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Editorial
Thank you to all our advertisers (without whom this magazine would not exist) and to all contributors. I have a list of people willing to contribute in the future and will be in contact but I always need more. I am particularly interested in doing another article on ‘Historic Houses.’ The only limit is my energy and time. This issue has a few photos that stand on their own merit. Thank you Gerald. MORE photos from anyone please.

Reverend Castlehow is the first feature. He was the much loved and respected vicar of Witheridge for 40 years. Researching his life took a while and apologies to all those who knew him and weren’t asked to contribute. The Scouts will follow as I couldn’t fit everything into 3 pages.

There is a lot to celebrate in Witheridge. Have a look at Community News, fundraising on the church and school pages and ‘A Little Bit of Africa: Uganda’ especially what they learned from the visit.

Tales of a Boy: The Pig shows a little bit of what it was like for farming children growing up in the 40’s when most households kept a pig and death was as much part of the cycle of life on the farm as birth.

Jim’s new Witheridge Trivia is worth a look as is The Great Fires of Witheridge. St John’s Fayre is next month when we celebrate living in a medieval village with traditions dating back almost 800 years. Just to add to the fun, Mickey and Minnie (as in mouse) will be in the parade and available to have their photos taken with the kids. ENJOY this issue. Carole Campbell

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Reverend Castlehow  
1890-1965 Part 1

When I asked for ideas for future issues one name kept coming up: Reverend Castlehow. He was Vicar of Witheridge for 40 years and is remembered with respect and affection, not least for widening the horizons of Witheridge Scouts- a story for Part 2, but it makes sense to begin at the beginning......

John Allan Scott Castlehow (JAS) was born in July 1890 in Breaston, Derby. His father was a railway worker who died when he was a year old and his mother was the daughter of a rich coal merchant. He was educated at Loughborough Grammar School then from 1909 – 1912 he studied Maths at Selwyn College Cambridge on a scholarship ie the College paid his fees. He joined the Scouts in 1910, just 3 years after the Scout Movement was set up by Baden Powell. He gained a BA in 1912 and an MA in 1916. He was Assistant Curate at Northam until he was ordained in 1913 and Curate at St Mary Major Exeter until 1921.

In WW1, the clergy was a reserved profession but clergy could volunteer usually for a year. In 1917 he was sent to the Etaples Scout Hut in Northern France to be their Scoutmaster and to assist the Chaplain. Scout huts were recreation facilities for soldiers on leave from the front. They had a canteen, writing materials and occasionally a cinema and library. On his return, he continued at St Mary’s, Exeter until 1921 when he left to become Curate at St Gabriel’s, Plymouth then Curate at Northam until 1925. Finally in January 1925, he was appointed Vicar of Witheridge and moved into the Vicarage with his mother. The Living paid £353 a year and came with 49 acres of glebe. Thelbridge became his responsibility in 1938.

Memories

Rita Hayes He was good friends with my parents and regularly played bridge with them and Margaret Mansfield. He married Stanley and I in 1948 and I moved to Thelbridge and the church where Stanley was organist for 83 years.
He came to a Whist Drive at Thelbridge for church funds and said to Stanley “I’m going home and have a bath and then cycling to Wellington Monument for breakfast”. This was 10pm!

He was always on his bike: he never owned or drove a car. He cycled all round the 2 parishes and would visit every person at least once a year. He lived with his mother at the big Rectory. I think he moved to Well Cottage after she died. She is buried in Witheridge. He didn’t have much money. He said he wanted to leave some to the 2 churches but died just before he retired. We never got to give him his retirement present. He was cremated.

Gordon Pyne I knew him through Sunday School and Scouts. He would have taken 5 services on a Sunday- Witheridge 8am, Thelbridge 10am, Witheridge 11am, Sunday school 3pm and Evesong 6:30pm.

