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Editorial

This issue is packed with the Jubilee, SJF, the Summer Show, Church fete, Talented kids, Olympics and much more. Some things have had to go in rather odd places through lack of space.

Features: don’t wait to be asked. Email or phone. Some features wait a while to go in but if I don’t plan ahead, they don’t get done. There are 7 features of varying lengths and a new thread ‘In Another life’ - what were you before we knew you? Our next door neighbour was a purser on the QE2 – who would have guessed that? Bill’s boats: his royal barge actually rows.

Reminders and deadlines Thank you to all who replied on the 1st reminder. It makes such a difference to have things in early. If you can’t send straight away, for whatever reason, just let me know. By the deadline the magazine is full, so the sooner you send it the better.

Website: the number of visitors has increased by 300% since last issue - 320 visitors, 724 visits to 2,516 pages. https://sites.google.com/site/witheridgevoice/home

Posters on website free (no business adverts) - ONE page of A4, in LARGE type

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Births and Welcome to the village - If you didn’t get welcomed, it’s because you didn’t tell us you are here! THANK YOU for your support. Please remember volunteers do this for free! Carole Campbell

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Growing Longuns by John Stanbury

Walking past the Parish Hall 6 years ago, Chris Kershaw asked if I was going to enter the Garden Club Show. I’m afraid I was a bit pompous. ‘I grow veg for flavour!’ I replied.

I thought large veg would be tasteless, but nothing could be further from the truth. They aren’t more or less tasty, but they are just as good. You are growing for quality not just the length of the root.

Chris got me thinking though so the following year I had a go. I get a monthly magazine called ‘Kitchen Garden’ and get my seed from Medwin Williams, a vegetable grower who exhibits at Chelsea. The 1st year I entered just about every vegetable class and when I went across to see how it was going, they said ‘John, you’ve swept the board.’ Well I always was competitive!

Getting started Top exhibitors have professional greenhouses and controlled lighting, but I didn’t have any of that. I made raised beds of wood and also using car tyres which were kindly supplied by John Burd.

PARSNIPS: I use F1 hybrid Gladiator for uniformity of yield, size and shape. The seed is about ½ a thumb nail size, quite a big seed.

Sowing: - mid February for the show on the 2nd Saturday in August. I pre-germinate the seed in Flora margarine cartons with a few layers of kitchen roll on the bottom and damp them in. Then they sit on the wall next to the fire for 4 days, by which time they start to chit (sprout).

Container: as high as you want your parsnips to be long eg 5 feet. I fill it with white sand supplied by Travis Perkins, Tiverton. Then I stick a broom handle to the bottom and twirl to make a hole like an ice cream cone 3” across at the top.

Growing mix : In a builder’s bucket, I mix 10 litres of sterilised topsoil, 6 litres of moss peat and 2 litres of silver sand. To this add 1¼oz superphosphate, ½ oz sulphate of potash, 1¾oz lime, 1 ¼ oz seaweed, ½oz sulphate of ammonia. Pour into the hole and tamp down as you fill it up so there are no air pockets. Make 3 finger sized holes and put 3 chitted, (sprouted) seedlings into the top of each cone and cover over with glass or fleece fitted to give protection. When they are 2” tall, I thin out to 1.
**Watering:** They need an even moisture level as if they get 2-3 weeks without rain, they are liable to split. With fleece the water gets in, with glass I leave a gap between the 2 panes. You need to keep them moist, but water-logging isn’t a problem as there’s sand in the mixture.

**Getting them out:**

The wooden raised beds have a removable side for extracting the parsnips as illustrated in the picture. To extract them from the raised bed made of car tyres, you dig out around the top so you can grip the root, water it a lot, then carefully twist and lift.

**CARROTS:** the procedure is the same. The variety I use for long carrots is **New Red Intermediate**, which, despite its name, is one of the longest carrots available. For short carrots the variety is **Sweet Candle**.

**Shows:** The Horticultural Society lay down the standards required for shows eg no blemishes, tops cut to a certain length so they haven’t been bought from the supermarket.

Serious exhibitors might like to join the **National Vegetable Society** which costs £23.50 per year. They produce DVDs for a whole range of veg by the top exhibitor for that vegetable. Contact Neil Hope, 82 Harehill Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 1DN

**The longest parsnip** I’ve grown is about 1 metre. For the parsnip class, they stay as they are, but as part of a Top Tray which has a set size board, my parsnips have to be cut down to fit on the board. I usually do 3 parsnips, 3 carrots and 2 cauliflowers.

So, it was a wonderful thing Chris did for me - a marvellous hobby and the satisfaction that ‘Growing Longuns’ can be done by anybody not just the expert.
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POLICE UPDATE

At the moment, there seems to be a problem in Cannington Road between families acting in an antisocial manner, at night and early hours of the morning. PCSO Rozputynski (Yorkie) has made several attempts to solve the issues, through multi agency meetings and speaking with the residents of Cannington Road.

Anyone who is affected by the problems in Cannington Road should contact PCSO Rozputynski or attend the ‘Have Your Say Meeting’ at the Rest- A-While Centre opposite the Mitre Inn, Witheridge. For updates and details of the ‘Have Your Say’ meetings, go to http://neighbourhoodpolicing.devon-cornwall.police.uk/BCU-1663/Sector-1762/NB-1765/Pages/default.aspx#tab_priorities

Thanks, Yorkie

Witheridge Parish Hall

The new doors have been installed and look wonderful: the view from them is stunning. The patio is now complete so the Parish Hall will be a venue we can be proud of for all occasions, especially weddings and parties. *Primary school age children's parties now HALF price.*

For the Parish Hall to fulfil its new potential for all members of the community, young and old, we need ideas for events. Any ideas for children and teenagers, please pass on to Kelly Eastman or Cassandra Darling.

The Boot Sale will be every 3 months instead of monthly as we have decided to concentrate our efforts with more advertising and posters. The next sale will be on Sun 25 Nov. We look forward to seeing you there.

