slaughter House, a Tailor, 2 banks and an insurance agent. Today there are only 3. There are however 13 businesses on the industrial areas and a sizeable number of people running a business from their home.

How else has it changed? Well there was no TV in the South West and only a limited radio service. Most of the village’s entertainment was centred on The Angel. Parties and plays were held and the people would go to dance along to the Skylarks Dance Band. There were two schools, two pubs and a Police Station.

The national average wage was about £7.50 per week with both a loaf of bread and a pint of milk costing 2p. A litre of petrol would have set you back 5p and there were two garages in the village to buy it from.

What else happened in 1952?

The Lynmouth flood which killed 34 people, the Great Smog of London in which 4000 people died and the first flight of a jet airliner, the Comet. Britain detonated its first atomic bomb. Identity cards were no longer compulsory. Tea came off rationing. A prescription charge of 5p was introduced. Sooty, the Flower Pot Men and the Top Twenty record chart all appeared for the first time. The big movie of the year was ‘The African Queen’.

There’ll be more about the lost shops in a future edition.  Jim Campbell

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More News

TELEPHONE KIOSK TO BE PROUD OF.

Minister for Tourism and Heritage has added our remaining Telephone Kiosk in the village to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historical interest, and is now a Listed Building Grade 11. 

Brian Wheeler

Knights of Witheridge – THANKYOU

The Knights of Witheridge kindly donated £250 to Witheridge Primary School towards the cost of building two raised beds for the children to grow their vegetables. Without donations, these projects wouldn’t be possible, but they also need your support at their events.

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TIVERTON MIDNIGHT WALK 14TH JULY

Amanda & Zoe Williams are planning to do this 7.5 mile walk in aid of Hospiscare. If you would like to sponsor us, go to www.justgiving.com/Amanda-Zoe or 860630. 80’s theme, so expect a picture next issue! Amanda Williams

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Runners might like to obtain sponsorship for their local school for running their leg of the route. Are YOU willing to run on behalf of Witheridge School (even just a few yards)? Contact Witheridge Primary School 860518
It gives me pleasure to report that the preparations for this year’s Fayre are well advanced. The Grand Parade will start from the sports field car park at 11:00 and finish in the village square. The Parade will include Crediton Town Band and Bideford & North Devon Pipes & Drums, Street Heat Samba, Tiverton New Generation Majorettes and of course, the children of Witheridge school and pre-school.

There will be numerous stall holders around the village, many working tirelessly for charities. Please support them. Anderton & Rowland have promised an exciting funfair in Bell Close field and new children’s attractions in the Parish Hall field.

A full schedule of events is planned for the Parish Hall field, including the dog show and culminating in the evening with a free gig in the Hub by the ever popular "Hoodlums".

Programmes costing 50p will be in village shops from 1st June and include a Grand Prize Draw for a £100 of Tesco vouchers.

Our annual fundraising **Clay Shoot** is on **Father’s Day, Sunday 17th June** at Dart Raffe by kind permission of Gerald & Gill Manning. (See poster below)

Finally, interest in the management of the Fayre has waned a little and therefore we would welcome a few more active members to join our committee for next year’s Fayre. Thank you. **Vic Loose** Chairman

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Our leader, Mary Homden, runs the Craft Club monthly at her house, where we try a variety of crafts including felting, patchwork and covered boxes.

We have a variety of activities at our Tuesday meetings, such as talks on cookery, gardening, dowsing and photography; visits from the RNLI, South West Water, the Order of St John, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Cinnamon Trust; Devon Air Ambulance and Devon Constabulary and visits to a donkey sanctuary, wildflower meadows, shire horse centre, plant nursery, a trip in a canal barge and theatre outings. We donate to charities throughout the year.

Our Garden Party is in August where we have bric-a-brac, book and plant stalls and cream teas. This is open to anyone in the community. Our December meeting is a Christmas lunch. We are delighted to welcome new members to our friendly club.

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- Cook sausages and bacon, cool slightly and slice.
- Fry the onions and garlic in olive oil until golden
- add mushrooms and cook,
- add sweet peppers or anything else you have in your cupboard.
- Add 500ml (a pint to us) of stock
- Add the herbs and bring to the boil.
- add the sausage
- Cook slowly for 20 minutes,
- thicken with cream or flour

Serve: in a bowl with dressed salad and crusty bread.