Nobody worked on the Sabbath and everybody went to church. Farm labourers could feed the stock and milk the cows but they had to use a wheelbarrow not horses. Most children went to Sunday school. The 5-11 year olds went to the Church School with Mrs Bowden to learn the commandments and the 12-14 year olds were with Rev Castlehow to learn the Collect. We got prizes for attendance and behaviour - you learned to sit still and listen early on.

He was a marvellous caring man. He took the whole Sunday school to the seaside every summer and we all got a shilling to spend. The church was full every week back then and people donated to the poor. Once a year we would go to the church rooms to be given 2/6d- a lot in those days. He also taught scripture at the Church School. He had all these biblical scrolls and displays of the last supper and the feeding of the 5 thousand. In lots of ways he was over our heads. He took the Air Force cadets for maths evening classes and was District Commissioner in the Scouts. He showed me how to lead my life and gave me a lot of practical knowledge.

When he died the people wanted to donate for a memorial for him and the
Bell Ringers 1950

PCC decided to have the clock lit up, so the reason you can see the time at night is because of good old JAS.

Gerald Manning He was as round as he was tall. He was brilliant at chess. I admired him despite his idiosyncratic ways. I remember 3 chess boards set up in his house and getting shouted at for knocking a board over. Innocently I asked if he played on his own. No, he said he played by post!

We had to go to church at least once every Sunday, so you could be in and out of your best clothes all day. Sermons often went over my head. I don’t think he was High Church, just an intellectual. He couldn’t keep order in Sunday School. We had great fun with elastic bands and bits of paper. He would put his head back and plead “OH LORD, BOY, LORD, WHAT is the matter with you?” He knew his best sanction was lines and you weren’t allowed out until you had done them. I developed the technique of writing with 2 or 3 pens. It was easy!

I remember a lot of what he taught us because he acted out the bible. We were all messing about once when he was talking about Miriam hiding the baby Moses in the bull rushes. He said ‘WHAT, boy! WHAT was in the basket?’ One boy answered “Sausages, Sir”. “OH MY LORD!” I was shocked when he died although I have no memory of his funeral.

Diana Manning- Benn He would lift his hands up and talk to the ceiling- head back, eyes up and off he went…. talk talk talk. Services were QUICK though. He was a short dumpy man, nicknamed Jumbo and JAS but it was SIR to his face. He was very intellectual and rambled on a bit but everybody loved him. I’m not sure that anyone in the village really knew him.

I went to Well Cottage prior to getting married and don’t remember him talking much about religion. He was hugely respected and admired, a real character.

Marjorie Vanstone I was the last person to be married by him. I wanted the 15th August and he had to check if Somerset were playing cricket!

So…. Reverend Castlehow came to Witheridge in 1925, stayed for 40 years and died just days before he was to retire. He was a much loved and respected character and a scholar who left 70 foolscap pages of history related to Witheridge, (Witheridge Historical Archive Appendix 1) and when you see the church clock lit up at night, remember Reverend Castlehow, a much loved Vicar.

Carole Campbell

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Knitting for Charity  We continue to build up items for our usual charities and enjoy each other’s company as we knit and chat. We will soon have enough items to deliver to their respective destinations.  Eileen Haynes 860212

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**Doing well** To all our friends in Witheridge: a big thank you for your care and support for Olivia Stanley. She is now studying Philosophy at Exeter University and has just got engaged. **Joan**

**Retired life in Dolton** I am now 6 months into retirement and enjoying every minute. I’ve been gardening and exploring my new surroundings and see Louise and her children daily. I will always have happy memories of Witheridge and am delighted that such a lovely family have taken over the shop and house as their own. Thank you to all my customers, loyal staff, neighbours and friends for helping to make all this possible. **Brian Wheeler**

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The helpers, looking fantastic in their pink feather boas, worked their socks off and the band was just brilliant.

On New Year’s Eve The Bootleg Swing Band headlined at the Phoenix in Exeter to universal acclaim. They are back in Witheridge on 7th June, a lovely way to celebrate the summer, so get on your dancing shoes and go along to that.