Clare Spicer

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After the crowds of the previous day, we ate pie and liquor and watched the Jubilee concert in a pub on the big screen and before long we were all singing, waving our Union Jack flags and scarves. The best was still to come.

Early next morning we were on the Mall in the front row ready for the Queen to travel to St Paul’s for the Jubilee Service which was relayed for all to enjoy. On their return, the Queen passed close by us in an open carriage, followed by the royal family. All the pomp will stay in our memories forever: we were proud to be British. We sang the National Anthem and dried ourselves off countless times, but would do it all again tomorrow! God Bless our Queen. Val, Dave, Maggie & Bob. (photos by Dave)

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.

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‘Race for life’ Witheridge were well represented here. Maria Greenwood raised £163 and Sarah Charlton over £200. Nine people from Moore and Moore, and Julia from the hairdresser, raised £1012 between them! They called themselves the Fluffing Nutters because that is what they do at Moore and Moore!

Knights of Witheridge

At Mid Devon Show we raised nearly £700 through 2 games: ‘Tin Can Alley’ paintball shoot, where participants knock down 5 full cans of baked beans with 10 paintballs to win £10, and skittles, where one ball could win £5. Fred Hanbury

Notice: Footpaths and Bridlepaths at Dart Raffe

It is a matter of great regret that it has become necessary to close the permissive foot and bridle paths on Dart Raffe Farm, when our current 10 year agreement ends on 30th September 2012.

Grants, paid previously for path and gate maintenance and as compensation for taking land out of production, are no longer available.

Sadly, a small but growing number of walkers exhibit a disregard for farm animals and crops. After the horrific deaths of six ewes and twelve lambs, killed by a dog in front of its owner, the incidence of dogs worrying sheep is increasing. Gates have frequently been left open, allowing livestock to stray onto highways and causing danger to road users.

Unfortunately a minority regard crops as fun to walk through and as a playground for their dogs. This is particularly the case in the fields behind the Parish Hall, where some dog owners throw sticks or other objects into the crop for retrieval, causing serious damage.

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**St John’s Fayre Day 2012 – Treasurer’s Report**

Another Fantastic Fayre - I’m sure you’ll agree. The weather was kind to us after all, thank goodness!

As you can see, St John’s Fayre is quite costly to organise and it is essential that we get the opportunity to recoup those costs on Fayre day. Many local charities and organisations come to St John’s Fayre to raise money for their causes, so St John’s Fayre Committee and its team of volunteers try to provide great entertainment to bring in the crowds.

Thanks to the many people who came from near and far (and the weather!) we have again managed to cover our costs and carry a profit forward to help towards the cost of next year’s event. None of this could happen without the generosity of our Sponsors and the time given by our volunteers so ‘THANK YOU ALL’.

*Claire Goodwin, SJF Treasurer*

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**TOTAL EXPENSE** 3838.44

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In Another Life:
Ship’s Purser
by Edward Fyson

I trained at the Head Office of Blue Star Line in London in 1964 then transferred to Shaw Savill Line working as a Purser’s writer (Assistant without officer status) on my first ship, the Ceramic. We carried 9000 tons of cargo and 96 first class passengers from London to New Zealand via the Panama Canal: a 16 week voyage with 7 weeks on the New Zealand coast to load lamb, butter, apples and wool.

In 1968, I did one voyage on the Northern Star round the world eastbound - South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Mexico and Panama, after which I was promoted to an officer working on the Akaroa as Crew Purser.

My job was to do crew wages, advances, crew immigration and customs, again round-the-world eastbound. We carried 500 passengers outward then spent 3 weeks in New Zealand loading cargo. We ran to a schedule on the way home - Cook Islands, Tahiti, Panama Canal, Curacao or Trinidad and the Azores.

I was on leave when the Akaroa suffered an engine room fire in mid-Atlantic but she was able to continue to New Zealand. My next trip was on the Arawa. Times were hard and I was in port for 7 months as Standby Purser, signing crew on, paying wages and setting up for the next voyage.

A variety of passengers were on these mainline voyages - young couples emigrating to Australia, South Africans coming to UK for a few days. The really well off took the round the world voyage as a cruise but ordinary people were usually visiting relatives. Back in the ’70’s, planes didn’t have the fuel range they have now, so passenger cruising was much less hassle than flying.
One woman on the Ceramic did a trip to NZ every year. She always took a car across but didn’t bring it back – her way of funding the trip!

There were a few awkward times. I remember a Mr Crichton well, as it was my first time on the counter on the Arawa. He was unhappy about accommodation or baggage and gave me a hard time. After a long discussion he seemed fairly satisfied, but then as he left I said Mr Crichton. ‘It’s pronounced ‘Cryton’ and off he stormed!

I then worked as Immigration Purser on the Northern Star on a round-the-world voyage doing passenger lists, immigration, customs and health declarations. It can be a nightmare to get completed forms back from passengers. Before arrival at a major entry port like Fremantle, the Ship’s Surgeon had to do a medical inspection, which he did by glancing at the passengers while we issued immigration papers.

I joined the Northern Star as Crew Purser’s assistant in 1971 for her first season cruising the Mediterranean. Most of the crew would return for voyage after voyage. After doing the crew lists, customs and wage slips, I knew all their names and doing cash advances linked names to faces. Crew and family problems cropped up at times. I sent flowers and a message via the radio station when my Grandad died. It was normal practice.

At 1800 hours on 19th March 1972, we left Brisbane bound for Vila in the New Hebrides.

We went northerly to avoid a hurricane but it changed course. The wind was above Force 12 (approx. 80mph) with 50ft – 60ft seas. We passed through the ‘eye’ at 0200 on the 21st. From my bunk I could see “white water” crashing over the bridge onto my cabin.

In 1973 I was doing the health declarations for arrival in Wellington
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NZ and feeling really ill. A child on board had chickenpox and so did I.
I was in isolation for 2 weeks until we got to Tahiti but a bell boy brought a typewriter and I just carried on doing the transit lists.

