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Editorial

Spring 2013 is the last in this 4 issue cycle. I’m looking for cover photos for next year- am thinking of attractive buildings/ houses, but I’m open to all ideas. We print all 4 covers in colour once a year in May.

Advertising: We are taking adverts for 4 issues (Summer 2013 to Spring 2014) right now. Jim has contacted existing advertisers, but if you are new, contact the Treasurer now - see email below.

Thank you to all who told their stories in this cycle. It’s not easy to do and I am very grateful. Your voices make all the typing worthwhile.

Notable in this issue: ‘The Electricity Company’, ‘Chainsaw Mad’, ‘Never Too Young to Run a Pub’ and ‘ Five Days in London.’ ‘Talented kids’ is gaining momentum. If you know of a child /young adult we can feature, please email.

We have important updates on St John’s Fayre, the Tractor Push and the name of our new Vicar. Dick Sibley writes on the frustration for farmers and vets over the ‘beef that isn’t beef ‘ scandal, written a few weeks ago, but even more relevant now.

Lastly, apologies to anyone who agreed to do an article but hasn’t been contacted. I ran out of time/ energy but will do my best to contact you before the next issue.

Carole Campbell  EDITOR

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Moving with the Times:
Electricity in Witheridge

In 1931 Mr Burke was living in Cypress House and installed a generator there in a 2 storey shed at the back. The batteries were upstairs charged by a diesel engine on the ground floor. The electricity generated was greater than his needs, so he could supply other houses in the village- all they needed was the wiring. Spence Brothers, based in Honiton, connected the first houses to the generator and as the demand increased a second generator was added.

Stan Selley: My grandfather G.H. Selley paid Spence Bros to connect Fern Cottage and Cannington House (where we lived). A copy of the bill for our house is on p86 of The Book of Witheridge. He paid £13 for the wiring and fittings to the shop, dining room, living room, kitchen, small dairy, 5 bedrooms.

I have no idea what we paid for the electricity. The engines were just behind our wall, so we could hear them going when we were in bed but I was only 6 so it could have been quite early. It made a big difference to have electric lights but if you tried to plug in a heater or a kettle, the lights would go down. In my earliest memories though, there was no electricity in the milking shed so we still used oil lanterns set down the middle of the barn, 4 on each side. Even in the 50’s the Methodist chapel would put their heaters on and there wouldn’t be enough power for the rest of the street. All the shops sold oil for oil lamps and stoves - electric stoves would have been much later.”
Later the wiring for new customers was done by the Valley Electricity Company. It was all above ground. In Witheridge it extended from Merryside Villas down to the National School, (now Mole Valley offices).

Some people had a meter, but others had a "limiter" which would cause power to flicker if too much was being used. The limiter allowed for 100 watts per week—enough for 2 light bulbs. The generators didn’t run at night or even all day except in very cold weather. The battery plates would sometimes warp and crack the glass container holding the sulphuric acid. One did burst and leaked acid down through the floor. The lights went dim and flickered although this happened quite a lot.

Bill Williams worked there from 1933 and remembers being asked to turn off the electricity when Bill Hutchings was felling a tree. He couldn’t because the law required notice to be given before the power could be cut off. The tree fell on the wires and Bill Hutchings had to pay compensation to the company. In 1934, Albert Knight went to work for the Exe Valley Electricity Company.

Gordon Pyne: We just had oil lamps and candles—only the ‘nobility’ had electricity. When I was about 8 we moved to the very small cottage on West Street just up and across the road from the Methodist Church. The electricity company was directly opposite us and the radio would go thump, thump, thump, because of the vibration from the generator. Bert Knight had a wireless and battery shop on West Street. It’s a B&B now."

In 1939, the mains supply from South Molton joined to a transformer sited a few yards down the road to Witheridge Mill. Even so, electric irons and fires were considered dangerous. Queenie Pyne recalls that some people would plug an iron into the light socket!

Not all the village got mains electricity though. Pullen’s Row wasn’t connected until the 1960’s and when Ebrington’s Row was cleared in 1969 to make way for the entrance to Appletree Close, not all those houses had electricity. Many farms around Witheridge weren’t connected until the 1960’s or 70’s.

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Information courtesy of Witheridge Historical Archive, Stan Selley and Gordon & Queenie Pyne.