Options:- ** This is very versatile**
- use cubes of venison or chicken,
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**Every other Tuesday at The Firs Care Home 7:30pm**

Monday Club

The year has started very well as we have several new members and our waiting list is growing. We have had some very interesting speakers on the subjects of textiles, disability and the community. Our last speaker was telling us all about the Air Ambulance and was very well received.

Our 1st coach trip in May was to Sanders World Garden Centre and Weston Super Mare. Look out for posters for future trips. Non-members are welcome to join us if there are seats available. See you soon.

Val Dickinson

Cancer Research

Thank you to all who came to our Coffee Morning on 21st April and helped raise the sum of £265 - quite a good total as there were so few supporting us on the day. Our helpers and cake makers did us proud!

We would like to congratulate Frank Housam who will receive the Flame of Hope Honorary Fellowship for Cancer Research UK in London on the 25th May. This is in recognition for the many years in which he has supported the cause and raised a lot of money for research. He will be accompanied by Val Dickinson, myself and Area Manager Dawn Harrison. A well deserved award!

We will be running a raffle and Bric a Brac stall at St John’s Fayre. Whether our garden will be open will depend on the weather. Please support us.

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On 29th February, 22 knitters met for the afternoon of knitting, chatting, laughing, eating and drinking. Thank you to Witheridge folk and friends without whom it would not be possible to do this and the Day Centre Committee for use of the Rest-a-While.

Emma came from the Hospice to share news of the Hospice and to take a group photo. Frank came to see what mischief he could make! We raised a massive £1056 from sponsors, refreshment, raffle and Bring & Buy.

1st Eileen Haynes 32”, 2nd Eireen Allinson 26”, 3rd Jess Campbell 24”. The strips will be sewn into blankets finished with a crocheted edge then used at the Hospice. Well done everyone. We enjoyed it so much, there is talk of running a knitting club, perhaps once a month. ** Does anyone have a knitting pattern for a Christmas Crib Scene I can borrow?

Yvonne Childs

Witheridge Art Group

Please come and join us. We are a happy band of like minded people who enjoy an evening of drawing or painting and sharing a hobby which many of us never seem to have time to do at home.

We are self taught and we all help each other when asked. We have lost a few members lately, through people moving away although we do have a new member, a lady who excels in pastels, so we are hoping to pick up a few tips in time to produce some stunning work for our exhibition at St. John’s Fayre. We would give any new members a real warm welcome.

◆ Membership is £5 pa, £1.50 /week subs.
◆ ** Wednesdays 7:30pm Parish Hall Committee Room

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United Churches of Witheridge Luncheon Club

Once a month, we provide a home cooked meal and a time of fellowship for people on their own who live in, or close to, Witheridge Village. On Tuesday 5th June, we will celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee with roast turkey cooked and carved by Ted Bath of Witheridge Farm Shop.

Mavis Huckle recently retired as Chair. We thank her for her hard work in getting the Club going and keeping us interested in continuing this worthwhile venture. If you wish to join us, contact one of Annis 860398, Val 860 709, Jill 860 575, Yvonne 860012. Please say if you need transport.

First Tuesday - 5th June, 3rd July, 7th Aug, 4th Sept

Yvonne Childs

Bell Ringers St John the Baptist Church Witheridge

The group are still in need of people willing to learn. If you would like to see what goes on, come along to a practice night one Friday. There is no commitment in just looking.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Friday evenings 7:15pm in the Belfry

The Little Dart Singers

We are a Witheridge based singing group and we would like to invite you to join us. To be able to read music is not a requirement, just a love of singing in a friendly environment.

Our main commitment is at Witheridge Parish Church on the first Sunday of the month but we are also involved in The Royal School of Church Music events that take place in Exeter Cathedral and with other local churches.

You are welcome to meet with us at our practice.

Contact John Harris 01884 861084  johnharris@creacombe.fsnet.co.uk

Withart would like to wish our member Steve well and hope to see him in the not too distant future. We also welcome our new member and hope she finds our group friendly, helpful and inspiring.

We now have an outlet in the village for our group calendar which we hope will mean more funds for our chosen charity.

We are busy putting our exhibition together for St John’s Fayre. Let’s hope we enjoy fine weather and see you all on the day. We will have one or two events going on so do pop in and see us.

Roy Houghten
This summer promises to be one to remember for all the right reasons. It will see England competing in the Euros (I use the term “compete” loosely), London hosting the Olympics and the Paralympics and all corners of the kingdom celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

After sixty years on the throne, there is a danger that we take for granted the remarkable contribution that she has made, and continues to make, to the life of this country. Hers is a shining example of public service that should be applauded and imitated.