Next I was Standby Purser while **Ocean Monarch** was in Liverpool then joined her to cruise Hong Kong – Indonesia – New Zealand – San Francisco – Vancouver – Australasia in 6 weeks. Some ships tick over and others are hard work. It could be the layout of the ship but all the staff found her hard work. One problem was the galley was one deck below the restaurant with only escalators so the waiters were carrying hot food on trays up and down them!

In 1976, I was made redundant but Cunard were getting 2 new liners so needed staff and I became Crew Purser on **QE2** for the next 3 years.

We did transatlantic crossings in summer, the Caribbean in winter and a world cruise in January. In 1979 I came onshore for good. My parents were retiring to Devon- time for a change. I left to become a banker.

**My favourite place:** New Zealand because of the relaxed way of life. The shops are closed from late Friday to Monday and everybody goes to the beach, lakes or mountains to enjoy the weekend and the weather is good.

One place everybody should go is the Pacific islands, Cook Islands, Fiji and Tonga – it really is paradise, but the stonefish, sharks and coral can get you, even in paradise!
I do miss it sometimes, but all those experiences are another part of my life and so part of me.
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Playing drums teaches you timing, rhythm and how to read music. I am now just starting to play the guitar as well. The main thing you need to be a drummer is a good sense of timing.

I play Rock music on a full drum kit in my bedroom. I play mostly for myself but have also played at school in Witheridge and in the Christmas concert at Chulmleigh and I’m in the African Drumming Club.

I have had drumming lessons for the last 3 years with Mike Soundy, who teaches in the Music Shop in Gold Street, Tiverton. I started with ½ hour but now I have 1 hour lessons. I don’t see myself being a professional drummer though, it’s just for fun. (Mike Soundy is enthusiastic, patient and full of encouragement and I would highly recommend him. Maria) By Greg Greenwood

Guard of Honour 2012 Olympics

I was one of 8 lucky ones from my school, to join 2,000 children from across UK, to form the Guard of Honour at the Olympic Opening Ceremony on 27th July 2012.

First we were taken on a VIP tour of the stadium, aquatic centre (really awesome as it looks like a giant wave) and handball and hockey pitches (so cool in pink and purple!)

That night we lined the route from the Olympic Park to the Olympic Stadium. My school was linked with St Kitts and Nevis who had 7 athletes. We had made a banner to welcome them, waved lanterns and screamed - I nearly lost my voice cheering so loudly! It took a very long time for all the athletes to pass us but it was the most amazing experience of my life.

Next day we met the St Kitts and Nevis athletes and they signed our banner. I get to keep my Guard of Honour T-shirt, official programme and lots of badges the competitors were giving out. I will never forget my once in-a-lifetime experience. Kiera White (aged 11)
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United Churches of Witheridge Luncheon Club

Forty one people, who live on their own, enjoyed a special turkey meal to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, ending with a toast and 3 cheers to the Queen. It was a truly lovely occasion.

In July, participants enjoyed cottage pie and in August, it was ham or cheese salad. New people would be very welcome. All food is fresh and home cooked with wonderful puddings all for £3. (photo Noel McTeague) Contact Yvonne 860012, Annis 860398 or Val 860709 to book.

Dates to Christmas: 4th Sept, 2nd Oct, 6th Nov, 4th Dec

Yvonne Childs

Cancer Research

Special thanks must go to Frank Housam for his most generous donation of £500, made possible by Frank publishing his book of poems. All proceeds have been donated to Cancer Research UK. THANK YOU FRANK!

St John’s Fayre was a great success and raised over £400 for our charity. Grateful thanks to the helpers and our very loyal supporters.

September is our House-to-House collection around Witheridge in which we hope to top our total of £859.26 of last year. Our volunteers give up their time to help with this task and we thank them very much.

Angela Pearce

Bell Ringers St John the Baptist Church Witheridge

The group are 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.

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Knights of Witheridge Needs YOU

The Knights have donated money to individuals, organisations and community projects within our Parish for over 3 years, as various thank you letters in the Witheridge Voice will testify.

Requests for funding has increased each year and we could meet most needs as well as giving advice and physical assistance. This year however, we did NOT having sufficient funds to help as many people as we would have liked because a) people are not attending our events and b) the Knights don’t have sufficient help.

If you would like to receive funding, you, as an organisation or an individual, need to do your bit to publicise our events.

The committee of 8 people, is more than enough to organise events, but we seriously lack ‘boots on the ground’ to ensure they run efficiently & safely. We desperately NEED people who can devote ONE Saturday or just ONE night per year - not much to ask is it? If we do not receive assistance, the Knights could well cease to function and a valuable source of funding will end.

To offer your help contact me, Fred Hanbury 01884 860578 or fhanbury@aol.com

Charity Knitting Group *NEW*

Our knitting group got underway in June and already we have achieved much, especially in making tops for babies who otherwise would leave hospital wrapped in newspaper for warmth - called ‘fish and chip’ babies!

46 tops will be sent to India in October, then we will send to Uganda next year. We are working on tunic tops and blankets for children in Romania and the premature baby department in Bath will receive cardigans, hats, mitts and boots when we have enough. We’re working on it! We enjoy each others’ company and it is satisfying to know that we are making a difference to those who need help.

❖ Every other Thursday in the Rest-a-While 2:15 – 4:00

Eileen Haynes

Witheridge Ploughing Association

This year’s ploughing match will be on Tuesday Sept 25th at Menchine Farm (between Witheridge and Nomansland), by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Cole.

There are classes for everyone to enter even if you don’t have a tractor and plough - vegetables, cookery, flower arranging and children’s classes. Schedules will be available from Witheridge Newsagents in due course. Please come and support us and enjoy a day out in lovely countryside.

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**Monday Club**

As a new member, my 1st visit was very daunting. When I got to the Day Centre, the room was full and very noisy, but I was soon put at ease and enjoyed the talk on ‘Bees Abroad’. Our next meeting was a trip to Dawlish and Teignmouth- a little damp but plenty to do. The following meeting our speaker was ill, so Val talked about her trip to London for the Jubilee. The last trip was a mystery, so we were guessing at each turn and ended up in Dorset- sunny all day. Very glad I joined.  