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St John’s Fayre

Sat 22nd June

Following a few ups and downs in the St John's Fayre committee, there have been some delays in planning this year’s Fayre. However, we are pleased to announce that the Fayre is still going ahead on Saturday 22nd June, although on a slightly smaller scale than previous years.

We will be working with several other village organisations to make sure that there will be plenty of fun and lots to do on the day, including the return of Anderton & Rowlands funfair.

As usual, we will be welcoming stalls, especially from village organisations, and previous participants will receive a letter shortly with more details.

Please check our website: www.stjohnsfayre.btck.co.uk to find out the latest news between now and the Fayre and contact us at stjohnsfayre@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to book a stall or volunteer to help.

Cassandra Yabsley, Chair

Knights of Witheridge

Tractor Push Sunday July 7th

We have invited all primary schools in the area to take part in the hope we will have a lot more teams competing this year.

Remember ALL the money you make is retained by your organisation or given to your chosen charity.

We do the admin and supply the tractors, safety equipment, back up cars, public liability insurance, first aid and volunteer helpers, but YOU make the day a success.

One family have entered to raise funds for equipment for a less able member of their family. The definition of ‘charity’ is broad as long it is legal and for a ‘good cause,’ the Knights will support you. We would really like some local firms to enter teams wearing company T shirts - an ideal opportunity to advertise and there are many local groups who could achieve a lot more if they had additional funds.

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Hopefully there will be another Disco soon, again keep a look out for posters.

Sadly David Taylor has resigned from the Parish Hall Committee due to ill health. Harry Richardson has heroically stepped into the breach and is doing the work of the secretary for the time being. The committee would like to thank both David and Harry for their hard work.

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**Talented Kids: Maths**

by Calista White & Amber Summerhayes

Year 6, Witheridge C.of E Primary

*When was the course, how did you get on it, how did you get there?*

Mr Radley asked if we would like to go to Exeter University. It was on for 2 days in November from 9:15 to 3:30pm. Calista’s Dad took us in his car but we had to leave at 7:30 to be there on time.

*Tell us about the university and how the course was organised:*

It’s large and modern with a great library. There’s one main building and lots of smaller ones.

There were three sessions each day. The teachers were very kind and some of the students also helped out. Each session covered a different topic starting with an explanation followed by practical work. We had a break at about 11:00 and lunch at 1:00. We took a packed lunch, so didn’t try university food. After lunch we had a half hour break.

*Did you get to know any other children?*

**Calista:** I worked with several other children but we were too busy to chat.

**Amber:** I got to know Alice in my group. She was from a school in Tiverton.

*Tell us about what you did. Was any of it a bit challenging?*

**Amber:** I enjoyed learning about the Fibonacci sequence because I had never heard about it before. It was fun to figure out and something new. I didn’t quite understand 'Magic Squares'.

**Calista:** I enjoyed learning about the Golden Ratio. It was first discovered by the Ancient Greeks. Using it in architecture gives buildings a pleasing aspect. The painting of the Mona Lisa and the design of the M in MacDonald’s use it. It’s found in nature in the proportions of things like pine cones and petals. (the ratio = 1:1.6.)

http://science.howstuffworks.com/life/evolution/fibonacci-nature1.htm

*Did you meet any children who were much better at maths than you?*

**Calista:** We all seemed to be about the same level but most of it was quite easy.

**Amber:** I wasn’t the best one there, although I found most of the course quite easy.

*Should there be more of these courses?*

**Calista:** Yes, I would like to do some on English Literature, ICT and Art.

**Amber:** Yes because I learnt new things and enjoyed going somewhere different and meeting new people. We have been asked if we would like to go on 2 more in March-Maths on probability and English about Shakespeare.

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( See page 17 for a list of meetings)

We would like new members and would welcome anybody who has a vague interest in gardens, gardening, window boxes or even this lovely county in which we live. Thank you to Chris for her efforts over the years.  

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Travelogue:  
Our 5 Days in London  
by Molly and Roy Bullivant

On December 11th, we took the train from Tiverton Parkway to Paddington. It was an enjoyable journey as Roy and I hadn’t been on a train for years. We needed to get across London to our hotel in Greenwich so took a TAXI, which took us past Buckingham Palace-impressive, much different from on TV. After a brief rest in our hotel (Novatel), we took a short walk just to find our bearings. The buildings were lovely. After a good meal in a Chinese restaurant and a good sleep, we were ready for day 2.