So perhaps amongst all of the summer’s celebrations and parties we should take the time to give thanks for Her Majesty’s dedication and example using this specially written prayer that will be said as part of the parish church’s Jubilee Celebration Service on 3rd June:

_God of time and eternity, whose Son reigns as servant, not master; we give you thanks and praise that you have blessed this Nation, the Realms and Territories with ELIZABETH, our beloved and glorious Queen._

_In this year of Jubilee, grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace as she continues in faithful obedience to you, her Lord and God and in devoted service to her lands and peoples, and those of the Commonwealth, now and all the days of her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen._

_Reverend David Prescott_

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**United Churches Luncheon Club** Parish Hall 1st Tuesday June 5, July 3, Aug 7, Sept 4 12:00

**The Church Rooms** available for hire for children’s parties, film shows, meetings etc. Small kitchen with china and kettles, tables and chairs, toilet. £10 per session; morning, afternoon or evening. Mike Childs 860012.
The Easter Concert

This year’s concert featured works of Johann Sebastian Bach and Felix Mendelssohn, performed by an octet of young prodigious talent ‘The Silkstreet Musicmakers’.

The pre interval performance and the encore was “Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 arranged by Stephen Metcalfe to include the mezzo soprano and local flautist Rosamund Harpur.

The second half of the concert comprised Mendelssohn’s Octet in E flat major Op. 20 which he composed when he was only 16. The artists clearly enjoyed this lively composition. Thank you, Sarah Walker and Graham Allum for bringing such first class entertainment.

Jacky Bradford

The concert raised **£2700** to be divided between the Royal Society of Musicians and St. John the Baptist Parish Church. (Photo with kind permission of Graham Allum)

Methodist Chapel: Minister Rev Jonathan Budd

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Women’s Fellowship

- Alternate Thursday afternoons at 2.30 pm commencing June 14th
- We will have a stall at St John’s Fayre on 23rd June.
All Roads Lead to Witheridge: from Sussex to Devon by Muriel Green

We were farming in West Sussex on 92 acres on a beautiful spot behind the Sussex Downs with a lovely farmhouse dating back to 1480, although it needed a lot doing to it. Our pedigree Jersey herd was started by my husband’s father in 1926 but now we needed more land to extend the herd. West Sussex was too expensive as land was bought up by commuters to London. We liked the idea of living in the West Country, so when my 2nd son left school, it was a good time to move.

Armed with catalogues from the auctioneers, my husband and eldest son looked at loads of farms. We didn’t want one divided by a main road and on March 25th 1965, we moved to South Grendons (120 acres), renting the adjoining North Grendons (200+ acres).

My husband was always very careful what food went to the cows. The whole idea of the move was to have more land to produce good quality hay and grass and to grow enough to feed our landrace pigs as well.

We were all set at 4:30am. Our lovely Jersey herd was loaded as soon as milked and we set off, Wilfred, me, eldest son Tony, Val and their little boy lan and our younger son Philip who rode with Tony in the lorry.

We made good time until it started raining somewhere near Taunton arriving just before the lorries around 5pm. Val and Ian stayed with the Bocks for the night as lan was very poorly.

Nothing was finished although we had been building the 2 bungalows for the last 6 months. It was clear we would all have to squash into one house with no proper lighting or heating and floors still dusty and rough. A line was strung ‘temporarily’ from the farm buildings. It was to be another 6 months before we were connected properly.

The heifers had arrived a few weeks earlier and by the time we had moved into the house, the cows arrived. Now the fun began. It had been a good 12 hours for them, they were in an unknown place, the milking parlour was different and they just refused to go in. Each cow had to be manhandled in to be milked.

We had only been there 3 weeks when a catastrophe happened which set our plans back a long way. The menfolk came out of the milking parlour, to see smoke rising from North Grendon farmhouse. The fire brigade arrived but it was a total loss. This was hugely disappointing as we planned to store the corn in it as it had a good roof and cob walls.
The farmhouse had to be demolished: there are still buildings over there but North Devon Council would only let us rebuild for a holiday let!

It was a family farm and we all worked there. I worked with all the calves and did the pedigree registration. My younger son joined us on the farm mainly with the cows, but we did it all together. Our animals were very important to us.

When we got the pig buildings we went every afternoon as well. It was a hard life but we thoroughly enjoyed it.