In October we are lucky to have got Mike Sanchez to come to the Hall he "is one of the most exciting and charismatic performers of Rhythm & Blues and Rock 'n' Roll in the world today"! Get your tickets early for these events as we sold out in March and it is horrible to have to turn people away.  

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The Optic
by Andy Collidge
Getting a novel published doesn’t happen every day in Witheridge, so I asked Andy to tell us a bit about the process.

I have always written (mostly poetry) since I was 12, but never a full novel, just short tales. The concept of the Optic was created some 30 years ago, but only scribed as a short story. It was in 2012 that I rewrote the short story into a full length novel. Having completed it, I was compelled to write two sequels, the third of which is still ongoing. I write mostly at night sitting at the end of the bar and people have seen me typing away in the early evening.

Synopsis
The main character has had a near fatal car accident and is in a deep coma. He wakes in a world populated by his memories and dreams but orchestrated by an alien called an Optic. All humans had an Optic placed in the brain centuries ago by the alien race who believe that if we had the complete use of our brains, we would kill ourselves and all universes beyond us. The Optic reproduces itself in the ovum, making sure that all humans brains are controlled. It can only leave on the host’s death or when told to do so, but the Optic and host have never met. Even with all our medical science, we are unaware of it, so telling an Optic to leave wasn’t an option: until now. Andy (Editor: The Optic is available on Amazon)

Witheridge Trivia by Jim Campbell

Famous Down Under
The village’s fame has spread even to the antipodes. This is taken from the Adelaide Mail of May 1951.
Douglas Venner 31 of Witheridge, Devon, took 31 people in his 31-seat motor bus to Taunton this week to support his application to run 31 bus tours on 31 days this summer. The traffic commissioners took 31 minutes to grant his request.

Dig and Dig some More
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The **April** topic was ‘Herbs in baskets’ - useful for ‘cut and come again’ plants. **10th May Malvern Show:** Always a wonderful display of spring flowers.

**17th May Plant Sale:** many of us have plants we can ‘take a bit off’. We buy from one another, proceeds go to club funds. **May 28 Evenings trip** July 30 Gardening Quiz  
**Sat Aug. 9th Summer Show**  25p an entry, all welcome. Entries for vegetables, fruit flowers, flower arranging, cakes, private gardens and allotments. Children’s classes. **Contact Show Secretary: Jean 860753**
A little bit of Africa - Uganda 2014
Having taught in Southern Africa for many years, I was interested in what these young people expected, what surprised them and what they will remember forever. When asked their opinions, young people don’t disappoint. (Editor)

**Flight out**  Sam C
It was fun to see the Sahara desert out of the window.

George
This was my first time flying so it was very exciting. Taking off & landing was pretty cool.  

**Sam K**
It was fun to see the reactions of 1st time flyers as we passed through the clouds. I’ve been on planes before but it was still cool.

**Kampala**  Sam C
There was loads more traffic. I wasn’t expecting rich buildings. I felt very proud when I played my trumpet at the Ndere Centre concert. It sounded very Samba and I loved the percussion.

George
I really enjoyed the craft market. I bought an amazing wooden mask & 2 soapstone rhinos. There were a lot more cars than I expected & it was very crowded.

Sam K
The heat hit you as if it was heavier air. It was hard to walk through. The people were friendly. Some treated us differently because we were white.

The shops weren’t much cheaper than England and chocolate was 2 to 3 times more. Ugandan potholes are quite literally holes in the road. The security was more than I expected. All banks had armed guards outside with guns. One of our hotels had a guard with multiple firearms slung over his shoulder.

**Busu School**  Sam C
One highlight was on the way to the Iganga district when we stopped in the rain forest and Mr Covington led us in a rain dance! The school buildings were like shells with the windows knocked out. I wasn’t expecting the teachers to be as funny. Being swarmed by children at break and pulled in all directions. It was all way more fun than I expected.