Day 2: the Tower of London. The ravens were lively and looked as if they had been polished. It was a long but enjoyable day.

Day 3: We went back to look round the White Tower where Henry VI was murdered. It was smaller than I expected, but interesting. We walked back to the hotel as there are several eating places close by, had a nightcap in the bar then bed.

Day 4 Decided to try an all day ride on the River Bus. We had a nice relaxing time along the Thames seeing all the impressive buildings: Tower Bridge and The Shard stand out. I will never forget this day- the sort you wish will never end. Tower Bridge is magnificent.

Roy and I were out for a short walk when suddenly we heard music. We were passing the Royal College of Music and could see several of the students with their instruments practising. They waved, so we gave them a ‘thumbs up.’

Saturday: Roy and I parted company for the morning. The men-folk went to look round the Cutty Sark, while my daughter and I visited a Craft Fair in Greenwich market. On Saturday the whole family travelled to the East End of London to Roy’s twin Aunts’ 90th birthday. What a knees up! We met lots of cousins even Roy didn’t know he had, and some he hadn’t seen in years. Sunday: Great taxi cabbies. We were met at Tiverton Parkway and reunited with our dog Tan by 4:30pm. It was a wonderful week, never to be forgotten!
A Day in the Life: There’s something about a chainsaw
by Richard Yabsley

What do I do? I make sawdust.....
I’m a faller or a sawyer, someone who fells trees and cuts it to size. I extract timber, contract sawmill and have been known to do a bit of hedge laying. I originally trained as an agricultural mechanic, but I always wanted to get into timber.

Small World: I spend a lot of time working with, or for, my friends. Most of the people I work with know other people in timber- it’s a small world.

I work regularly with Tom Vanstone (Devon Oak), Dan Franklin (Wooden Ways) and Jim Pettifer at Black Dog. I don’t climb, but I have a mate who is a climber.

So what is a faller? The faller fells the tree, takes the branches off, cuts it to length it’s then extracted to roadside, where it’s then generally collected by a timber lorry. It then goes for milling, firewood, fencing or biomass depending upon its grade and size.

Knighthayes: I have recently been working at Knighthayes where a patch of larch had been clear-felled due to being infected with Phytophthora Ramorum. This is a disease that has been brought into the UK on garden shrubs from China. The clear-fell left patches of Chestnut, Beech and Douglas standing during the easterly gales last year just over 300t of these blew over. At the time, Heathcote’s Cricket Club had money for a new clubhouse. Dan got the job for a traditional framed structure and needed someone to extract the windblown, so that’s where I came in. www.woodenways.com

Timber framing: I’ve worked on a few jobs making traditional Green Oak timber frames. I worked on Tom’s timber frame building for Malcom at Salcombe Regis Golf club. See www.Devonoak.co.uk
Management of small woodlands: we are going into that now. Cassandra & I apply for Forestry Commission grant schemes on behalf of the client: we put the plan in and do the work. A client might have their own woodland and want the trees cut for firewood or for a new building on the site or for an income. I work with a chain saw, tractor, winch and trailer, often on jobs too small for a harvester (big tractor with a saw head attached). Forestry is more about management than felling. In most woodlands I do thinning and coppicing which is sustainable. We recently started a web site too, it’s work in progress: www.ycforestry.co.uk

Windblown: I do a lot of windblown and awkward stuff that won’t go through a harvester or where access is too poor to get big gear in. I go in and fall it and either process the wood or sell it on or I can be working for someone else who took the job on.

Boxing out: Sometimes the trunk is too big to fit on a sawmill, so we box it out (cut the sides so it’s square). Then it can be cut to make boards or beams. I did this with a big piece of oak and Ash. These photos are taken at Jim Pettifer’s place at Black Dog.

It’s not always easy: there’s plenty of bumps and scrapes but I don’t usually tell Cassandra until a few weeks later! We had one job where the gas main was only 2 feet down right where the tree would fall. We put a yellow pipe to show where the gas main was and Dan went up to take the branches down first and we got it down safely. Other times I come home with bumps and scrapes.
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where branches catch me or once or twice the tree has come round and taken me clean off my feet.