We bought North Grendons at the end of 1991 and that’s how we went on until my husband died suddenly in 1992. That did alter things. We had all this land and decided to divide the farm. I wanted to stick with the cows but my son wanted to get rid of the pigs, so we carried on with a much smaller herd – as many as we could.

Gradually, over the years, North Grendons was put back to wood. We started planting trees in 1992, another big batch in 2000 and now the wood needs thinning – it’s an ongoing process.

2001 was the year of foot and mouth – 2 farms went to the north of us and 2 to the south, but we were lucky and kept our Jerseys. There were vets coming round left right and centre.

One vet wanted transport to come up but I wasn’t taking my car down to the farm because we could have brought disease in. Those were horrible days.

They picked up the milk all the time though but they were meticulous about cleaning. They sprayed and scrubbed the tankers as they came in. I would have been milking then and any cow with a dribbly mouth… we were on tenterhooks all the time.

Like most people, we lost money over it and we sold up the herd in July 2002. I sat with them while they were sold off - a sad day. This photo was the day before they were sold. I don’t even get down the farm now and my son farms for other people. I sometimes look at the woodland and think it is going back to what it was before these farms were cut out of it, which is as it should be.
Spring time in Class 1

Working Together
Over the last 2 years, Class 1 have worked closely with Witheridge Pre-School, for the benefit of the children in both settings. We are working towards Partnership Foundation Stage Unit status. We have submitted our evidence and are waiting to hear the verdict.

Easter baskets and bunnies
Spring time began with class 1 working on an Easter theme. The children listened to the Easter story, sequenced pictures and made and decorated Easter baskets and Easter hats.

Growing Tadpoles
This term, Class 1 visited the Nature Garden regularly to observe the frog spawn. We were fascinated to see the eggs hatch into hundreds of little tadpoles. They are getting fatter and we anticipate that they will soon be growing legs! We are learning about life cycles and we particularly enjoyed the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Our very own beanstalk
We are reading Jack and the Beanstalk and were delighted to discover a beanstalk in the corner of our classroom. Excitement grew even more when the Giant sent us a letter. The children have written letters in reply and he may even come down the beanstalk to visit us soon. We planted beans and are keeping a close eye on them in the hope that they will grow into our very own beanstalks to take home. We will finish the topic with a walk to the woods and look at the life cycle of the sunflower.

Jubilee party
Before half term, we will hold our Jubilee party, doing lots of decoration and cooking in preparation for the party on the Friday before half term.

We then held an Easter Egg hunt for the children in Class 1 and Pre-School in which we wore our hats and carried our baskets whilst hunting for the eggs that the Easter Bunny had left us. Some of the eggs proved tricky to find, but by the end of the afternoon all the children had full baskets. The weather was beautiful and the event was well attended by parents.
**Exmoor Challenge**

Well done to Jess, Harry, Kieran, Elliot and Aaron who completed the 16 mile Exmoor Challenge last Saturday.

Jess and Harry were part of a 4 man team who managed to complete the course in under 6 hours coming overall 11th in their class.

Thank you to all who helped transport, train, support and encourage the teams.

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**Celebrating our Children’s achievement**

Ann Stone has qualified in the British Regional Youth Climbing Awards, run by the British Mountaineering council (BMC) to be part of a 30 strong team representing the S. West at the National Finals at Edinburgh Indoor Climbing Arena (EICA) on June 23rd.

There are 5 age categories, with separate groups for boys and girls, 10 categories in all. Ann, a pupil at Witheridge Primary School, is a member of the Rock and Rapid Youth Climbing Club and climbs at the South Molton centre. WELL DONE Ann.

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**Thoughts from the Headmaster’s Study**

With Y6 tests behind them, our 11 year olds will be anticipating the next phase of their education in secondary school. Adults wonder where the years have gone, while the children look forward to the years ahead.

The joy of primary education is to see children join us at age 4 and to be part of their learning and growth over the next seven years, when they leave us as young adolescents. I feel very privileged to play a part in this process and there are many times when I feel proud to be their Headteacher.

But there are a number of events before the end of term for the children to enjoy and look back fondly on: defending their North Devon Cricket title; visiting the St. Ives’ Tate and Minack Theatre in Cornwall; taking part in an Olympic-themed sports day and production of Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” and finally starring in their Leavers’ Service. Whatever they take from their primary education, as well as a thorough grounding in the 3Rs, we would hope that they also take many friendships and happy memories. Steve Duncan
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**Chulmleigh News**

**Year 7 Animated Exeter:** an exhibition of Impressionist artists followed by animations influenced by the impressionist style in the Vue Cinema. Students tried 3 animation techniques (a Zoetrope, stop motion and computer animation) using models they had created.