_Terry Prynn_

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**Allotments**

Well, with the wettest summer on record, it’s not surprising we had a few problems with drainage on the site, along with the rest of Britain. Some of the early vegetables were badly affected and took time to recover. We are starting to get back to normal and plans are afoot to install some better drainage on the site- a sure sign that we will have a drought in the latter part of the year. We have vacant full plots 96 sq/m or ½ plots 48 sq/m. If you are interested please call Greg on 860819

_Greg Henderson_

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**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.  

**Every other Tuesday at The Firs Care Home 7:30pm 860 825**

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**Witheridge Ladies’ Club**

Since the beginning of the year we have had excellent speakers on subjects such as Walking around Britain, the Farm Shop, Physiotherapy at Home, Understanding Animals, Sugar Flowers and Flower Arranging. In June we enjoyed a journey on the Tarka Line to Barnstaple followed by a cream tea. At our Garden Party in August, we sold bric-a-brac, books and plants. Our next talks include ‘Boy on the Farm’; ‘Lip Reading’ and ‘Carers’. We also have a book club, craft club and luncheon club, so why not come along?

(Photo Noel McTeague)

**2nd Tuesday in the month, Parish Hall 2 - 4 pm**

_Coral Simmonds_
Witheridge Parish Church

By the time you read this Susan and I will have moved to Wiltshire, so that I can start my new job as Chaplain to Warminster School.

Our stay in Witheridge has been rather shorter than we expected, but with God every moment is precious and we have both learned much in our time here. We have been warmly welcomed and incredibly well supported, especially through our different but connected health problems and we will always be grateful for that care and concern. Thank you.

I am now convinced, however, that God is calling me to a life that combines my long held vocation to teaching with ordained ministry. I wish you all well. You will be in our thoughts and prayers as we continue on our journey.  

David

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Church Fete 2012

Over 200 people came and £1700 was raised!
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SERVICES start at 11am
- Sept 2  Mr M Hockridge
- Sept 9  Rev J Budd and Communion
- Sept 16 Mr R Steer
- Sept 23 Mr R Sambles
- Sept 30 **United Service** Mr K Grant
- Oct 7    Mr P Rowe
- Oct 14   Harvest Festival at 11 and 6:30
          Mr Chammings, Mr M Chapple
- Oct 21   Mr D Grant
- Oct 28   Mr T Nott
- Nov 4    Mr C Manning
- Nov 11 Remembrance Sunday **9.30am**
          St John's Church United Service
- Nov 18   Mr C Hutchings
- Nov 25   Rev J Budd and Communion

**Women’s Fellowship** Alt. Thurs. 2.30pm
- Sept 6 Mrs Fiona Budd
- Sept 20 Mrs Beryl Parry 'Harvest'
- Oct 4   Miss Kay Woollacott
- Oct 18  Mrs Carol Chamberlain
- Nov 1   Mrs Heather Castle
- Nov 15  Mr Mervyn Burd
- Nov 29  Members Sharing (Christmas Theme)

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**United Churches Luncheon Club** Parish Hall 1st Tuesday  Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4 12:00
It was a great privilege to accompany Jeremy during his year as Chairman of Devon County Council. We attended 99 engagements together and I stood in for Jeremy on 2 occasions. I can only touch on a few here. It wasn’t 2 a week as we would have several together, then some time off. We had a car with a Devon flag on the front. The chauffeur knew his way round and parking wasn’t a problem.

Jeremy was given notice of possible engagements then information and notes. I only knew what we were doing a week in advance.

Luckily I was able to find some simple clothes in nice colours, so I didn’t need to spend too much. For formal dinners, I wore my mother’s evening dress. I was pleased I could recycle it. I only needed a hat for the Remembrance Service and the Royal Garden Party.

Engagements involving children were the most light-hearted. I especially remember opening Bishops Nympton play area, as it was the first thing we did but we also presented plaques to Foundation units at Pre-schools, and attended Barnstaple Young Stars of the Future, the Ten Tors (which I took part in myself 40 years ago) and the Barnstaple Special Olympics.

Our first serious event was the Legal Service with the High Sheriff and the Lord Lieutenant in Exeter Cathedral. It was a bit of a shock to the system to be seated with the dignitaries on the front row. Jeremy and I were separated for lunch and I found myself talking to a circuit judge and the Canon of the cathedral. It was all new to us but everybody was very helpful.

In July 2011, we welcomed Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall when they came to Salcombe. Throughout the year we attended several voluntary awards ceremonies, civic services and environmental projects, including Pinhoe Recycling Centre.

We opened a number of new cycle ways and bridges at Ottery St Mary,
Dawlish and Tavistock cycle ways linking across the counties. We had to cut the ribbon and hold a bike at the same time although we didn’t have to ride the bike!

We visited Stover Park near Newton Abbott, Roadford Lake activity centre on Dartmoor and were present at the opening of Redhayes Bridge although MP Norman Baker actually opened it. We also travelled out of county to Weymouth to launch the facilities for the Olympic sailing events.

On November 11th, we were at the Children’s Remembrance Service in Barnstaple, followed by the main service in Exeter Cathedral on the Sunday, after which we hosted lunch.

There were quite a lot of military ceremonies. The parade for the fallen of Operation Herrick 14, Central Helmand was on November 16th at which they read out the names of those who had lost their lives. Generals, Ambassadors and the Afghan Chief of Police were present so there was tight security and a police escort to lunch.

The next day, we met the Duke of Edinburgh when he took the salute at the Royal Marines Logistic Regiment’s homecoming.

I loved watching the Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards being given the freedom of the city. They marched through Exeter with the bands playing – a wonderful sight.

The tour of HMS Bulwark was interesting, especially the capability demonstration of how they defend a modern ship against pirates!

When the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh came to Exeter on her Jubilee tour, I was introduced and shook hands; she said ‘Hello’ and I think I said ‘Welcome to Devon.’

