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Editorial

There is a lot in this magazine because, as always in the summer, there’s a lot going on in Witheridge.

The best bit by far for me is getting people to talk. In this issue we have Diana talking about Rockhaye Cottage, Val and Dave’s trip to Botswana which brought back a few memories for me as I used to teach there and The Wheelwright which Gordy Pyne and I did a while ago. Then there’s a lot of community news. Congratulations to Dr Clark and Hannah Hawkins on their achievements and to all those in the village who are raising money for charity.

We have 2 articles about young people: ‘Lily and her sheep’ which Lily aged 8, literally dictated to me and Olivia Stanley’s experience of sleeping rough to raise money for YMCA, Exeter.

Then there’s the Garden Club Summer Show, St John’s Fayre, the Church Fete, Oddsocks Production in the Parish Hall grounds, the Stanley Singers (who have been here) and the Two Moors Way Festival (yet to come), plus all the clubs. Yes its jam packed BUT, I have almost nothing for Winter 2013, so please phone/email if you are willing to talk to me or to send anything in for future issues.

Carole Campbell (Editor)

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Witheridge Cottages: Rockhaye
Diana Manning Benn

Early history
The original name was COCKHAYE and at some stage became the property of Dart Raffe as a home for farm workers. At various times the cottage was one or two dwellings. Cockhaye appears in the 1682 Exeter Diocese records where the occupier was charged 4 (£.s.d?) ‘for the reparation of the parish church in Withridge’. The 1894 directory lists 2 occupiers J Holmes -labourer and J Partridge- labourer. The 1923 directory has Bert Adams – Blacksmith, Cockhaye.

Stanley Selley remembers when it was 2 workers’ cottages in the 30s occupied by the Bennets, the Evans and possibly Vicary families. When Dart had the big fire in 1934/5, Stanley and his sister Rita Hayes are sure that Charlie Middleton occupied the cottage. He was a farm labourer for old Mr Tucker at Dart Raffe and left the cottage when his employment at Dart Raffe came to an end.

In 1947, Cyril Manning took over the tenancy of Dart and his farm worker Percy Mounce lived in the cottage.

When Gerald was old enough to work for his father the cottage was rented out and that brings me to 1955 when my parents, Mr and Mrs Ernest Lewis rented Cockhaye.

1955-1957 A rather exotic family
We came from Wimbledon Park near the All England Tennis Courts. I don’t actually know why we moved to Devon. My father was retired from Fleet Street and my mother worked in a pharmacy in London. At that time I wasn’t aware that my mother’s health was poor.

My parents stayed with my aunt while they looked round. Mother fell in love with Cockhaye and the decision was made though she didn’t like the name so she called it COTHAY. The lack of running water, toilet, bathroom or electricity didn’t bother her at all. She loved the country life and the adventure, so we did too!

My father picked me up from Tiverton junction in a taxi as my parents didn’t have a car and my first sight of anything other than fields was the hunt crossing the road in front of us. I had never seen anything like that in my life. My mother had no aspirations other than to keep a few hens and she loved them. She did try to grow swedes in the back field though. Later she became a nurse at Tiverton hospital.
In the 50s it was very unusual for people to move to Witheridge from London. Local people couldn’t believe it, but everyone was so friendly and kind to us. I remember my mother was always laughing. She was a happy, bubbly and chatty person and people were just nice back to us.

I was 14 or 15 and had been to Stage School in London, so we were all regarded as a bit exotic in a rather intriguing way.

Cothay was very plain outside with no proper garden but the rooms were a good size, probably from when it was finally converted into one dwelling. It had a sitting room, dining room, kitchen and pantry, a staircase in the middle up to 3 bedrooms leading off a long landing at the back. The windows had been replaced by big wide ones but the only lighting was from oil lamps, a Tilley lamp and candles. Water came from a well in the field, the hand pump had leathers and you pumped it up with a handle in the kitchen. I remember it was high in iron! At the side of the cottage were several sheds for the hens.

The cottage was built right into the bank at the rear which formed part of the foundations and made it a bit damp inside and there was no rear entrance then. We had lovely old apple trees on the sloping field at the rear and the hedges were always filled with primroses, violets and wild daffodils.

My mother created a simple garden at the front with a lawn, flowers and vegetables.

One day an elderly gentleman cycled past and stopped to chat. He said he was one of the Bennett family and had lived in the cottage as a child in the late ‘20s. He invited me to visit him and his wife in Meshaw. I remember their tiny house with just a ladder up to the bedroom and his wife dressed just like him, in men’s clothing.

In 1957, having lived at her beloved Cothay for barely two years my mother died very suddenly of Asian flu and our world collapsed. My father moved to Plymouth to stay with his daughter from his deceased first wife and I stayed with
various relatives for a while before returning to Witheridge. I had a job in Tiverton until I married.

1958-1968 Gerald and I now lived in the cottage, which we called ROCKHAYE and our children were born during this time. We put sheds in the field beside the house to keep hens, ducks and geese and reared pigs. We did a lot to modernise it, putting in a back door and removing the wall between the pantry and kitchen and eventually building a conservatory.

We installed gas lights, a small bathroom with a modern water system though water still had to be pumped from the kitchen and was heated by a back boiler. Later we installed a small petrol generator for lights only. There was still no mains electric in the cottage or the farm. When we were finally connected I could have a hoover and a washing machine and I remember how excited we were when we got our first electric bill!

We moved to Dart in 1968 and the cottage was sold to David Barrett and his mother. They added buildings in the field, removed the conservatory and converted the sheds into the annexe.

The Barretts sold Rockhaye to Mr and Mrs Dave Piercy. He was in the timber business and kept dynamite (for blowing up tree stumps) in a container at the bottom of the field.