**Year 8 Torrington 1646:** learning about life in the C17 and the battle that consumed the town. In the old castle grounds they met a barber surgeon with some gruesome stories and finished the day with battle training. History alive!

**Year 11 Pupils on Good Morning Devon:** By 7:30am, two year 11 pupils were in Exeter ready to choose some interesting articles. Once ‘On Air’, they discussed the bombings in Afghanistan, cricket and the Royal family followed by a brief tour of the studios after the broadcast.

**Year 6-9 Science & Technology Day**
Just some: Wonderstruck Ltd’s hover chair, giant smoke rings, rockets and explosions; ExplorerDome’s liquid nitrogen, dry ice & planetarium; Fire Service - dealing with fires, and regulars Exmoor Zoo, Owls R Us, Reptobug and the Red Cross. A full day of fun and science.

**Yr 9 Trade your way to USA** finished filming - see CBBC weekdays 4:30pm

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**Friends of Witheridge**

**EASTER FAIR:** Well done everyone who supported our Easter Fair. Pupils decorated some wonderful eggs in the theme of the Olympics. Well done to the winners: Ed & Pippa Whittle, Harry & Daniel Young and Rebecca Pulford. (See school and Voice websites for photos).

We would like to incorporate Maypole Dancing next year. If you know how to Maypole dance or would be willing to learn, contact Sonia Doughton (860078) or robandsonia@btinternet.com

**EASY FUNDRAISING/RECYCLING:** If you have any clothes, shoes, hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets/pillows), Bag2School will collect from school. Dates: Fri. 22 June, Wed 26th Sept. Please bring your items to school in bags by 9am. We will receive £500/tonne or 50p/kg.
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This term we have been looking at mini beasts, (mainly slugs) and monitoring the growth of the tadpoles in the school pond - eagerly awaiting evidence of legs! We planted potatoes as part of a National scheme and will watch them grow, weigh the yield from 2 varieties then try out some potato recipes.

To mark the Queen’s Jubilee we will be planting a Royal Oak and burying a time capsule compiled by the children with a plaque to commemorate the occasion and the theme for Sports Day will be the Olympic Games.

Paula Hallett

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**East Worlington Pre-School**

Thank you to all who supported our Easter Bingo in which we raised £421. The first half of this term we are focusing on health and fitness, and exploring some of the different Olympic disciplines in the countdown to the Olympics. The second half will focus on children around the world, as well as celebrating the Queen’s Jubilee. We now take children from 2 years and are trialling an afternoon session for 4 year olds. (Photo Ugly Bug Ball with class 1)

** Sat 30th June: Duck Race & Dog Show 12 noon. Activities on all afternoon:- BBQ, gun dog scurry, car boot sale. See website www.worlingtonptfa.org
Donna Webber 860346 www.eastworlingtonpreschool.co.uk

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**East Worlington Mums and Toddlers**

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In the winter, we handle wild foals born on the moor to gain their trust and give them a future. In the past they would have been sold off for pet-food. Three young ponies are going to Leasowes Country Park in Dudley, some 2 year-olds are going to foster homes and some will go to Conservation grazing sites, where they are highly valued, as they will eat the invasive plants that threaten the rare species.

**News:** *Almond (5)*, is accompanying rides out and has done his first taster session. It is a joy to see his progress since he arrived as a foal. Yearlings *Sloan, Linley* and *Bodie* have gone to a National Trust site near Woolacombe. 01398 323093 or www.moorlandmousietrust.org.uk

See ‘Things I could go to’ for events.

**Witheridge & District Ploughing Association**

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Children’s Activities

Brownies

Brownies are busy this term with the Diamond Jubilee and Olympics. They have researched the Royal family, become the Queen, played lots of Royal games and made Royal flower arrangements. Thank you to Heather Dart for coming along to show us how to make these. They were great.

As part of the Olympic badge, Brownies will be looking at Values, Sport and Culture from around the world. Activities include a Samba night called Ola Brasil, playing ancient Greek games and holding a mini Olympics- a very energetic term.

Jacqui Adcock 860145.

Guides have been very busy this term. We are working on two badges: a Diamond Jubilee badge and one for the Olympics.

We started the term with ‘Spot the Royal’ and ‘On the Throne’, which involved throwing toilet rolls into a loo. That was great fun.