George
The teachers were very strict but the children seemed happy & excited by us visiting them. It was good to meet my penpal Abbu. He liked what I gave him.

Sam K
The school was small even though they had over 900 students. They had very few classrooms and around 50 children per class. I was surprised that they still beat children with sticks if they are naughty.

**Painting**  Sam C
It looked amazing after we finished it. George We were supposed to be painting the school but the year 11 art students did a lot of it.
Sam K We painted the outside of the school pink with a blue strip. The year 11 art students were all girls which might explain the pink. They did smaller paintings with help from a local artist.

Game park Sam C I wasn’t expecting to see any animals but they were everywhere. It was amazing to see them in the wild. George The game park was huge. We saw elephants close up crossing in front of our vehicle. They were huge. Their tusks were really long & creamy in colour. I saw an eagle swoop down to the lake, catch a fish, & take it to a tree in its claws. It was so exciting to see the animals in the wild.

Sam K I expected it to be a large plain full of lots of animals with trucks carrying tourists around. Some animals were everywhere like buck and kobs. Others like leopards, we didn’t even catch a glimpse of. Seeing lions, elephants and hippo so close is something I will never forget.

What will you remember forever? Sam C All of it -it’s a welcoming country, and the bands I bought everywhere.

George The African culture is very different to ours but it is a most amazing place. Sam K Watching rugby in Kampala as ‘our’ team won making them league champions, so we got to celebrate. The Send a Cow project was very interesting, especially as it was started by a farmer in Lapford. The family showed us how they farm and the products that they make to sell.

What did you learn? Sam C Not to be selfish. They have so little and are so happy with what they’ve got.

George That my younger brother must go to Uganda in 4 years time.

Sam K Don’t waste anything. Everything can be used for some purpose. Everything is better with friends!

Mr Cookson: Visitors to Busu will now be greeted by the Ugandan flag crossed with the Devon flag on a flamingo pink wall! I do believe we are becoming more African – learning to be patient and content with what we have.

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In Another Life:
In the Path of Concorde
by David Moakes

In Nomansland, every time I hear a pheasant’s alarm call, it reminds me of Concorde. The pheasants here in Nomansland always gave us early warning of the afternoon flight from New York arriving and I had spent much of my working life involved in the design and development of Concorde.

A Londoner, whose early childhood was spent two miles from Woolwich Arsenal, I spent hours watching the Spitfires, Hurricanes and Dorniers etc in “dog fights” over SE London. Later in the war, I remember standing on top of our Anderson Shelter watching the “doodle-bug” flying bombs coming in. When the time came to choose a career it was aviation, so I took a degree in Aero Engineering and joined Bristol Aircraft Ltd as an aerodynamicist in their Future Projects Office in 1957.

We did many studies for military aircraft, a Bristol Freighter replacement and Supersonic Transports. We actually built a supersonic research aircraft made of stainless steel to withstand the heat caused by high speed and designed to be capable of speeds in excess of 2 ½ times the speed of sound (approx 1900mph).

Unfortunately Government funding was cut when we had not quite worked up to twice the speed of sound, so the Bristol 188 died.

Concorde was born out of one of our proposals – Bristol 198 and a smaller French project. The cruising speed was to be limited to 2.2 times the speed of sound, (approx 1300mph) to reduce the aircraft skin temperature so that aluminium alloys could be used. Two prototypes were built in Toulouse and Bristol. The French one flew first on 2 March 1969 followed by ours 5 weeks later.

Flight testing was a thrilling time as we increased the speed progressively, analysing the results between flights before releasing the test pilots to go faster and higher.

Eventually the aircraft was cleared for final pre-entry-into-service testing and
we designers were allowed to fly when our tests were performed.