**The thing about chain saws:** I used a chainsaw with Dad from when I was young. I’m renovating a Husqvarna 61 for him right now. It was the first saw Dad bought and the first saw I used. He bought it in 1979 for £350. It was a groundbreaking improvement at the time. I found it rotting in the shed. It’s taken a while, but I’m just waiting on a few bits for it, so hope to have it up and running soon.

**A faller’s holiday in New Zealand:** Chainsaw users usually divide into Husky boys and Stihl boys. I had this argument with some Stihl boys when we went to look at Mahoe sawmills in New Zealand a few years ago. So even on the other side of the world you’re for either one or the other.

**Carvings:** I enjoy doing carvings and commission pieces and would be willing to do more of it. I did some lovely big tables for our wedding which worked very well. I especially like Madison’s M chair in our garden. They are easy to make with a chain saw- just cut it ‘til its right. I’ve got wood ready for Arthur’s ‘A’ chair in the shed.

**A wedding with a difference:** For our wedding carriage I bolted a sofa to the timber trailer and had Tom drive the County to our reception in a field. I made the event tables and benches, a huge wooden platter with 2 depressions to serve the meat and 200 individual wooden plates. I wanted it all to be from wood I had felled and cut. We had an axe throwing contest in suits, wedding dresses and wellies, and ‘Wife’ has a dangerously good throw.

It was brilliant! It had rained for weeks but the sun came out for us on that day. I honed a chainsaw blade specially to cut the cake! People thought I was mad (chainsaw mad), but it was a day of fun and we loved it!

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We had our first walk on 15th Jan, about 4 miles on a lovely crisp day. We have a new member, David Morgan who lives in Nomansland. We hope he stays with us and that we can all explore more of the country side when the weather improves.

This is about gentle exercise and talking, which we do with great abundance! It will be nice watching the countryside waking up after all this horrible weather.

- Wednesdays. Meet at the Parish Hall at 10am

**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.

Contact Greg Henderson 01884 860819 to buy compost.

**Witheridge Allotment Society.**
The allotments are in a very sad state due to the unbelievable weather that we are currently having. The ground is so wet we are unable to get on it and a lot of the members have resorted to covering their plots in the hope they will dry out.

Plans are in hand to improve the drainage to the site with the provision of a new drainage ditch in the main field that we hope will prevent the surface water on the field running onto the allotments. The work will be undertaken as soon as the weather permits. Greg Henderson 860819

**Bingo at The Firs :** Bingo is held every other Tuesday at The Firs Care Home, which is next to the old Doctor’s Surgery. We have an assortment of prizes as well as a raffle. Everyone is welcome.

Look for the Bingo information board outside the Firs which will give you the time of the next meeting. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

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

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• 1 egg
• Potatoes sliced and boiled ready to sauté at the end.

What to do:

• Cover the pork with a tea towel
• Bash it well & flatten to ¼ inch thick (A good tip - think of all those people you can’t stand)
• Mix fine breadcrumbs with a little salt and pepper
• Beat an egg
• Coat the pork with egg then the breadcrumbs

Cook:

• Fry the pork schnitzel in olive oil until golden brown
• Sauté the cooked potato slices in the pan with the pork

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

**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.

Our main commitment is at Witheridge Parish Church on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month, but we also sing with other local churches.

- Practice Tuesdays 7:20pm Witheridge Parish Church

**United Churches of Witheridge Luncheon Club**
Once again the Christmas Lunch was a great success with 43 traditional meals being served. One new sweet that went down a treat was the Ice Mountain made by one of our new helpers. Our members, all whom live on their own, were very appreciative of their home cooked meal. The successful raffle helped cover the additional costs. Thank you to all who provided a raffle prize. Thank you also to the Committee without whom we would not be able to provide this activity, not forgetting the gentlemen who put up the tables. No meals were served on New Year’s Day. New members (living on their own) are welcome. Contact 860012

- 1st Tuesday in the month 12 noon Parish Hall

**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.

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

- Friday evenings 7:15pm in the Belfry

**North Devon Hospice Sponsored Knit** This took place on Thursday, 14th February, 2 – 4.30 pm, at the Rest-A-While Day Centre. A report will be recorded in the Summer Issue of the Voice.
Following interviews on the 6th February, we are very pleased to announce that Rev Adrian Wells, from Newton Abbott, has been appointed to be our new Team Vicar and is expected to take up the appointment in July.

There will be a Service to welcome him, so look out for posters advertising this. More information to introduce him to the Parish will be in the summer issue of Witheridge Voice and in the Church magazine. We all look forward to his arrival.