The year is now over and it is a bit of a relief, but I’m glad I did it. I saw a lot more of Jeremy in that year and I learned how to make polite conversation in any situation. I didn’t break anything, or fall over in public and I don’t think I said, or did, the wrong thing. We have lasting memories of a wonderful year.
KS2 TRIP TO CORNWALL

TATE GALLERY:
When we arrived at St Ives, the teachers escorted us down to the Tate gallery. The gallery was right beside the beach. Outside, the building was quite dull but on the inside it was bursting with colour! When we got in there was a spectacular, but delicate, massive stained glass window called 'The Window for The Tate at St Ives' and was by Patrick Heron!
At the gallery there were lots of pictures of people, water and animals. It is a very nice clean and tidy gallery. There was a rude picture of a naked lady in there! There were some amazing views of the beach from inside the gallery. We saw the waves lapping against the golden sand.

ON THE BEACH:
After we visited the Tate gallery we all walked to the beach. We watched the calm bobbing blue sea. A lot of people bought ice creams and Jamie’s ice cream got nicked by a screeching swooping huge seagull, but luckily the kind man selling the ice creams gave him another!
We took off our shoes and socks and played on the beach. Some people buried Ed under the sand and he got really sandy! Mrs Halsey and Mrs Jeffery had their photo taken next to him; everyone laughed. My feet kept getting stuck in the sand. Some people went off to get some balls or Frisbees. Some people played Frisbee with Mrs Adcock. We all had a lot of fun!

MOUSEHOLE: When we arrived, the majority of us walked down to the harbour to wait for our fish and chips. After we finished our fish and chips, some of us crossed the road and bought some sweeties!
We went to the hole in the harbour walls and saw a boy jumping in to the sea. He was very good at diving. Some people wanted him to backflip but he couldn’t. We also saw some colourful red boats, bobbing up and down on the calm dark, blue and green harbour. We had a great time!
Headmaster’s report
The school goes from strength to strength. Year 6 outperformed children nationally in 5 out of 6 of the benchmarks and did especially well in writing and maths. We are proud of every single one of them.

This success is only possible with the support of its village and local community. We work hard to develop links with the community and always welcome any ideas, comments or feedback. You don’t have to be a parent to pop in and see me for a chat, or give me a phone call.

We have to say farewell to Mr and Mrs Hawkes and to Mrs Atkins. We welcome 2 new teachers to the school - Mr Radley who will work in Class 4 and Miss Suchacki in Class 2.

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MINACK THEATRE:
We went to the theatre at 7:30pm to watch Twelfth Night which started at 8:00pm. When we got there it started to rain, but the calm blue sea was most certainly not affected. Some people’s favourite actor was Feste the jester and others liked Sir Toby Belch best. They were so funny.

Viola was a favourite too as she was so nice and pretended to be a boy so well. It was very funny when Feste cuddled the naked lady statue. Everyone got soaked from top to bottom.

It was extremely entertaining so most of us stayed to the very end, although some of us thought that the rain slightly ruined the play. When the play finished we rushed down to the heavenly warm coach. We were soaking wet. We got back to school at 3am (2 hours late), still soaking wet. We met our parents in the hall and rushed off home! (AT THREE IN THE MORNING!)

BY CLASS 3

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Jubilee: On May 31st a giant street party in the front quad prepared the whole school for ‘Mrs Finney’s Jubilee Jamboree’. Students in wheelbarrows carried as much water as they could over a range of obstacles, tossed a wellington boot, circled a pole with eyes shut then stumbled over rugby tackle bags and around corner flags. The afternoon ended with year 11 dragging the staff across the pitch in a tug of war! Only at Chulmleigh!

Friends of Witheridge School Friends would like to thank everyone for their support this year. With the money raised so far, we have managed to subsidise one new school jumper and a tie for each of the children of Witheridge School, leavers’ presents and the Christmas Pantomime.

Our next event is the Pamper Day at Newhouse Farm on Sunday 30th September between 10.00 & 4.00. £40 a ticket to include Pimms & canapés, 3 course lunch with a glass of wine, 30 min treatment, pilates/fusion session, use of the pool and jacuzzi, afternoon tea. Tickets from Sarah Boyles 860986 or myself. Sonia Doughton

WithArt I would like to wish all of our members who are currently not very well, a speedy recovery, and thank the licensees of The Mitre for letting the Withart group display some of their work during St John’s Fayre.

As already mentioned, our group is depleted at the moment, but those who are able to attend are plugging on with our calendar which we hope will be available at the end of September. If there are any budding artists out there who are free on a Monday afternoon, pop in and see us at work. We will be pleased to tell you about our group and make you very welcome. Hope to see you soon. ❖ Mondays 2:30 With. Parish Hall

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Witheridge Pre-School

Despite the weather, we had a very successful potato crop and when the children see the potatoes, the amazement on their faces is wonderful to see. Although we have tried various ‘child friendly’ slug deterrents, the flowers and runner beans succumbed.

After a few aborted attempts, on our way home from our annual outing to Waie2Play, we managed to plant our Jubilee Oak tree and place our time capsule in the ground. We plan to retrieve the time capsule in 30 years’ time, when the children can marvel at what they thought was interesting to place in the box and how small their hands were!

Lily, Cara and Lynton are leaving us but Melissa, Maddison, Jack, Megan, Elsie, Findlay and Casey move to Class 1 at Witheridge Primary. We will see them in shared sessions through the Partnership Foundation Stage Unit. Paula Hallett

E. Worlington Pre-School

The Duck Race and Dog Show was a success and raised almost £3,500 to be shared with the School PTFA. The Jubilee Street Party was a lovely afternoon at which the children wore the crowns they had made.

www.eastandwestworlington.btck.co.uk/Gallery

In July we enjoyed a teddy bears’ picnic and trips to a building site and Exmoor Zoo.

8 children are moving on and we wish them well. We still have places available for September. Some 2 year olds are entitled to Early Years Funding under the Government scheme.