I saw the Pyramids from Concorde en route to Nairobi for “hot and high” repeat testing after some previous minor problems in Johannesburg and I was onboard during the Joburg test phase when we were asked to do a flying display over the sea off Durban. This culminated in a long aircraft carrier style approach near a super tanker followed by full power climbing away. The crew on deck were surprised to be “buzzed” by Concorde.

Concorde entered commercial service on 21st January 1976. As a passenger there was no feeling of speed, just a push in the back as you took off and another when you went through the sound barrier at around 700mph. The cabin was long and thin with only 2 seats each side of the aisle and the windows were smaller than subsonic aircraft. My son flew on it a few times and said the service was great. He could leave Hong Kong on Sunday night to London, then use Concorde to arrive in New York by 7.30 am local time on Monday.

After Concorde, life was not the same. I was travelling to Hatfield not Toulouse or Paris as we took on the design and manufacture of the fuselage for their regional jet. Then we got a contract with the US Air Force to modify their F111 swing wing bombers based in Britain. I was Programme Manager, so was off to Sacramento every 3 months to review progress with the General in charge. Mr Gorbachev stopped all that. Peace broke out and the Americans took their planes home and parked them in the Arizona desert.

Meanwhile, in 1988, we bought a tumbledown barn near Nomansland and with some local help, we turned it into a house where we currently live.

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*** We have room for 3 new people and would welcome new input for our St. John's Fayre exhibition.***

- Wednesdays Parish Hall Committee Room 7:30pm
- Eileen Curtis 860564

Monday Club
Exciting times ahead for the Monday Club with brilliant speakers and coach trips out arranged. Why not give Val a call on 860709 for more details. If you are missing out and not a member, then ask for a joining form and you will be put on the waiting list. No need to be a member to come on the outings with us though. Just look out for the posters. Hope to hear from you soon. Val

- Monday Witheridge P. Hall Committee Room 2-4pm

Withart
The group continues to thrive. If there are any wannabee artists out there. Do pop along to the village hall and you will be sure of a warm welcome.
- Roy Houghten
- Monday Witheridge P. Hall Committee Room 2-4pm

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**Witheridge Ladies’ Club** In **February** Ann and Ruth from the charity ‘Seedlings for Christ’ gave us an illustrated talk about their work in Gambia, West Africa. The charity provides free education for over 100 pupils and medical aid to the local population.

Our **March** speaker was Marion, a volunteer with the Alzheimer’s Society. She gave an extremely informative talk on the different forms of dementia and we were told that the earlier the diagnosis, the sooner the patient can begin appropriate treatment to help slow the progression of the disease.

In **April** Valerie from the North Devon Food Bank talked about the work of the Food Bank based in South Molton which operates on a voucher system and is for individuals or families in need.

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.

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

**Coral Simmonds**

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**The 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** Our numbers have varied this year but we are encouraged that we have new members and a solid nucleus.

We took part in the Devon RSCM Choir in Exeter Cathedral on a number of occasions and Thelbridge and Washford Pyne Churches invited us to sing during the year at a number of their services.

More members are required who enjoy singing and can commit to one evening a week and to the first Sunday each month.

- **Practice Tuesdays 7:20pm Witheridge Parish Church**

**John Harris**

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**United Churches Luncheon Club**

This continues to be a successful venture with hot meals served to those who live on their own in this area. Each three course meal costs £4 and you can enjoy it in the company of others. We are a friendly club and welcome new members. Just ring Annis 860398, Yvonne 860012 or Val 860709 to book your meal. Transport is available for those who need help. Hope to see you there.

The next few dates are **Tuesday 3rd June, 1st July and 5th August**

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We now have longer light evenings, which will allow me to spend a little more time tidying up the Vicarage garden. The half finished jigsaw puzzle of two interlocking hands must wait until the autumn. We can learn a lot from a jigsaw puzzle. I found this for you to think about.