When we move on to the Olympics we will be holding our own mini Olympics. We will be learning Tae-Kwon-do with instructor Karen Daniels as part of our Inspirational Women week.

Everyone has great fun at Guides thanks to Jacqui and Hannah.

Zoe Williams  Guide age 12

Witheridge Explorers

We started Lent by having a pancake party and finished with an Easter Sunday service in our church. Each child received an Easter egg and a book explaining the Easter story.

Explorers aim to help children make sense of the Bible through stories and activities. We could really use more helpers. Anyone interested please contact Heather

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

Witheridge Wargamers

After a year of small-scale carnage and mayhem, we had our last evening of battle in May.

As you may have heard, Pavanne, the boys and myself are emigrating to Canada, and have a few hectic months ahead. Old Heathcott’s School in Tiverton has a weekly Thursday night club if you want to continue playing Warhammer.

Thank you to all the wargamers who made those evenings so pleasantly absorbing and Good Luck for the battles still to come...

Henry Hawkes

Taekwondo see advert Mon. 8pm & Fri. 6pm Parish Hall
A Safe Haven by Diana Manning Benn

I was an only child born in 1940 and we were living in Wimbledon at the time of the air raids. When bombers came I remember being pushed inside the airing cupboard or behind the back of the sofa against the wall, as well as into the Anderson shelter under the dining table. We also had an outside shelter.

When the air raids were at their height over London, it was decided that I should go away with my father. He was much older than my mother, having already retired from Fleet Street when they met, but she kept working in London because she enjoyed it. It was quite unusual in those days for a woman to work because she wanted to. My father was a different generation and my mother was fiercely independent, but it worked for them.

We went to stay in the Stable House at Powderham Castle as paying guests. I think my father had connections to the Courtenays from his time in Fleet Street. I don’t remember being upset by the absence of my mother, just WOW at the exciting new life. I was so fussed by Aunty Vickery and Uncle Jim Vickery, I played with the Courtney family children, who are now the elders of the household and as my father was with me and my mother came down at weekends, it didn’t seem any hardship, quite the opposite.

The only thing I remember indoors was the bathroom with yellow shiny paint and a huge bath in the middle of the room. I was about 5 years old and my main memory is of the stables and the big courtyard, the pump in the middle of it and the horses clattering on the cobbles.

We had the most glorious summer that year and a really strong memory is of the hot sun on hot cowpats in the fields. If I smell that now, it instantly takes me back to those days.

At weekends we would walk down the fields with my mother to the boundary wall along the lower side of the castle and sit on the wall to watch the steam trains go by.
I don’t remember going into the castle.

My mother often took me down to Starcross to take the ferry to Exmouth. I recall the brass edges on the stairs were burning hot from the sun as I went on my hands and knees up onto the ferry deck. To get back to the promenade, we had to walk through the concrete and metal barriers that covered the whole of Exmouth beach to stop the enemy landing boats.

My very best memory is of the rocking horse. Down the main drive, directly in front of you is the Stable House, with the castle on your right. To the left and slightly behind some trees, is an old barn with a corrugated iron roof. To me it was enormous, but a couple of years ago we went back and it had shrunk!

Inside was all sawdust- I think they used it for working horses. Stored in a corner was a magnificent BIG wooden rocking horse called Dobbin. The Courtenay children and I spent hours in there on this rocking horse. They took me there but I probably played with it more than they did.

We went back about 2 years ago as I really wanted to look round the house. As we went into the old nursery of the castle, there in the corner was my rocking horse. I felt like I was 5 years old again. I actually piped up in front of all these visitors, ‘I used to play on that rocking horse!’

As we left we passed the front of the Stable House which I think is now occupied by the staff of the current Earl. They were having a children’s party and I found myself telling a lady that I had lived there for a while. She said she would tell her father, as he was good at remembering such things.

When the war came to an end, we went back to London and soon moved to Wimbledon Park to a house with a big garden.

Although intended as an escape when London was at its most dangerous, Devon truly was my safe haven.
Allotments

Spring is here, some challenging conditions at times, but now there are definite signs of life, the dandelions certainly have got going on my plot! The compost bins have produced the first batch. It looked every bit as good as commercial compost.

Look out for our stall in The Square at St John’s Fayre. We will have a variety of plants and produce for sale (anyone’s guess what). We’ll see what spring brings. To join our waiting list call Rachel

Walk and Talk

We have a new lady walker, Mrs Sue Greening who has fitted in very well. We started her with a three mile walk, increasing to walking back from Gidle X. We are planning on catching the bus to Barnstaple then walking the Tarka Trail to Braunton, then it’s fish & chips at Spires chip shop, reversing the journey for home. Hoping the weather for this journey will be settled by then. In the mean time we will carry on walking the lanes around the Witheridge area.