Rev. Withnell and Preb. Rev. Rudman have done a good job, together with the Local Ministry Team, to keep things ticking over in the absence of a Vicar and we thank them.

Several people have asked to be confirmed recently and to this end, the new Bishop of Crediton has agreed to come to Witheridge Parish Church on Sunday, 14th April for this Service at 6.30 pm. Anyone wishing to be confirmed should contact Yvonne on 860012 for further information.

I wish you all a very happy Blessed Easter.

Yvonne Childs, Reader
**Methodist Chapel:**
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Sunday Services are at 11 am unless it is a ‘Churches Together‘ service. Information for these will be on the Methodist Chapel / St John's notice board.

**Women's Fellowship** meet on the 1st Thursday of each month from March to December at the Methodist Chapel, for a variety of talks and a cup of tea. A warm welcome for all at any of our meetings.

**Fri 1st March:** Women's World Day of Prayer prepared by the Christian Women of France in the Methodist Chapel at 2.30pm. Speaker: Mrs Amy Eaton.

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**St John the Baptist Parish Church**
**Morning Worship and Communion Services start at 9:30am**

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**Frugal Lunches** Lent begins after the Ash Wednesday Service on 13th February. During Lent, Frugal Lunches of soup, bread and cheese will be served in the Parish Church on Fridays until the 22nd March, 12-2pm.
Faces of 2012
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The View From the Headteacher's Study

Hopefully, by the time you read this we will be moving out of Winter and into Spring. This has been the wettest winter I can remember and the snow then made it particularly difficult. Praise to the staff who made it here through floods and snow with the school closed only one day when the road to Witheridge was absolutely impassable and I couldn't even get to the top of Long Drag Hill that day!

My journey home through Withleigh the following Wednesday night was so quite memorable, as I literally had to dig my way through the snow to the top of Withleigh Hill assisted by several Police Officers. Unfortunately, the days when the village schoolmaster lived next to the school in the schoolhouse are long gone...

However, we are lucky working at Witheridge, as generally the main road is well gritted, meaning that it is usually easier for staff to get to school than it might be at more rural locations. Roll on the Summer!  

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December in Class One

December brought great excitement to Class One with advent calendars, North Pole grotto role play, a visit to see Father Christmas, the end of year Nativity and finally the long awaited Christmas Day.

We started the month off in class by talking about the meaning of Advent. Although the children were very excited about the chocolate and goody filled calendars many had at home, we thought about the preparation for the coming of Christ.

Classes One and Two looked at the Nativity story and began work for their annual Nativity performance. This year it was an upbeat show called Hosanna Rock and included hand jiving and large banners. The children did an amazing job learning lines, singing, acting and stepping into other people’s roles due to sickness - we even had a soloist for the first time in many years.

Mary (Millie Phelan) sang beautifully and brought a tear to many eyes with her sweet voice. The show was brilliant and thanks to Mrs Milton and Class Three, there were Christmas biscuits given to the audience at the end of the show.

Father Christmas visited Witheridge a few times during December making sure the children were behaving, learning and working hard. He also attended the annual school Christmas Fayre and Oakmoor Children’s Centre Winter Wonderland where each child received a book and we had a group photo taken.

Christmas came and during circle time (a time to speak and listen to each other), it appears that all the children had a lovely Christmas and were very lucky with the gifts they received. The children have written about their favourite gifts and here are some of their sentences:

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Chulmleigh: Uganda trip

Sam Kingsland:
We are visiting our twin school in Busu, near Iganga on 13th February 2014 for 2 weeks. We’ll be staying in Kampala, then Simba Safari Camp and Lake Nabugabo. Twenty one students are going including several from Witheridge area - George Lake, Greg Greenwood and Sam Cole. I wanted to go because it’s a unique opportunity to share an amazing experience with friends and to see real life in Uganda. I’m paying for it by washing cars, housework, clearing leaves and moving rubble for my grandparents. We are going to a primary school in Busu to help paint it. We’re raising funds through craft fayres, coffee mornings etc to buy the paint and equipment. Some of our group will take musical instruments. We can’t take mobile phones or electronic games but we will be so busy that there won’t be time to miss them.