1. Don’t force a fit. If something is meant to be, it will come together naturally.
2. When things aren’t going well, take a break. Things will look different later.
3. Look at the big picture. Getting hung up on the pieces only leads to frustration.
4. Perseverance pays off. Every puzzle went together piece by piece.
5. When one spot stops working, move to another. Come back later (see #4).
6. The creator of the puzzle gave you the picture as a guidebook. Refer to the Creator’s guidebook often.
7. Variety is the spice of life. It’s the different patterns that make it interesting.
8. Working together with friends and family makes any task fun.
9. Establish the border first. Boundaries give a sense of security and order.
10. Don’t be afraid to try different combinations. Some matches are surprising.
11. Take time often to celebrate your successes (even little ones).
12. Anything worth doing takes time and effort. A great puzzle can’t be rushed.
13. When you finally reach the last piece, don’t be sad. Rejoice in your masterpiece.

Adrian Wells - Vicar

The Easter Concert

Being invited to the concert by our Grandparents, we had no idea what was to come and we were impressed! From a young person's perspective, the singing was quite a phenomenon. People of our generation don’t often listen to operatic music or the like and for our first experience, it was very enjoyable. To be able to sing in that beautiful tone, with no instrumental accompaniment, was quite a feat. We hope to hear Sarah Walker’s music again. Gregor, Isla, Leckie

The Easter Concert, by the Purcell Singers, was inspirational in its haunting choice of songs and melodies. The finely balanced first half had harmonies dating from the 16th to the 20th centuries, while the second half was awe inspiring and uplifting in a spiritual and a physical way as well. It was an evening of magnificence. Bob Shepard
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Sunday services are at 11am unless it is a Churches Together service. Information for these will be on the notice boards at the Chapel and at St John's. The Sankey Evening raised £203. Thank you everyone who supported us.

Sat June 28th Cream Teas and stalls in Doreen and Cyril's lovely garden at 27 North Street, 2.30 - 4.30pm. Proceeds for the Chapel. Come and bring a friend!

Women's Fellowship Meets on the first Thursday of each month from March until December. All are welcome. 

Margie Cosker

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Fundraising for Witheridge Parish Church Book sale £175, Mad March Sale £220, Safari Supper £432, Frugal Lunches throughout Lent £118 and the Church Rooms Bring & Buy £110. A busy and successful few months.

Church Fete please help
Does anyone feel like giving a hand? It's a fun do and very popular, but we could do with a few more helpers to run stalls or help with them. We also need a few more gazebos in case of showers or sunshine! Contact Diana 840252, Jean 860753, or Kaye Woollacott.

****A New Event for the Church Fete this year, a Family Dog Show! ****

Come along with your pet and join in the fun
Tales of a Boy: The Pig
by Gerald Manning

As a boy growing up in the 1940’s, it was normal for every farmer, farm worker and cottager, to keep one or two pigs for the larder each year. They were fattened up hugely, so a good pig could be up to 500lbs at slaughter.

Until the end of rationing, the local constable issued slaughter permits as no more than 2 pigs or sheep could be slaughtered for the farmer’s use. Sheep don’t make a noise when slaughtered (so a good few sheep were killed on the quiet at East Barton), but there was nothing as noisy as a pig.

Slaughtering was always in winter as there were no fridges or freezers. The pig was fasted for 2 days then mother fetched Mr Bragg the slaughterman in the old Ford 8, with me and Josephine going along for the ride. Before he put his tools in the car, we always liked to watch him sharpening them. He had one big cleaver, 2 or 3 very sharp knives, a bristle scraper and a toenail puller.

In those days the slaughterman came to the house so farm children knew what happened. To us it was a normal part of rearing animals for food but now slaughtering at the farm isn’t allowed. Mr Bragg was good at his job and suffice it to say that the pig was despatched professionally.

Cleaning the carcass

We lit the copper furnace for boiling water to scald the carcass so the bristles could be scraped off. The toenails were pulled off then the carcass winched up to cut it from the hind legs down to the breast bone and the guts, lungs and liver (the inwards) dropped into a large tin bath. Mr Bragg then used his heavy cleaver to cut through the back bone and the last job was to sluice it all with buckets of water from the well to set the meat.