Donna Webber

E. Worlington Parents & Toddlers

Fancy joining a new group with your baby or toddler? We are a really friendly bunch, so come along for a hot drink and a natter. £1 per family. We also have a regular Mum’s Night Out. At the end of term we joined with the preschool to play outside in our garden and the toddlers were also invited along to the Exmoor Zoo trip- a lovely day out. Open: 11th Sept.

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My Hobby: building model boats

When I was 40 years old I came out of hospital knowing I needed something to occupy my mind – just what, I wasn’t sure. Speaking to a friend, he introduced me to a model boat club and 38 boats later, I can say I found it a great hobby.

I scratch build all of them, meaning I don’t work from kits - nothing wrong with kits but personally I find them rather expensive. I don’t have an outside workshop but have set aside part of my bedroom. I lose myself in my hobby and find great satisfaction in it.

I test the finished boat on my pond in the garden then when it’s ready, I take the models to Ilfracombe Model Boat Club, which meets every Wednesday and Sunday at a park in Ilfracombe. There are many of us boat builders at Ilfracombe. Some of you may have seen us at South Molton Show.

We go to other shows where possible. A lot of interest is shown by children at the shows and we encourage younger people to join us.

Every year we are invited to Arlington Court where there is a beautiful lake to sail on and show the boats.

The boat pictured here is a shallop (water taxi) which would have been seen on the Thames and other waterways inland from medieval times. The model is built from thin strips of wood glued on to a framework similar to an aeroplane. It’s propelled by oars, although the mechanism is quite complicated - can’t go into it now, that’s another story. I make all the bits and pieces with the exception of motors and radio control.

Anyone who is like-minded and would like to get in touch, ring me on 860705 and we can have a chat.

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Reg Charity: 1027702
Our Brownies had fun at the Tiverton Division Celebration Day. They decorated crowns, made Olympic torches and took part in a mini Olympics. Jacqui Adcock 860145.

Guides The photo is of Witheridge Guides washing up on the washstands that they made at a very wet joint camp with Chulmleigh Guides.

Children’s Activities

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

‘Our children love Explorers so much. They enjoy learning all about the Bible and God, and these ladies do a wonderful job teaching.’ Kelly Eastman

( Photo from the Explorers’ Picnic )

Taekwondo Witheridge Taekwondo club demonstrated their skills at St. John’s Fayre. The Tigers (4-8 year olds) showed great skills and confidence performing a relay race and kicking on the pads. We also performed 2 demos in South Molton Main Square in August. Photos- see Gallery www.dstaekwondo.com

Wayne Sibthorpe

1st & 3rd Sunday Church Rooms 9:30am Heather 860744
Travelogue: Snakes, Firefighters & Spirits

In July 1985, it was my 4th trip to Pine Ridge Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota to visit my friend Elva One Feather - a lady in her 70s.

Forked lightning struck the prairie beyond the hills, but the storm moved on quickly. John from Chicago joined us, then we drove on under clear blue skies to the Red Cloud Indian School near Pine Ridge. We stopped at the annual Art and Craft Sale where I bought a book about the fascinating Yuwipi healing ceremony.

As we walked down a narrow path from the school, a rattlesnake suddenly appeared out of the overgrown flower bed right next to Elva’s feet. She was so shocked that she fell against me rather than onto the path and in all the shouting the snake disappeared back into the undergrowth. We visited Chief Red Cloud’s grave in the Sioux cemetery on the hill above the school, then on to Elva’s house for refreshments. She described how her 5 male spirit helpers once ‘flew’ her across the Atlantic Ocean and how Geoffrey Chips, a medicine man, lost his powers because he misused them.

It was 106F (42C) outside and while we were talking, someone noticed smoke then flames on the hills moving rapidly towards us, presumably started by the lightning.

Elva’s son Gerald One Feather rushed off to help the official fire fighters, while we tried to stop the flames reaching the timber house. There weren’t enough spades for everyone, so I used my oldest jumper to beat the flames until it was burnt and useless. In all this commotion, Elva saw a rattlesnake fleeing the flames and chopped off its head with a spade! By the time the fires were out, it was 2:30am. An eventful day.

Next morning I drove the hire car on my own to look for the fire engine donated by the charity ‘Onaway’ to the tribe. I found it parked up on the hilltop but an Indian passing by on a horse said it wasn’t used as the tribe had no money to buy fuel. What a waste!
Still feeling disappointed, I drove to Wanblee to see my friend, medicine man Selo Black Crow. I soon found myself ‘volunteered’ to take his sister to collect her welfare cheque from the Post Office, then to the off-reservation town of Kadoka to buy supplies. We were shocked when the shop owner refused Emma’s U.S. government cheque so I paid her bill, amidst strange looks from the white onlookers. I can now believe the stories that many white people living close to the reservation have never ventured onto it.

That evening Selo invited us to take part in his sweat lodge ceremony. It was too hot in there for some people, but I found it helped to take a deep breath just before water was poured onto the hot rocks.

During the ceremony, I felt flapping wings on the left side of my head, just as if a bird was standing on my shoulder. At 11pm we all got dressed ready for a traditional healing ceremony to be performed in a remote cabin on the prairie.

Robert Steed (the healer in charge), was said to be very powerful: the other 23 healers on Pine Ridge were wary of him. He set up the altar on the wooden floor assisted by his teenage daughter. She then sat beside the 3 men to be healed.

For 4 emotional hours, in total darkness, he talked about how he got his powers in a vision, then with chants and prayers, he called upon the spirits of past medicine men to help him heal the 3 men.

The spirits knocked on the door and windows but couldn’t get in as the openings were covered with blankets to block out the light. When they eventually got in via the chimney we saw flashes of light moving quickly round the room.

A spirit touched my throat, then what felt like a skeleton’s finger moved up my left side and pulled my hair. At the end of the ceremony, the 3 patients were given the same liquid medicine. A white woman (who had been cured in a similar ceremony), said it would taste different to each of them. Finally at 3am, we feasted on cold chicken stew, bread, tinned peaches and cold black sweetened tea.