I’m expecting there to be a lot of wildlife and lots of exotic fruit and vegetables but it’s a poorer country than the UK. I think in the cities it will be similar to UK with a lot of traffic. They are quite a lot poorer than us, so rural life will be far more basic with fewer electronic appliances.

I’m most looking forward to making friends with the school children and seeing the source of the Nile will be incredible. I want to see elephants and giraffes, but especially Mountain Gorillas. I’m not really worried about anything as long as they don’t come too close! I’m not looking forward to the injections. I hope the mosquito nets work as I react badly to insect bites.

Sam Cole: I want to go because it’s a once in a lifetime experience and I want to see how life is out there. I’m raising money for it by selling stuff like cakes at schools and other places. Aaron Ayre and George Lake are going as well. I know that Uganda is a poor country but I don’t know much about the school we will be going to except that we will be painting it. I don’t think life out there will be much like UK. The temperature, landscape and language will be different.

I’m looking forward to meeting new people and seeing what life is like out there and I think I’ll enjoy making new friends the most. I might not enjoy leaving Uganda to come home! I most want to see elephants and leopards but I’m not too sure about lions or hyenas!

I will be taking my trumpet with me. I can easily manage without mobile phones and electronic games.

I want to thank my Mum and Dad for encouraging me to do this trip.
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Our Easter Bingo is on Saturday 23rd March at Witheridge Parish Hall, doors open 7pm - the usual prizes, cash flyer and raffle.  

*Donna Webber 860346*

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**Witheridge Preschool**

One of the highlights was being awarded our ‘Partnership Foundation Stage’ badge by Devon County Council in recognition of our relationship with Witheridge C. of E. Primary School. At a small ceremony held in the school hall, Jerry Brook, Chairman of Devon County Council acknowledged that our professional relationship with the school ensures a strong foundation and smooth transition for our children into Class 1. Mr Brook presented the plaques, the children sang for us and we enjoyed refreshments afterwards.

Our children performed again in our aptly named ‘Wriggly Nativity.’ Since lowering our intake age to 2, we have a lot of quite young children, so lots of singing and dancing! The children loved the visit of Father Christmas at the Christmas party which brought the autumn term to a close. Now we are looking at ‘Fantasy’ with lots of princesses, dragons and super heroes in addition to the joys of new growth that Spring will bring. SEE HOLIDAY CLUB advert on facing page.  

*Paula Hallett*

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- **Wednesdays**  
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  Eileen Curtis

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**Charity Knitting Group**  
On the 22nd January, Janet and I took seven blankets to the Salvation Army in Tiverton, where they were gratefully accepted by a lovely lady called Pat. They help the homeless and poorer families. Pat told us the Salvation Army do charitable works in 130 countries and would welcome the baby jumpers we have been working on, which at the present time number 116. Janet and I plan to take them in very soon. Thanks to Ros and others for their kind donation of wool. It helps us so much.  

Eileen Haynes 860212

- **Alternate Thursdays in the Rest-a-While**  
  2:15pm

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**WITHart**  
The WITHart group are looking forward to another artistic year, although we have lost two of our staunchest members: Susan Archer who is very much missed, but was remembered in our 2013 calendar and Tom Lea, who after graduating from Exeter University with an honours degree in law, has taken up a position in a leading law firm in Plymouth. Good luck Tom, come and join us any time you can.

Our calendar sold out very quickly this year and the group are already branching out with new ideas and projects. As always, we welcome anyone who would like to join our little band. If you are interested, pop into to see us.

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**Children’s Activities**

**Witheridge Brownies** Brownies were very proud of their sock puppets that they made as part of the Monkey Madness badge. The badge raised awareness about endangered apes and monkeys in the rainforest. The Brownies also raised money for The Monkey Sanctuary in Looe. **Jacqui Adcock  251494**

Guides are the next section on from Brownies and are for girls aged 10 – 14 years old. Guides take part in a wide range of activities at their regular meetings, and at special events or holidays.

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How could a 14 year old girl be listed as the Innkeeper? There must be a story there I thought and so there was.

Many of the addresses on early censuses are not as they are today and 12 Fore Street turned out to be the old Hare and Hounds which closed in 1967. It seems her father George ran the pub, helped by his wife Harriet (nee Stiling). Don’t know if he owned the pub, but he was also a butcher and had a farm outside of Tiverton. Somehow George found himself in debt and in March of 1861 was sent to Exeter gaol. Debtors at that time were imprisoned until they could pay up and in those Dickensian days their families would take food into them and could even stay in prison with their relatives. So on census night it looks as if Harriet was away, possibly visiting George in Exeter and Drusilla was put down as head of house!