In the 1980s Robin and Jackie Budenburg, (a young couple from London), bought the cottage as a weekend retreat. They created a large kitchen/dining room and cleared a wide area of hillside and rock at the back for a patio and so had to underpin the foundations. In the 80s spending such a lot of money on an old cottage attracted a lot of curiosity, as did the gatherings of Londoners at the weekends and holidays.

I remember a warm, light cottage with pretty views from all those big windows. I had a happy but brief time there with my parents, then ten years with my own young family.

Finally Maggie and Fred Hanbury created the lovely place the cottage is now. How Rockhaye has changed from the farm worker’s dwelling I moved into with my parents.

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There were many changes at our AGM this year. Kaye Woollacott resigned as Chair and Val Dickinson resigned as Secretary and Rota Secretary. Both were thanked for all they had done for the Rest-a-While.

Val Dickinson was then elected as the new Chair, Terry Prynn as Vice Chair and Eirene Allinson is now the new Secretary and Rota Secretary. Sean Hartrey agreed to stay on as Treasurer and Gill Knight joined the existing committee who were all re-elected. The Trustees remain the same.

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Congratulations Hannah Hawkins
Firefighter Hannah Hawkins came home from the World Police and Fire Games in Belfast with TWO medals - GOLD in the Individual 2000m Indoor Rowing and SILVER in the Mixed Doubles 500m. Just in this year, she ran the London Marathon, cycled 100 miles on her penny farthing and will compete in the ‘Exmoor Beast’ in the Autumn. She has been invited to take part in the Round Britain Rowing Challenge in 2015!

The Brooke Quiz (Cocktails and Canapes) was a huge success, and we raised £585 for the charity. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Devon’s NEW air ambulance made its first appearance at the Royal International Air Tattoo, RAF Fairford in July and will be in service from September.

Motorbike Rideout
This year was the biggest ever with 1,019 motorbikes taking part in the 84 mile ride from Knowstone to Teignmouth creating a spectacle of gleaming metal as they parked up on The Den in Teignmouth. “It’s been brilliant,” said Andy Payne, DAAT supporter and one of the judges of the bikes. Thank you to everyone. Your support really does make a difference.

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Oddsocks ‘Comedy of Errors’ was fantastic - everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Its a tribute to Oddsocks that everyone was laughing their socks off - from kids aged 5 to grannies of 85. As a friend of mine said "This is how Shakespeare should be performed". We are very grateful for all the support these functions give to the Parish Hall. Clare Spicer
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**How do you look after them?** Before school, I check their water and feed them. When I get home, I make sure they have enough water and grass. If they haven’t we move them to another part of the field.

**What job do you enjoy?** Lambing. We keep the good girl lambs and sell most of the boys so you can’t get too attached. A good ewe has big straight legs, a big body, a good head and big ears.

**Tell us about lambing.** You need the head and legs at the front. My Mum lambs them, not me. You have to pull but not too hard or you can kill it. Some sheep have to be cut to get the lamb out (a Caesarean). It sounds gross but you can get the lamb out alive and save the ewe. You pay a lot for a Caesarean but they are often the best lambs so Mum and Dad don’t mind.

**What job don’t you like?** Clearing the barn - it can be very smelly.

**Sheep behaviour:** When it is angry its ears go right back. An angry ram can trample you. You don’t go near it, just leave it alone. A happy sheep will have its ears up and run to you. If a sheep has flies round its tail it will stamp its feet and go round in circles chasing its tail. A ewe can look after 3 lambs with only 2 teats. She lets one lamb feed then pushes it away to let the other one feed. That way she makes sure all 3 get the same share.

**Shows:** At Dunster I was quite proud to come 6th out of 21 juniors as most were teenagers. At Mid Devon show I came 3rd out of 23. And when you grow up? I want to be a farm vet.

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Summer Show 2013

Due to the bumper crop of entrants our summer show was a huge success. The veg, flowers and children’s classes were all well supported. Thanks to Mrs Halsey’s class for their entries and to all who supported us. Jean Bryant, Show Secretary

Best in Show  Ivan Leat
Best Club Plant  John White
Best Sweet peas  Sheila Manley
Potatoes  John Stanbury
Classes 1-29  Ivan Leat
Classes 30-55  Greg Henderson
Classes 56-69  Celia Leach

Top vase 1st Ros Knight
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Top Tray
1st Ivan Leat
2nd John Stanbury
3rd Ros Knight

Most points classes:
1-29  Ivan Leat
30-55  Ros Knight
42-48  Ros Knight
56-69  Doreen Leat
Children  Catherine Kelly

Witheridge School Class 3
Runner Bean  1st Tristan Frost, 2nd Ed Whitnell, 3rd Emma Manley.
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Travelogue: Wilderness Safari, Botswana
By Val Dickinson

Dave’s 60th birthday and Botswana had been on his list for some time. The travel agent found a safari wilderness tour that fitted perfectly. Wild and no mod cons it is!

Day 1 Maun Botswana
After flying via Joburg to Maun, we were met by our guide Sammy and taken to the campsite which to our surprise had a bar, restaurant and swimming pool! We were a group of 7 adults between 30 and late 60’s - Dave and I, Katy and Jo and solo travellers Kirsty, Mike and Julian plus Sammy, Jammy the driver and Mellow the cook. After a quick trip into Maun to get nibbles and bottled water for 3 days, we set up camp for the night. Mellow sorted the tents and the men put up the beds but we all helped.