I have visited Pine Ridge several times as well as First Nations in Canada, but nothing has been as memorable as those days in July 1985.

Ray Thorne
**Vegetables**
- **Best exhibit**: John Stanbury
- **Most points**: Cyril Leat
- **Best potatoes**: David Williams
- **Top Tray**: John Stanbury

**Flowers**
- **Best exhibit**: Celia Leach
- **Best sweet peas**: John Manley
- **Most points (vases & pots)**: Cyril Leat
- **Most Points (stems)**: Joan Troake
- **Best Club fuschia**: Chris Kershaw
- **Top Vase**: 1<sup>st</sup> Joan Troake,
  2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Bryant , 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruth Woollacott

**Handicraft & Domestic**
- **Most points**: Doreen Leat

**Children’s Classes**
- **Most points**: Lucy & Catherine Kelly
- **U9**: 1<sup>st</sup> Lucy Kelly & Catherine Kelly,
  3<sup>rd</sup> Emma Manley
- **10-14**: 1<sup>st</sup> Zoe Williams,
  2<sup>nd</sup> Louisa Leach  3<sup>rd</sup> Meg Kelly

**Millie Williams Memorial Shield for Best in Show**: John Stanbury
You need
- 500g free range pork steaks
- 100g dry cure bacon
- 1 onion, 1 lemon
- 2 cloves of Garlic
- Tin of tomato puree
- New potatoes
- Good olive oil, fresh parsley or thyme

What to do
- Make a marinade with the onion, garlic, tomato & lemon
- Add salt & pepper to taste,
- Blend to a thick paste.
- Cover the pork. Put in the fridge for at least 1 hour
- Grill/fry/BBQ the steaks and bacon
- Cut the bacon into strips and serve on top of the steaks.
- Steam new potatoes, cover with lots of olive oil & sliced smoked garlic. Garnish with fresh parsley or thyme.

Serve with a green salad and a glass of white wine. It’s summer!

Jubilee Crossword Answers

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Witheridge AFC Update

It has been a busy time at Edge Down Park with a brand new 100 seat stand installed and a complete overhaul of the changing rooms. The pitch has been improved with 30 tonnes of sand and it is now draining brilliantly. A big thank you to the many volunteers who helped out.

The improved facilities were not completed in time to enter this season’s FA Vase, but there is no reason for us not to be accepted next year.

The 1st team will be run by Mike Taylor, Shane Kallaway & Chris Vinnicombe and Nigel Raybould & Darren Pike have joined Darryl Hancock as the 2nd team management. We look to have a much better season after a difficult campaign last time around.

Go to our new website at www.witheridgeafc.co.uk or Twitter @witheridgeafc for live updates during matches and to our very own facebook page at www.facebook.com/witheridgefootballclub

Billy Roberts

Witheridge Sports Club

Weekly opening times

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NEW ** Dance Fit with Jason **

If you like Debbie Bidmead’s classes you will love Jason’s (her son). Come and dance fit to great music and have fun. Everyone welcome.

Starting Wed 12th Sept 7pm Witheridge Parish Hall

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. For safety reasons children are not allowed.

Greg Henderson 860819
We met at Waterbridge on 9th May and 11th July, with a change from the usual 9 hole, to an 18 hole Texas Scramble.

On the winning teams were Dave Chapman and Keith Jenkins in May and farmers Rob Walker, Brian Burgess and Michael Pinchcombe in July. Andrew Clark, Norman James and Bob Woodall won the wooden spoon trophy on both occasions.

New members are always welcome. Next meetings: Wed 12th Sept, Christmas Trophy Wed 5th Dec. The format will be varied, but the emphasis will still be on a team game. Andrew Clark 860612 or astonguy@tring92.f2s.com

We are a friendly small group. All equipment is supplied and we offer tea and coffee too. Come along and pass an enjoyable hour. All levels of ability from beginners to Olympic contenders most welcome.

You must be over 16 years of age for this club, but the equipment is available for a parent to start a club for under 16’s.

✈️ Friday mornings 11:00-12:00 Parish Hall £2.50

This year the club offered the primary school the opportunity of using the court for professional tennis coaching. This offer was taken up and the children had 5 coaching sessions which were very popular. I’ve never seen so many children on a court at one time before and all of them thoroughly enjoying themselves!

✈️ Book the court at Witheridge Newsagents 01884 860815

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.

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Vet News: Reproduction and Fertility by Dick Sibley

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A small business: a wildlife artist’s inspiration

I currently work in Exeter while I build up my business as a wildlife and animal artist. When we relocated to Devon, we were slightly daunted by the apparent remoteness, but now I love travelling through the countryside. Every day I can see such a variety of wildlife - deer, foxes, buzzards, kestrels and red kites. Witheridge is truly an inspiration. Our back garden gets finches, tits, corvids, pigeons and even a woodpecker and just by walking down the road, I’ve seen dippers, bumped into the local hounds and glimpsed a fox scurrying into the under growth. Then there is the sheer beauty of the Devon countryside - the fresh new greens of spring, wild flowers in summer, gorgeous browns, oranges and golds of autumn and the snow of winter. Inspiration comes from the rain with that smell from the ground after a soaking, the mists in the valleys and rays of sunlight breaking through a canopy of trees – such joy for an artist.

I have exhibited in aid of Devon Wildlife Trust and at the National Exhibition of Wildlife Artists in 2011 and hopefully this year. I also draw domestic animals, horses and even farm stock and am happy to take on commissions.

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**Walk and Talk**

One of our group, (Sheila Manley) has moved to Kent to be nearer her family, so our group is getting smaller, which is a shame. As the weather has not been very nice lately, we don’t walk too far, but we are looking for new members who perhaps might bring fresh ideas of different areas to walk. We sometimes get the bus to an area then we walk back. Come and join us.

Firebase Meeting

Meet at the Parish Hall  Wednesdays  10am

Norah McTeague.