Around this time the laws on debt were changing and under new legislation George had himself declared bankrupt and was released from prison. I’m not sure how much longer the Wrefords ran the Hare and Hounds but in 1864 the whole family emigrated to New Zealand and settled in the Auckland area where George and Harriet ran a butchery. As for Drusilla, it seems there may have been a possible shipboard romance on the voyage out, as she married fellow passenger Thomas Wills shortly after arriving in New Zealand. Drusilla lived to the good age of 89.  

Jim Campbell
Witheridge Sports and Activities

Witheridge AFC

Not a lot of football has taken place since the last Voice as the weather has had an adverse effect on our fixtures. We have a lot of football to play between now and the end of the season, so why not come along and show us your support?

As I write, we still have our 100% win record under Chris Vinnicombe and things off the pitch are coming on very nicely as the new referee and linesman changing rooms are nearing completion.

By the time this reaches you all we will have entertained Plymouth Argyle in the Quarter Final of the St Luke’s Cup and hopefully we will be looking forward to the Semi finals.

Billy Roberts

Photo courtesy of Newquay AFC

Table Tennis:

New Year’s Resolution: ‘To get out more and stay fit’ – Come and join our friendly small group of Table Tennisers. Children aren’t allowed in this club but if a few parents would like to start a Junior group, 2 full size tables are available. ❖ Friday 11am-12 in Parish Hall

Badminton Club

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Greg Henderson 860819
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**Greg Henderson**

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**Tennis Club**

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**Vine Spragg**

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**Witheridge Golf Society**

The Christmas Trophy was contested at Waterbridge on 5th December for a 9 hole Texas Scramble competition. On the winning team was Witheridge resident Dave Chapman together with Terry Hawkins and Mike Merrigan. The Wooden Spoon Trophy was won by a team from Chulmleigh all named Mike- Mike Banks, Mike King and Mike Williamson! New members are always welcome. The format will be varied but the emphasis will still be on a team game.

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Since the last newsletter, there have been some changes. Three councillors stood down in 2012, David Taylor, Laurence Devonshire and Vic Loose. Each made a valuable contribution to the life of the council for which we thank them. Richard Yabsley has joined the council but we still have two remaining vacancies. If you are interested speak to a councillor or the clerk to find out more about being a councillor – speak to Richard about his first 6 months!

The council meets 1st Thursday monthly, 7:30pm at the parish hall. It has a budget of £38,000 for 2013/14 to provide local services in the parish ranging from playgrounds to public toilets. Could you help decide the priorities on how to spend this money wisely for the parish’s benefit?

Christmas Tree
We should perhaps give an update on the 2012 tree. The council only received two letters objecting to provision of the 2011 tree and so decided to proceed with 2012’s. Using a local contractor we were able to reduce the costs on the previous year.

Public Rights of Way - Footpaths
Fred Hanbury and his wife have now stepped up to oversee the local paths. If you have any issues concerning the public rights of way please bring them to his attention. In the autumn a comprehensive survey was undertaken and works identified are now underway.

2012 Grass Cutting & Weed Control
Last year I think we can say was the most consistent standard of grass cutting experienced in a long time having made the decision to take on the verge cutting. The council have decided to continue this service for 2013, and will repeat the weed spraying it commissioned over a wider area as needed.

Council Tax Benefit & the Parish Precept
Many of you will be aware of the changes starting this April. Council Tax Benefit will be replaced by a discount, Local Council Tax Support applied to council tax bills for those who qualify. Pensioners will receive 100% discount on their household bill, however nearly all others who currently receive Council Tax Benefit will have to pay a percentage of their household’s Council Tax assessment from April.

As the benefit by a discount will be replaced on bills, discounted properties are removed from the number of properties on which Council Tax is collected. For 2013/14 the parish council has again frozen the precept (it’s part of the total council tax) for the 5th year at the level it set for 2009/10 of £27,753. However due to the government changes it will be collected over fewer properties leading to an increase per property of approximately £8.10 on a Band D house for 2013/14. The government has provided a grant to District Council to help with this increase and once received it will be used towards the council’s 2014/15 budget.