The photo is of Westward Ho taken a few years ago. After a picnic on Northam Burrow and a walk along the beach in a howling wind, to Westward Ho, we rewarded ourselves with an ice-cream cornet.

❖ Wednesday 10am Parish Hall

Norah McTeague.

Witheridge Community Composting

Green garden is collected in the village on Thursday mornings from the beginning of March to the end of October.

The cost of this service is £8.00 per year. We will collect trailer loads of garden waste £10.00 for members, £15.00 for non members. We also sell finished compost at £1.25 per bag delivered in the village, or you can collect at £1.00 per bag.

Please contact Greg Henderson if you require compost sales.
Witheridge & District Gardening Club

In the last quarter we have had talks on Garden Maintenance and Landscaping, The Healing Garden and Gardens in Pictures, plus the Spring Show and our plant sale in May. We had a pleasing increase in the number of entries for the Spring Show this year and some beautiful displays.

Best exhibit Classes 1-4
Doreen Leat

Best exhibit Classes 6-20
Cyril Leat

Best exhibit classes 21- 41
Kaye Woollacott

Best Exhibit -Children’s classes
Lucy Kelly

Best exhibit - Club bulbs
Doreen Leat

Spring Show

Best in Show
Kaye Woollacott

Cup for Most Points in Show
Sheila Manley (32 )

Shield for runner up
Cyril Leat and Ros Knight (27)

Top vase
1st Jean Bryant 2nd Chris Kershaw

Best in Show

*****Sat June 16th Club trip to Wells Cathedral Non members welcome.

*****Sat Aug 11th Summer show

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Witheridge Sports Club

Weekly opening times

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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**

Short Mat Bowls

We had an enjoyable AGM at the Mitre and several new members have joined the committee. You may have wondered about playing tennis but are not sure if so, we can help you to find tennis partners. Do get in touch with **Vine on 01363 866 033**. We are hoping to arrange coaching during the summer and will publish details as soon as they are finalised.

Fees : £2 pp/hr, children under 16 FREE. Annual subscription of £30pp / £50 per family, allows you to play all year round free of charge. Cheques to David Body, Lower Park, Witheridge EX16 8PZ, payable to Witheridge Tennis Club

❖ **Book the court** at Witheridge Newsagents 01884 860815

Witheridge Tennis Club

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**
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.
For safety reasons children are not allowed.
Greg Henderson

By the time you read this, the North Devon League cricket
season will be well under way (weather permitting!) with
both our teams in action. It has been good to see some new
faces at pre-season nets, as well as the usual suspects. For
those who don't know, Witheridge Cricket Club runs two
senior sides in the NDL in divisions 2 and 5, catering for all
abilities, as well as a thriving Colts section.
It is never too late to join, so if you are interested, contact
witheridgecc@hotmail.com or Russell Hilton 07714439856

Witheridge Golf Society
The Society met at Waterbridge on 14th March for the John Kemp
Spring Golf Trophy, with 20 members present for an excellent
day’s golf. There was a change of format with Stableford instead
of the usual Texas Scramble. The winning team was the pairing
of Witheridge residents Norman James and Bob Woodall.
New members are always welcome. The format will be varied but the emphasis
will still be on a team game.
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WHY TO GET TO HEAVEN FROM SCOTLAND

I was testing children in my Glasgow Sunday School class to see if they understood the concept of getting into heaven.

"If I sold my house and car, had a big jumble sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?" "NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day and mowed the grass would that get me into heaven?" Again, the answer was 'No!'

"If I was kind to animals and gave sweeties to all the children, would that get me into heaven?" 'No!' "Then how can I get into heaven?"

A six year old boy shouted, "Yuv got tae be deid"

Kinda brings a wee tear tae your eye...

DICK SIBLEY

WESTRIDGE VET NEWS:

Spring lambs and worms

The fields are now full of grazing lambs, turning rich grass into tasty meat. However, the ground is also a haven for parasites that use the young lambs as a food source. Roundworms, flukes and ticks now respond to rising temperatures to morph into parasitic stages ready to infest a passing lamb.

We help farmers plan grazing systems to prevent undue exposure to parasites, but sometimes it is impossible to prevent parasite burdens that become pathological.