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**Witheridge Community Composting**

Green garden waste 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. Contact Greg Henderson 01884 860819 to buy compost.

**Witheridge Art Group**

We are a happy band of like minded people who enjoy an evening drawing or painting and sharing a hobby which many of us never seem to have time to do at home. We are self taught: some of us have had tuition way back and we all help each other when asked.

We had a very good response to our exhibition at St. John’s Fayre. We sold 18 pictures, made £100 for the Devon Air Ambulance and we are very pleased to say that we attracted 5 new members! Membership is £5 /year, £1.50/ week. Eileen Curtis

Wednesdays Parish Hall Committee Room 7:30pm

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**Flame of Hope Award May ‘12**

Frank, Val Dickinson, Dawn Harrison and myself went to the Hotel Russell in London for Frank’s award of the Flame of Hope Honorary Fellowship, for his contribution to the charity over many years. He arranged many concerts in aid of Cancer Research UK and raised the profile of the charity.

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Incomer’s Guide:
Bideford and Tarka Trail to Torrington / Instow

Getting there
Distance from Witheridge: 30 miles
Time: 50mins approx.

Directions: Witheridge to S.Molton then A361 Barnstaple. As you come into Barnstaple at 1st roundabout take 1st exit A39, follow signs to Bideford (10 miles). Coming into Bideford, cross the long bridge. At roundabout take 1st exit signed Bideford. Follow Heywood Rd then Kingsley Rd down to the Quay.

Car Parks: Quay car park next to Victoria Park is on left just as the road turns onto the quay. £0.90p/hour OR Tarka trail car park - keep going along the quay to the lower bridge. Turn LEFT across the bridge and left at mini-roundabout signposted Tarka Trail. The car park is 50 m on left ( £2 for 2-4 hours). Walk back over the river for cafes & shops leaving your car and bikes ready for the Tarka Trail later!

Information
Victoria park- art gallery, French cafe , (looked good), large kids paddling pool, impressive play apparatus. Shops and lots of cafes. Pannier market Tues & Sat - own market car park.

Tarka trail - 50m from car park.

RIGHT to Torrington (6 miles). Station cafe + museum 100m, bike hire and pub.
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Who, what, medal?
1. Team GB 1st medal?
2. In pool, don’t apologise.
3. GB brothers in same event.
4. Horses and more horses-what medals did we get?
5. 1st time for women
6. Devon boy SO pleased.
7. GBR’s final medal

GOLD for GBR-sport, name
8. Sigh of relief GBR 1st gold
9. 7 events in stadium.
10. On court but hard to watch.
11. 6 golds since 2004
12. 3,497 km then Olympics
13. Kick sport
14. Two races. Cheered to end.

Weird & wonderful - what did people say about...
1. Opening ceremony.
2. Most relieved about
3. County of Olympians
4. Hockey pitch renamed
5. Olympic signs you can’t miss

OLYMPIC BUFFS’ QUIZ
1. Year & city 1st Modern Olympics
2. Olympic rings represent.
3. Olympic motto.
4. Year of 1st Olympic torch relay.
5. Year women 1st competed.
6. Should have hosted 1940 Games
7. 4 cities with initial ‘M’ in consecutive Olympics
8. Longest athletics race? (careful).
9. 5 sports in Modern Pentathlon
10. Sport you win going backwards
11. ‘Tarzan’ who won a Gold medal
12. 1st in ‘Chariots of Fire’ 100m.
14. Ex Royal won Gold in 1972
15. Sean Kerly, Daley Thompson, Chris Boardman, Shirley Robertson, Audley Harrison.

Event & year they won GOLD.

FASCINATING FACTS
• Ancient Olympians didn’t wear clothes (Gymnos = naked)
• 1896 games was in Athens and it SNOWED!
• 1908 London Olympics lasted 187 days.
• Rugby Union was an Olympic sport until 1924.
• 1900 Devon & Somerset played cricket for UK and got GOLD!

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**County & District Councillor**

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SFMC Sports Field Management Committee

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<td>Carol Service with Tiverton Town Band Witheridge Church 6 pm</td>
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<td>Car Boot Sale With. Parish Hall next sale Sunday Nov 25 860685 10-12</td>
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<td>Sep 17 Oct 15 Nov 19 Dec 17 ‘Have Your Say’ PCSO Yorkie Rest-a-While 10-12</td>
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**2012 UNASHAMEDLY TEAM GB WHO, WHAT, MEDAL**

1. Lizzie Amitstead cycling road race silver  
2. Rebecca Adlington swimming 2 bronze  
3. Alistair & Jonathan Brownlee, Triathlon , gold bronze  
4. 3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze  
5. Nicola Adams boxing gold  
6. Tom Daley- 10m diving Bronze  
7. Samantha Murray, Silver , M. pentathlon.

**GOLD FOR GBA NAME SPORT**

8. Helen Glover,Heather Stanning womens pairs rowing  
9. Jessica Ennis heptathlon  
10. Andy Murray tennis  
11. Chris Hoy, cycling  
12. Bradley Wiggins, cycling time trial  
13. Jade Jones, Taekwondo  
14. Mo Farah 10km 5km

**WEIRD AND WONDERFUL - YOUR COMMENTS**

1. Laughing at ourselves, Queen, Mr Bean, Olympic rings lifting up, youngsters lighting the flame, flames making the torch, could watch it all again.  
2. security + weather  
3. Yorkshire 7 medals  
4. The Smurf  
5. PINK  
6. we cheered every country

**OLYMPIC BUFFS’ QUIZ**

1. 1896 Athens  
2. 5 world regions  
3. Faster, Higher, Stronger  
4. 1936  
5. 1900  
6. Tokyo  
7. Mexico City, Munich, Montreal, Moscow  
8. 50 km walk  
9. Fencing, swimming, riding, shooting running  
10. Rowing  
11. Johnny Weissmuller  
12. Harold Abrahams  
13. Barcelona, Atlanta, Sydney, Athens, Beijing  
14. Mark Phillips  
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