Village Caretaker Ken Retired...
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Agendas (including planning applications to be considered) are published at least three days in advance on the Parish Council web site at www.witheridgepc.org together with minutes of all meetings. Planning applications received after agenda publication will be dealt with at the meeting owing to a 21 day limit on the Parish Council responding to the consultation from the Planning Authority. The Parish Council is only a consultee, and does not determine applications.

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1) Cross the river to tidal bell. A.................
2) National Trust has carriage museum A.............
3) Path from Croyde to here (2 words) B.............
4) Our local tidal town B.............
5) Market town on River Taw B.............
6) Animal races and farm fun. B.............
7) Sand dune walks nr. Barnstaple 2 words B.............
8) Nearly new castle, Dartmoor views (2) C.............
9) Fishing village owned by one family C.............
10) Kids rides and rollercoasters. C.............
11) Favourite surfing beach C.............
12) College, lovely views D.............
13) Black swans in the town D.............
14) 2012 film about it 2 words E.............
15) River mouth of city. E.............
16) Pub and remains of quay. H.............
17) Was monastery near Clovelly 2 words H.............
18) Off A39 Hunters Inn. Walk it 2 words H.............
19) Arrive here on Tarka trail. I.............
20) Caves close to Torquay 2 words K.............
21) National Trust estate off M5 K.............
22) National Trust near Tiverton K.............
23) 3 river flood destroyed town L.............
24) Water powered railway down L.............
25) Castle near Dawlish P.............
26) 5 miles of sandy beach. S.............
27) Bike /walk for miles 2 words T.............
28) 1000 year old river crossing 2 words T.............
29) River Teign town T.............
30) Medieval, opposite our dentist! (2) T.............
31) Our nearest town, river through it. T.............
32) Boat up, train back to Exmouth T.............
33) SW Riviera town T.............
34) Wild goats, stupendous views 4 words V.............
35) Walk through woods to Lynmouth W.............

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**Library: Alternate MONDAYS March - June 2013**

Mar 4 18  Apr 15  May 13  June 10,24

E.Worlington: Village Hall 11:50-12:10

Drayford: Drayford Cross 12:15-12:35

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

**Contact 01392 384315** for details of WRVS Home Library Service. This is run by volunteers for anyone physically unable to reach a library.

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- **NHS Direct** 0845 46 47
- **Devon County Council** customer@devon.gov.uk 01271 374 776
- **North Devon Council** www.northdevon.gov.uk 01392 384315
- **Use email:** customerservices@northdevon.gov.uk

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**Sweeping The Square Dec- March 2013**

Sweeping Dates: even weeks **Fridays**

Feb 22  Mar 8 22  Apr 5,19  May 3,17,31  June 14,28

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#### Advance Notice

- June 22: St John’s Fayre Day - watch for notices possible Family Fun Day
- June 29: Duck Race & Dog Show in East Worlington
- July 7: Tractor Push Nomansland to Witheridge

#### Recurring

- Every 2nd Sat: Forest School Oakmoor Children’s Centre 10-12
- 3 monthly last Sunday Car Boot Sale With. Parish Hall NEXT Feb 24, May 26 860685 10-12

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| Mar 3,10,17,24 | **Roller Skating** Chulmleigh Sports Centre £2.50 11-1am |
| Mar 15 | **Golf** Chulmleigh Sports Centre tasters £1/session 9:30-11am |
| Mar 10 | **Mid Devon Natural History Soc. St George’s Hall Tiverton** |
| Apr 19 | AGM & Galapagos 7:30pm |
| Apr 30 | Lunar Related Behaviour in Badgers & Deer 7:30pm |
| Apr 30 | Meet in HCP - Nesting Behaviour in Herons (200m from car park) 6pm |
| Mar 29-Apr 15 | **Easter Egg Extravanganza** £2 per child (trail + egg + crafts) 10-5pm |
| May 2 | Discovering Knighthayes Tour £7 2-3:30pm |

### ANSWERS: -PLACES TO GO QUIZ DEVON

1) Appledore  2) Arlington Court  3) Baggy Point  4) Barnstaple  5) Bideford  
6) Big Sheep  7) Braunton Burrows  8) Castle Drogo  9) Clovelly  10) Crealy  
26) Saunton  27) Tarka Trail  28) Tarr Steps  29) Teignmouth  30) Tiverton Castle  
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