Day 2 Okavango Delta
We met our mokoro (dugout) ‘polers’ who would take us to an island on the Okavango delta for 2 nights. The polers did all the work while we laid back and watched the hippos, butterflies and little green frogs on the reeds. When you looked down, all you saw was your reflection and the sky like a mirror.
We soon set off in single file on our first bush walk with the guide carrying a gun to ‘fire over the elephant’s head.’ We saw lots of impala and waterbuck (big target ring on bottom). I was walking behind Kirsty when there was a commotion at my feet and a wild cat bounded out. I almost stepped on it! That night we were introduced to a bush shower- a canvas bag above your head with a tap like a little wheel and warm water whooshes down on you! The toilet was a hole in the ground, a shovel and toilet roll. If the shovel and paper weren’t there, it was in use!

Day 3 Okavango island
5:30am walking safari- a herd of 8 or 9 elephants wouldn’t let us back into camp. It took a while to get around them.
The food was good. Breakfast-cereals, bread toasted on the fire, fruit, eggs – omelettes, fried, scrambled. Lunches - bread roll, cheese, ham, a salad and fruit. Dinners- braai (barbecue), pot roast / casserole cooked on the fire. We carried provisions in cool boxes with blocks of ice.
Day 4: decamped and poled back to Maun. We stopped on the way to throw flatfish from our poler’s fishing lines into the boat. Back into Maun for more supplies. There was an optional scenic flight over the Okavango but we opted to immerse ourselves in the pool and watch the sunset.

Day 5 Makgadigadi Salt pans
A 6-7 hour drive along a tarred but very rough and dusty road to the salt pan where we set up camp. I absolutely loved the total isolation - just ONE tree and a small lizard! The salt crust was crispy but soft underneath with moonlike craters where the pools had dried out. That night the sun was a huge golden orb sinking onto the horizon as the sky changed through all the colours of the rainbow. Stunning!
After a dinner of very tasty sausages, our driver Jammy talked about the stars. He said to walk away from the camp site and look up. I had never seen anything like it.- millions of stars and the Milky Way hanging above us.

Day 6 Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.
The Zimbabwean border guards weren’t very friendly and our driver got into an argument with them- a bit unsettling. Victoria Falls campsite had showers and a bath: I was in heaven. On the way to dinner a tourist police-woman asked where we were going and took us right to our table. She was very friendly but she was looking out for our safety.

Day 7 Free day in Vic Falls We chose an elephant safari- 2 hour ride, one hour meet the elephants. The guide rode in front and off we went, crashing through the bush, the elephants eating the trees on the way! I was amazed at the narrow path they could go through. The guide spoke to her and my elephant rumbled back. We didn’t see much, mainly impala and kudu. Afterwards they cooked a full English breakfast then we fed the elephants and could sit on their leg and stroke their tongue! I was up for ALL of it!
Later Dave and I went to the market then to Victoria Falls Hotel for afternoon tea and down the path to the Falls- entry £20 each. People tried to sell us rain gear: we wanted to get WET, warm wet! We walked the whole length from Devils Cataract to the Boiling Pot at the other end, got totally soaked in the spray and the rain forest and had dried out by the time we got back to camp!
**Day 8 Victoria Falls** We had been to the falls so we relaxed in the pool until it was time to head back to Botswana. The same guard was on duty and fined our driver $10 for a ‘broken light’ that wasn’t broken 10 minutes previously!

**Botswana – Chobe river cruise** ($60) It was really quiet. As we drifted along, the animals seemed to come out to join us - lions, elephants, hippos, impala, wildebeest, zebra.

**Day 9 Chobe National Park**
The campsite was way out in the bush but had a shower block and real toilets! On an early morning game drive we saw lots of giraffes and loads of birds. I loved the lilac breasted rollers. We were driving off road when Dave saw a honey badger – something new!

On the way back that evening we suddenly came to a screeching halt - an elephant right in the road! We had to reverse and go round it. After dinner we had just gone to bed when there was a horrendous THUMP THUMP - a very disgruntled elephant in our camp. We had just settled down when there was a HUGE noise then 3 lions roaring back and forth. Next morning we were told ‘well done’ for staying in our tents and being VERY QUIET.

**Day 10 Chobe** It was very early and as we drove out, the lion was just standing there 10-20 metres behind us. He had a HUGE mane. Later we saw a leopard walking down the road.

We stopped at a hide overlooking a lake and watched the crocs - lovely to get out of the truck.

**Days 11-12 Moremi** More game spotting. We were a bit blasé by now as we had seen so much. **Day 13 Maun** - last dinner together. I could go back to Botswana any day. I think I enjoyed it more than Dave did!

‘In the jungle, the mighty jungle, the lion sleeps tonight.’ **It didn’t**!
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The Monday Club

We are still going strong with some very interesting speakers. These meetings are very well attended.

We have been very lucky with the weather on our coach outings. We all enjoyed a stop for coffee at Bridport on the way to Weymouth. It was wall to wall sunshine in Weymouth and how we loved watching the world go by and the sea gently lapping in and out. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the water and the sand but most of all, playing in the sun. On Sept 2nd we are off to Padstow, then we hold our Harvest Festival in the Club meeting, followed by our outing to Bristol on 7th Oct.

Look out for posters for our coach trips. There are often spaces for non members, so give Shelia 860227 or me 860709 a ring and book your seats. Both trips will be well worth going on. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Val Dickinson

Garden Club

We have a membership of about 40 and pay a subscription of £5 per year. Each year we organise an evening trip and a day trip. At our meetings we have different speakers who inform and entertain and next year we are planning a quiz night. Everybody is welcome to join us.

Contact Margie 861695 or email margiecosker47@yahoo.co.uk

❖ Last Wednesday of the month Parish Hall 7:30pm

Bingo at The Firs:

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

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

Ken 860 825

Cancer Research

At St John’s Fayre in June we did really well for our charity, raising £315. A huge thank you to those who supported us on the day.