The lambs suffer as worms affect digestion and flukes affect liver function. We need to treat these cases and anthelmintic dosing strategies are an essential part of modern sheep husbandry.

Using the right treatment at the right time is important to avoid resistance, and although modern drugs treat even the most resistant worms, farmers are careful to use anthelmintics (drugs that affect parasitic worms) sparingly. Many bring dung samples to the surgery to be tested in our own laboratory for the presence of worm eggs – not pleasant but necessary to ensure the health of the lamb crop without jeopardising drug resistance.

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View from the Surgery

It has been a while since I was able to contribute this column, and much has moved on. Nationally the Health and Social Care Bill has been passed establishing the framework for the abolition of Primary Care Trusts in 2013. They will be replaced by Clinical Commissioning Groups, run by a board on which GPs, lay members, consultants and others will sit.

The evolution of this change has been lengthy and the Group representing us will in fact cover most of Devon, approximately 1 million patients, so in fact cover a similar area to Devon PCT. There will be local groupings advising the board and as a practice we will continue to work within that framework to secure and, we hope, improve the services that we can deliver locally. These reforms are being launched within a cost saving framework, so the challenges are significant, but we will do all that we can to resist centralisation and the marginalisation of “expensive” rural provision.

Locally we are shortly to say goodbye to Dr Peter Bull. Peter is retiring after 26 years with the practice and we wish him well for the future. Dr Will Edney will take over as partner from June 1st; primarily working in Cheriton Fitzpaine he will also be regularly seeing patients in Witheridge.

Finally, we are interested in involving patients more in our practice. To that end we are aiming to form a patient representative group and would welcome expressions of interest. Please direct any suggestions or nominations to Mrs Jane Hunt at the surgery.

Dr Chris Clark

A very nice place to go, I think!
A group of 40-year-old friends went to the Ocean View Restaurant because the waiters there are good looking and had toned athletic bodies.
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Sweeping Dates: even weeks Fridays

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<td>E &amp; W Worlington Lighting the Beacon &amp; Social gathering</td>
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<td>Charity Clay Shoot, Dart Raffe farm, in aid of SJF 11am</td>
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<td>22-24 June</td>
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<td>25th June</td>
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<td>30 June</td>
<td>Duck Race and Dog Show, East Worlington, from 12 noon</td>
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<td>11 Aug</td>
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<td>25 Sept</td>
<td>Witheridge &amp; District Annual Ploughing Match, Venue to be arranged</td>
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### Recurring

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<td>Car Boot Sale, June 24, July 29, Aug 26, P. Hall, 10-12</td>
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<td>3rd Mon.</td>
<td>18 June, 16 July 20 Aug ‘Have Your Say’ PCSOs Yorkie &amp; Rick Rest-a-While</td>
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### Knighthayes

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<td>15 June</td>
<td>Murder Mystery 6:45pm £22.50</td>
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<td>6-7 July</td>
<td>Victorian weekend. 11-4:30</td>
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<td>16 July</td>
<td>Theatre - The Railway Children 7:30</td>
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<td>July, 3 Aug</td>
<td>Summer Pruning 2pm £10.50</td>
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<td>3-31st Aug</td>
<td>Pondemonium Child £4</td>
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### Arlington Court

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<td>9 June, 14 July, 11 Aug</td>
<td>Victorians come to life 11:15</td>
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<td>16 June</td>
<td>Re-enactment Battle of Arlington 1642</td>
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### Kids Jubilee Crossword Ans.

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ACROSS timeline
1. 1952 (9)
4. 2012 Celebrate (7)
5. 1982 2nd in line (7)
7. 1958 footballers lost (6)
8. 1996 cloned (5)
11. 2001 changed the world (5,6)
13. 1963 I have a dream (4)
15. 2008 A step in equality (5)
18. 1985 Feed the world (4,3)
21. 1992 Huge fire in castle (7)
22. 1997 The country mourned (5)
23. 1982 Defence 9000 miles away (9)
24. 1986 meltdown (9)

DOWN timeline
2. 1998 Peace at last in? (7)
3. 2006 royal milestone (6)
6. 1994 To France with dry feet (6)
7. 2000 celebrate (9)
9. 1967 New ship (2,3)
10. 1989 wall down (6)
12. 1966 Unaccustomed glory (7)
14. 1963 remember where you were (7)
16. 1984 IRA bomb (8)
17. 1976 Viking has landed (3)
19. 1953 Hillary & Tensing (7)
20. 1961 1st man in (5)
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