We are currently arranging our September House to House collection which will run throughout the month and we hope to beat our total from last year of £885.40. Our collectors give their time and effort for the charity and we hope Witheridge people will be generous in raising money for vital research.

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**Withart**

Everyone at Withart is fully engrossed in their own projects and happy to have had some sunshine so we can work outside. We still have room for new members and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. Several of the group are working on commissions or art work for other people. We are working on ways in which to enhance our club and currently have some interesting and exciting ideas. Whether or not things work out only time will tell. The picture is of Meg and Belle by Roy Houghten.

**Withart**

\[Image\]

**Roy Houghten**

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**Witheridge Ladies’ Club**

In May the weatherman, Mel Collier, told us about how the Met Office helps industry with long term forecasting.

In June we enjoyed our summer outing to The Mill, Lower Washfield where we were served a cream tea.

Our July speakers were Sarah and Angela from Age UK. They gave us lots of information on various benefits, allowances and insurance. We were delighted that our home-made cakes and tombola at St John’s Fayre raised more money than last year.

The Ladies’ Club also has a book club, craft club and luncheon club. Why not come along to see what we are up to. A warm welcome awaits you. See the Speakers List in Witheridge Voice Spring 2013.

\[Image\]

**Coral Simmonds**

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**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 successful exhibition at St. John’s Fayre particularly our raffle which raised £111 for Devon Air Ambulance.

We are always pleased to see new members. Membership is £5 /yr, £1.50/wk.

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**Witheridge Allotments Society**
The spell of glorious weather certainly got the allotments off to a flying start with everybody growing a fine crop of vegetables. As I predicted, when you start to discuss new drainage facilities for the site, it will not rain for months, but it looks like we are getting back to our normal Devon weather.

We currently have all the allotments let, but if you would like to go on the waiting list please call.

Greg Henderson 860819

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**Walk and Talk : Our Tarka Trail walk to Braunton**

We decided that we would do it on the 10th July come rain, hail, or snow – we didn’t even consider heat and what a scorcher! Undeterred, we set off on the bus to Barnstaple with sun cream and bottles of water.

We were the only walkers on the trail that day (lots of cyclists) and Albert’s shirt was so wet, he took it off and Chris walked along waving it to dry it off. There were 5 of us as we have a new lady, Lorraine, who we have been introducing to smaller walks. We all survived and really enjoyed it although next time we hope it’s not so hot. We had lots of laughs and there were loads of things of interest to see and talk about.

We finally reached our destination in Braunton for fish and chips and a pint of ice cold water then took the bus home, but just after we left South Molton, the bus over heated and we stay on it to wait for another one. We reached home about 6:30, tired but satisfied. We had done our trip at last.

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 collect at £1.00 per bag.

**Volunteers needed** to help us continue to keep the composting section running. If you would like to help, we meet on Mondays and Thursdays 9:00 -12:00. The work entails turning compost bins and bagging finished compost. You need to be fairly fit, however most of us are in our late 60's, some in their 80's and still going! We provide all the tools and training and you also get a cup of coffee and sometimes cake. For more information or to order compost phone Greg Henderson 860819
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**Charity Knitting Group** In the autumn and winter we will be concentrating on hats, gloves and scarves for the Salvation Army. Sam, who will be joining our group, suggested we could make hats for our troops in Afghanistan. All welcome.

❖ *Alt. Thursdays Rest-a-While 2:15-4pm* Eileen Haynes 860212

**Stuart Singers** The Stuart Singers offer their services free to help organisations raise funds. They learn a very varied programme in December and sing in 8 part harmony, without music, in venues all around the country. They have 90 members of which 35 came to Witheridge and raised £300 for the parish church.

Carole Campbell

**Bell Ringers St John the Baptist Church Witheridge**

The Bell Ringers meet every Friday evening at 7:15pm for 7:30pm in the Belfry.

**The Little Dart Singers** We are a Witheridge based singing group and we would like to invite you to join us. To be able to read music is not a requirement, just a love of singing. Our main commitment is at Witheridge Parish Church on the 1st Sunday of the month, but we also sing with other local churches.

❖ *Practice Tuesdays 7:20pm Witheridge Parish Church* John Harris

**United Churches Luncheon Club** At this friendly club, many people who live on their own in the Witheridge area still enjoy fellowship over a 3 course home cooked meal for the princely sum of £3.00. New members are always welcome and transport is available if necessary. To book a meal or to obtain more information ring Annis 860398, Val 860709, or Yvonne 860012. We look forward to welcoming some new people during the coming months.

Yvonne Childs
St John the Baptist Parish Church

I am writing just 3 short weeks after arriving here from Newton Abbot and Sue, Benjamin and myself have been given a very warm welcome.

It was lovely to see so many at my licensing service on the 27th July and the great refreshments afterwards with lots of conversation.

As the weather has been so wonderful, we have spent time in the garden making it lived in and even eating some of our meals outside. We have not been used to such a usable garden for many years. Unpacking boxes can happen when the weather is not so good!

My hope is that I will get to know you over the coming weeks and months, hearing your stories and sharing in your special occasions. This village seems to have so much going on with so many opportunities for interaction.

Harvest Festival will be an important occasion giving thanks to God for the benefits of the land and all our labours. The service is followed by lunch (booking essential). The church will also be the venue for “The Two Moors’ Festival” concerts on Wed. 23rd October, which really does put us on the cultural map.

Adrian Wells 861383 vicaradrian@btinternet.com

Church Fete: Our new vicar’s wife, Sue Wells, opened the church fete which drew a good crowd. The amount raised for church funds will be in excess of £1600.
**Methodist Chapel**
*Minister Rev Jonathan Budd*
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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** at 2.30pm 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.  

Margie Cosker

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

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Mike Childs 860012.
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Witheridge C. of E. Primary School

KS2 SATs  We are delighted with our Year 6 SATs results this year, which are well above the national figure in the majority of areas. One pupil also achieved a Level 6. This is an outstanding achievement and a credit to her and to the teaching in the School.

The results reflect the hard work of the pupils and Mr Radley and the benefit of coaching sessions led by Mr Duncan.

Sports Day  It was a great morning with a wide variety of activities in lovely sunny weather. Thank you to Mrs Halsey for organising the event and to all who came to cheer the children on.

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Summer Production:  Class 2 made the backdrop, the teachers cut out a LOT of cardboard and the children painted fishes, sharks, starfish, penguins, turtles, polar bears, a HUGE blue whale and lots more for a procession of poems, songs and dances, not least ‘Penguins attention.’

Open Day in June:  It was good to see so many visitors engaging with the activities and children.

Farewell Year 6:  Tarik, Casey, Connor, Katie, Josh, Charlie, Georgia, Amber, Lola and Calista.  Goodbye Mrs Pugsley who is leaving us after 8 years. We welcome our new teacher Miss Bull to Class 1.
**Class 2: Spectacular Sculptors**

This summer term Class 2 became sculptors. They looked at Marc Quinn’s sculptures exhibited at the Chelsea Flower Show and decided to make their own as colourful as his.

As part of our ‘growing’ theme, we made sculptures of things found in a garden: a flower, bee, worm, butterfly and the Sun. The children made a 3D wire mesh frame then covered it in colourful tissue paper. These sculptures now hang in the corridor outside Class 2 and look fabulous.

Inspired by this success, Class 2 wanted to make a sculpture to be seen by anyone passing the school. They chose to design one of ‘The Snoff’, a character from a poem written by Mr Curtis (a teaching assistant in the school) that they had read earlier in the year.

Near the end of term, they visited the Eden Project and looked at the sculptures there. The children loved feeling the materials the giant bee is made of and spotting the household items in the WEEE man construction. They then used these ideas as they built ‘The Snoff’.

The finished sculpture now stands proudly outside the school for all to see. It was completely designed and built by the children of Class 2 and looks marvellous.

They would love for you to walk by and enjoy it. See if you can spot the different household rubbish they used.

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**Witheridge Pre-School**

Pre-School life falls into 2 parts at this time of year- children and fund raising! We have been well supported in recent fund raising events: the Craft Fayre, Family Bingo, St John’s raffle, the Tractor Push and Fashion Show. Thank you to all who supported us. (LOTS of photos on Witheridge Voice website- Pre-School page).

Our growing theme produced a good crop of potatoes which we cooked and ate in Pre-School. Unfortunately the slugs feasted on our courgettes but the children brought in photos of their plants grown at home. Isobel’s tomato plant is taller than her!

We chose some unusual seeds with our Morrisons vouchers and are watching with interest as the black runner beans and purple carrots grow.

We have 10 children moving on to school in September. We will miss them but they are all ready for the next stage in their lives.

*Paula Hallett*

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**East Worlington Pre-School**

It’s been a busy end to the school year. We took part in the St John’s Fayre parade and ran a cake stall which made £200. The Duck Race (see www.worlingtonptfa.org for photos) broke all records with 2,300 ducks going down the river making a profit of £4,373. On a very hot day, a team competed in the Knights of Witheridge Tractor Push finishing 3rd and raising £623.

We say goodbye to 8 of our children and wish them well as they move up to ’big’ school. We are a very friendly group in an idyllic setting. Give us a ring if you’d like to come and have a look around.

*Donna Webber (01884) 860346*

**East Worlington Parent & Toddler Group** Why not come along to our friendly toddler group on Tuesdays in term time 2-3:30pm at the school. New families are always welcome. Next session: 10th Sept: £1 per family.
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(weekdays between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm please)
Ted’s Farm recipes

Jungle Curry

You need:
• 500g pork and turkey or chicken
• 1 onion
• 5 slices of galangal or ginger
• Teaspoon green peppercorns
• 2 teaspoons chopped lemongrass
• 6 lime leaves
• 1 teaspoon chilli powder
• 2 red chillies
• Teaspoon fish sauce, or can of sardines
• 1 can of coconut milk
• Teaspoon brown sugar
  ❖
• Jasmin rice, coconut flakes

What to do:
• Place all ingredients except the meat in a food processor and chop
• Brown the meat in a little oil. Add blended sauce.
Cook in the oven at 180C 1 hour (covered). Check the meat is cooked
Serve with Jasmin rice cooked with coconut flakes.

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Caring People: YMCA Exeter
by Olivia Stanley

On a sunny afternoon in June, a tea party at Olivia’s Granma’s house in Witheridge raised £80 for YMCA Exeter. It doesn’t take a lot of money or time - just a caring nature.

Sleep Easy March 2013: I saw a banner saying ‘Will you sleep rough so others don’t have to?’ and I thought ‘Yes I will!’ Homelessness is one of those big issues. When I first got involved, I couldn’t imagine being homeless and alone. No-one should have to sleep without a roof over their heads.

About 150 people of all ages took part in the Guildhall from 8pm to 7am. I slept on a cardboard box in Argos’ doorway. It was very VERY cold made worse by rain from 5 to 7am. I had a sleeping bag, flask of hot tea, gloves, hat and extra layers. I wasn’t very prepared really.

It was a real eye-opener. The thing that struck me the most was the loneliness and unpleasantness of it: it was such a struggle to keep warm and almost impossible to sleep. I felt so vulnerable. To really be in that situation would be awful. No-one should have to live like that. There weren’t any real rough sleepers with us although some of the young people now living at the YMCA shared their stories. To understand what it’s like though, you have to try it for yourself!

Family breakdown is the most common reason for young people to find themselves homeless. They can literally have nowhere to go. The YMCA provides a safe place to call home and helps them deal with the rejection.

11 mile Y walk Okehampton- Postbridge
About 45 people of different ages and backgrounds took part. I went on my own. I walk a lot so I didn’t need to train. You just needed good walking shoes and clothing. The Sleep Easy raised a massive £28,123. The Y walk raised £2590.

What do people gain by volunteering?
Real life experiences that change your perspective on everything. YMCA Exeter relies solely on fundraising and donations to support homeless young people between the ages of 16 and 24. They give them a place they can call home and offer support to find a job, education or training. They also run a prison project. Would YOU like to help?

Go to www.exeterymca.org.uk
Bill Gold the Wheelwright by Gordon Pyne

Bill Gold married Nellie Clark- her family lived in Black Dog. Back in the 30’s when I was a boy, what is now Wheelwright’s cottage and his workshop were all part of Black Dog. The wall across the back wasn’t there: it was open and farmers used to put animals in the small shelters there ready for market. Carts were put in front of Bill Gold’s workshop on the cobbles. Bill was in the 1914-18 war though so he was there before my memories of him. The family lived on the other side of West Street, one up from Mr Partridge’s the shoe shop.

Looking down the bottom of West Street: the Post Office was where it is now, the B&B was Knight’s battery and radio shop, then Bill Gold’s house, shoe shop, the row of houses set back and Churchill’s bakery.

Our family lived opposite in No 16 West Street (Lynecroft). It was Gunn’s cottage then. I would have been about 5 years old. My Gran lived in the middle part of Lantern Cottage. The steps and door are gone now.

Working class people didn’t own property and farm cottages were tied but Gunn Cottage and Plover’s Barrow weren’t. The owners of cottages usually lived locally. We paid rent weekly with a rent book. I don’t know if we paid the Gunn family directly. We would go out our back door, past the wheelwright’s and down the Drang to the bakery.
Young farmers would make gates and hurdles out beside Gold’s workshop. He kept his wood in the shed opposite. Blacksmith Baker was round the corner opposite the church. Bill used to send me round there to fetch and carry for him.

Bill Gold was a marvellous man, well built, well caring- a good family man who worked hard. I was always welcomed. There was a hole where we put the bar in to lift the wheel up and I’d be allowed to paint the wheel red. The interior was always red and the outer blue. He used draw knife to cut the wood. It had 2 handles- you hold one and pull the other. It was heavy work but in those days, people were used to it.

The wheelwright repaired butt carts- small carts for distributing dung. They carried about 3 heaps worth. Years ago farmers wintered bullocks until Christmas. When they went to slaughter, the dung was matured then loaded out to people for their fields.

**Bill’s house**

Bill mostly made farm stuff. I was only little and was fetching and carrying for him when asked. He built long carts which were used to bring in the hay. Joe Churchill was the saddler at the Pound House – he would have done all the leather work.

There were no tractors and people like us didn’t have any form of transport other than a bicycle. Mostly we walked. Dr Price rode a horse. He lived in the Doctor’s house which is The Firs now. The stabling and coach house was at Gordon House next door.

Farmers had a horse and trap or a horse and cart. Bill Gold would have repaired a trap, but not built a new one. Back then everything was cut out by hand in the local covers (forest) – ash not oak. Spokes were oak, I think. The hub could have been elm.

Bill did other farm jobs like gate hanging and made wheelbarrows with big spoked wheels. Everybody grew their own vegetables so they had a wheelbarrow or a trolley to carry wood,
potatoes, veg or dung. You knocked a trolley up yourself. Millie Williams delivered the milk on a trolley made from an old pram.

The whole area couldn’t have managed without the wheelwright and the blacksmith. I don’t remember another wheelwright but by the 1950’s, the wheelwright business was declining. Fordson tractors came in during the war and Mr Wollacott let out farm implements that he got through WarAg, so there was less need for carts although at first lots of farmers converted a butt cart with a tow bar, so they could use it with a tractor.

The tractor was taking over from the horse and stabling gradually went. The blacksmith was needed for horse shoes and ploughing and plough repairs. The last blacksmith in Witheridge was John Leach. When he fell ill and died Bill Gold’s business closed, but it was very successful in its time. I have very fond memories of him.

Gordon Pyne
**Witheridge Sports Club**

**Weekly opening times**

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**Witheridge AFC**

As hoped, we achieved our target of 7th place last season and will be looking to build on that this time around. We are drawn away to Barnstaple Town in this season’s FA Vase with the tie scheduled to be played on 7th September at Mill Road.

A lot of work has been done behind the scenes with new fencing and pathways in place which is making our little ground look great. Why not come over and support the lads! We have a great following at our club but new faces are always welcome. It could be very exciting times for Witheridge Football Club.  

*Billy Roberts*

**Witheridge Cricket Club**

With this season nearly over, Witheridge Cricket Club members are looking ahead to next year. The ethos this year has been to create a fun atmosphere to play in, with a tighter club feel.

Our Colts continue to thrive, whilst our Second XI is a stepping stone into senior cricket. Youngsters like Gregory Cole and Henry Hunt have shown that this standard is not beyond them and they performed exceptionally well.

Witheridge Cricket Club truly caters for players of all abilities with a great social aspect. To join the club, contact 1st Team Captain, **Russell Hilton 07714439856**

**Short Mat Bowls**

We meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings each week throughout the year at 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start. Club shoes and woods are available for those who have not played before.

**Children over 10 and under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

The first three evenings are free, then a green fee of £2.50 per session and a subscription of £20.00 per annum, is payable. This facility is available to residents of Witheridge and surrounding villages. **Greg Henderson**

**Table Tennis**

Need to get out more? Come and join our friendly small group for adults aged 16 or over. 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, are most welcome.

- **Friday 11:00 - 12:00 in Parish Hall**
**Badminton**
The Badminton Club meets in the Parish Hall on **Mondays from 2-3pm**, £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**

**Witheridge Golf Society**
The Summer Trophy meeting was held at Waterbridge on 10th July for an 18 hole Texas Scramble competition. On the winning team were John Avens, Brian Burgess and Michael Pinchcombe. The Ken Leneveu Memorial Wooden Spoon Trophy was won by Witheridge residents Alastaire Collinge, Micky Martin and Dave Owen. New members are always welcome. The format will be varied but the emphasis will still be on a team game. **Andrew Clark astonguy@tring92.f2s.com or 860612**

- **Future meetings**: Wed. 11th Sept. Wed 4th Dec.

**Tennis Club**
We had a new emphasis on tennis coaching for children in the summer holiday. We ran 1 hour sessions for 3 days for children under 10 followed by one session for over 10s. The club didn’t charge for the court to keep coaching fees to a minimum. We had 16 youngsters and hope to offer this annually. We are also planning a **One Day Tournament on 28th September** for adults which we hope will be well attended and Andy at the Mitre Inn will be organising a casino evening to raise funds, dates to follow.

**Fees & subscriptions unchanged**: £2 pp/hr, children FREE under 16. £30 annual subscription or £50/family, cheques payable to Witheridge Tennis Club, hand in at Witheridge Newsagents. **Vine Spragg 01363 866033**

**Witheridge Riding Club Show 2013**
The Summer show was held on the Paxtons’ field at Rackenford on June 15th. It was wet this year but everyone turned up to make it a good day.

**Dressage**: Zoe Boyles on Jazz and Tamsin O’Connor on Mavericks Cape Caracus, won two classes each. Ellie Squires won on Bramble, Maggi Woodward on JJ and Kiersten Friday on Puzzle.

**Show jumping**: Miriam May, riding Westmount Coco was placed 1st and 2nd, Caroline Lowes on Stellar Silk achieved a 1st and Sarah Midwinter riding Marley was placed 2nd and 6th.

We are affiliated to British Riding Clubs and have competitions, training and social events, so there is something for all equine enthusiasts. We have over 140 members. Juniors join from their 15th birthday. No upper age limit.

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Children’s Activities

**Witheridge Brownies**

Brownies Lucy Webber and Chloe Hartrey with their fantastic picture they made using twigs and leaves collected on our woodland walk. The walk was part of the Rustle, Bustle Squeak badge.

Brownies Bethany and Danica Samuelson and Guide Lily Eastman enjoying the bug hunt at The Monkey Sanctuary in Looe on 8th June.

**Witheridge Explorers**

Explorers aim to help children make sense of the Bible through stories and activities. More helpers are always welcome.

Please contact Heather 860744

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

**Witheridge Taekwondo**

meets on Mondays and Fridays for ages 4-8 years and 9 years to adult. Contact Wayne Sibthorpe 07827 442524

**Witheridge Guides**

Guides had a fantastic end of term day trip to Alton Towers on Saturday 20th July. Thanks to Dave Chapman for driving the minibus. A brilliant day was had by all with some surprising dare devils! You know who you are MK!
Lower Gold Street Tiverton
Great Shopping and Eating
Incomer’s Guide: Padstow, Rock and the Camel Trail

Distance:
A39 down west coast  91miles  2 ½ hours

OR A30 : 91miles to Padstow  2 hours
Witheridge - Lapford - Copplestone - Bow - Okehampton - A30 - Launceston- Bodmin-Rock/Padstow

Directions: right fork just outside Witheridge to Thelbridge B3042. Follow road to left turn signed Lapford. LEFT onto A377 signed Crediton/Exeter. At Copplestone one way system take sharp RIGHT A3072 to Bow. Keep on this road to LEFT fork B3125 to Okehampton. Follow signs to A30 Launceston. Keep on A30 to Bodmin.

Rock : At Bodmin, A38 then A389 to Wadebridge, B3314 St Minver down to Rock.

Padstow : A30 to St Columb then A39 to Padstow.

Parking: Rock on the road down the hill to the river estuary. Padstow: Car park at the top of the hill before you get into Padstow. Big car park at the bottom of hill. Smaller harbour car park if you turn right to the marina - fills up very quickly.

Toilets - on right by harbour car park & marina.

Food:  Rick Stein’s fish and chips on left in main car park. Pasties, icecreams, pubs by the marina.

SEE & DO: Padstow Estuary - keep going round marina up the hill to the estuary mouth - lots of seats and lovely view across to ROCK. South west coastal path starts again here.

Ferry to Rock from the harbour/promontory depending on the tide. Lovely coastal path down the estuary to the sea. Cafes/restaurants MUCH smaller and quieter than Padstow.

Camel Trail : Padstow -bike hire opposite the main car park. Trail to Wadebridge 50m on right. Bike hire also at Wadebridge. Car parks at Padstow, Wadebridge , Poley’s Bridge, Wenford Bridge. Food at Wadebridge and Padstow.

Nearby: South- Newquay, St Ives.  
North -Port Isaac, Tintagel, Boscawen. 

Photos Carole Campbell
View from the Surgery
It has been a while since I last wrote a column owing to time constraints, but I am pleased to be able to make this issue.

It is hard to believe that we have been in our new surgery for three years, but it does feel very much like home and we believe that it is allowing us to develop as a practice team.

National GP Patient Survey 2013
From the information fed back to us in the survey, it seems that our patients also like the new premises. You rated our practice consistently above the local NHS North East & West Devon CCG average, which in turn exceeds national averages of satisfaction.
Our team looked at the results and will explore ways to continue improving.
To see the results of the survey go to http://practicetool.gp-patient.co.uk
Search: EX168EZ

Patient Participation Group
One way of helping us to improve would be to join a Patient Participation Group. Patient groups can improve practice by offering feedback on our proposals; generating ideas from you, the patient, for us to consider; shaping research proposals to make them patient friendly and relevant; helping us to interpret our performance data.
If you are a patient and you are interested in giving us some of your time, please contact Mrs Jane Hunt at the practice.

New Practice Website - go to http://middevonmedicalpractice.practiceuk.org.uk/
This contains much useful information and, in time, will permit online ordering of repeat medication and online appointment booking to help those patients who have trouble contacting us during opening hours.
Please take a look at the site, sign up for services and information if you wish and give us your feedback.

Flu Vaccination
Unfortunately the influenza season will be upon us again soon. This year we intend to offer a Saturday clinic to get as much vaccination done early in the season as possible.
We cannot finalise the date until we have confirmed delivery dates for the vaccine, but it should be late in September. Watch out for notices on the website or in the surgeries.
Finally, we are pleased to congratulate Dr Megan Parkin and her husband Tom, on the safe arrival of their second daughter in June. She has already accompanied mum to a practice meeting, making her our newest and youngest team member!

Chris Clark Witheridge Medical Centre D-CCG.Witheridge@nhs.net 20/8/2013
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This edition of the newsletter forms part of the council’s annual report. Copies of accounts for the year ending 31/03/13 are included for your information.

Since the last newsletter Gerald Manning has stepped down from the council and the council would like to thank him for his much valued contribution. New co-opted councillors who have recently joined and been welcomed to the council are Carol Prynn and Kelly Eastman. Carol has agreed to be one of the council’s representatives on the Parish Hall Committee. Kelly is going to help set up a Working Group to look at refurbishment of existing and provision of new playground facilities for our young people.

Local Tradesmen

From time to time the council has jobs that require undertaking from painting to fixing etc. If you are interested in being contacted to provide a quote for work as and when it arises please let the parish clerk know your contact details. Tradesmen must hold public liability insurance minimum £5m.

Annual Audit

The annual audit for the year ending 31/03/13 has now been completed and both Internal & External Auditors have given the council a clean bill of health. The accounts are included with this newsletter.

Website

At this year’s Annual Parish Meeting, the public present did not appear to know the parish council has a website! Well we do. It’s not brochure quality given its produced on a small budget, but it does act as a notice board for council related matters including Agendas and Minutes of all council meetings. For more information see www.witheridgepc.org. If you would like to receive notification of meetings then please email the clerk to be added to the email circulation list.

Draft Local Plan

The district council are currently drafting the 20 year plan for the period 2011-2031. Following consideration and public consultation at the Annual Parish Council, the parish council have requested with the landowner’s support, the development boundary of the village to be amended to include the field adjacent to the Adventure Playground. The parish council have sought this in exchange for the removal of the previous land allocated behind the new surgery. We await the next draft to see if the parish council’s request is supported by the Planning Authority!

2013/14 Grant Awards to Date

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The council has some budget remaining for the period. All applications must be from a constituted group holding a bank account, serving the local community. The council’s full policy (terms & conditions) is available on the website.

Drayford Green

Following inspection of the trees at Drayford, two were removed being in a poor state. These have been replaced with two guarded 7ft Oak saplings which we hope will live long and prosper.
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Contacting the Council
Councillors and/or the Clerk are available by appointment, please telephone to arrange a mutually agreeable time and venue. Contact details below.

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County & District Councillor
Jeremy Yabsley 15A West Street 860605

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Mr & Mrs Hanbury Rockhaye Cottage 860578

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Sept 2 16 30  Oct 14 28  Nov 11 25  Dec 9
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.
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Devon County Council  customer@devon.gov.uk
North Devon Council  www.northdevon.gov.uk  01271 374 776
Use email:  customerservices@northdevon.gov.uk

Sweeping The Square  Sept to Dec 2013
Sweeping Dates : even weeks Fridays
Sept 13,27  Oct 11, 25  Nov 8 ,22  Dec 6, 20

Local business apprenticeship scheme
Grants of £1500 to encourage businesses to take on a young apprentice
www.apprenticeships.org.

N. Devon Council apprentice vacancies
website  www.northdevon.gov.uk/jobs
Devon apprenticeships
http://new.devon.gov.uk/apprenticeships/types-of-apprenticeship/

Doorstep Crime Reduction  Information at police station & library. To give information 101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk or 101
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| Recurring           | Car Boot Sale With Parish Hall ( 3 monthly) NEXT Nov 24th 860685 10-12        |

**Around Devon**

- [www.wherecanwego.com](http://www.wherecanwego.com)
- [www.northdevon.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/whatson)

**Knighthayes**

- Oct 26 – Nov 3  Halloween Half term Fun Child £2 10-5pm
- Oct 29- 31  Bulb Planting for Spring - free event normal admission charges
- Dec 12-21  Carol Concerts in the Great Hall -4 dates Adult £13 Supper £14
- Dec 14 – 22  Father Christmas 4 dates Child £6 inc admission 1 adult
- Dec 7-22  Christmas Carvery lunches 4 dates Adult £9.75 Child £4.95

**Witheridge Annual Ploughing Match**

**Tues 24th September** at Tree Farm Black Dog,
By kind permission of the Burrow family.
10:00 onwards

**Hospiscare Great West Run**

**Sunday 13 th Oct. runners needed.** We hope to have so many runners that we fill the streets with orange. If you don’t run regularly there’s still time to get fit before October. To run or to be a supporter along the route, contact Celia 01392 688052

**Two Moors Festival**  **Wed 23rd Oct.**

**Witheridge Parish Church**

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