Fresh pig for dinner

Mother cooked a feast of liver, just out of the pig and still warm. Only the lungs (the lights) and the bladder wouldn’t be eaten. The bladder was fun as father blew it up and we played football around the yard.

Washing the inward

After dinner, the inward was carried in the tub up the lane, across Cuckoo Mill Road, through the brake (copse) and across a field to a stream. We built a dam there to increase the flow of water for a better washout. One at a time the intestines were cut into 3 foot lengths, held open in the fast flowing water and turned inside out on kitchen where all the meat was prepared.
a hazel stick to be pulled through clenched hands under the water several times. It took several hours and was one of the coldest tasks I remember, but no-one minded because the next big treat was tea-time when mother made chitlings- fried intestine in a hot pan, served with fried eggs, potatoes and pickled onions. There was nothing as tasty after a cold afternoon’s work.

**Processing the meat**

Mother cut out all the fat to render in big pans on the range, then poured it into earthenware jars (steans). We used lard for frying, pies, cakes and making shoes supple. After the fat was removed, Mr Bragg returned to butcher the carcass into big joints, hams, shoulders, loin, belly, rib and masses of fat bacon. The meat was covered in salt in a large wooden tub (a salter) and left to cure for many weeks.

**Hog’s pudding**

The head, trotters, ears, tail and trimmings were cooked in a large crock over the open fire until the meat fell off the bones. My job was to turn the handle of the mincer clamped to the kitchen table, while mother stuffed the meat in at the top. The minced pork was mixed with groats (similar to pearl barley), pepper and salt, stuffed into the cleaned guts (inward) and tied off in 9” lengths.

Mother’s hog’s puddings were the best in the world, better even than Grandma’s over at Nutcombe Farm. We lived literally off the fat of the land and there was still the salt bacon and the cured hams to look forward to.

**Ham**

They were taken out of the salter after a couple of months and the salt wiped off then dried and wrapped in muslin and brown paper to be hung on crooks in chimney’s corner and smoked for months.

Sometimes father would say ‘Ruth, I think the crickets have got at the hams’. Mother then had to take them down and cut the paper and muslin off while the crickets jumped out. Crickets were just a fact of life in old farmhouses as were the black beetles that came out of hiding when everyone had gone to bed and East Barton farmhouse had its fair share. I remember coming down by candlelight and seeing the beetles crawling all over the kitchen floor.

None of this stopped us enjoying our ham when they were ready to soak to remove the salt then baked in the oven. Some people would have 40 fits and call out pest control, but we knew where our food came from and that it had been raised and prepared well.

**Gerald Manning**
New Headteacher
Mr Duncan, has been appointed to a larger school from September. In line with Local Authority advice encouraging schools to form partnerships, the governors have decided to re-organise the leadership structure of Witheridge Primary. Initially for 2 terms, our school and High Bickington Primary School will come together in a management partnership. The Head of High Bickington, Mr Rob Norton, will become the new Executive Headteacher with equal responsibility for the two schools and Mr Radley will take the role of senior teacher, with responsibility for teaching and learning. The governing body will continue its strategic leadership of the school as will the teachers, teacher assistants and the administrator.

The change will offer greater financial security and offset some of the constraints of a small school. It will free up money to resource areas of the curriculum and staff will be able to share strengths and expertise within a larger team of professionals.

We are determined to continue to improve standards in line with our recent “Good” Ofsted report. This management partnership offers Witheridge a temporary period to explore the benefits of working closely with another school.

We look forward to an exciting period and the next stage of Witheridge’s journey towards Outstanding.

Fundraising
The Easter Disco raised £62 and PJ and Wellie Day raised £73 for victims of the Somerset flooding.

Sport Relief 2014 £212 was raised from classes 3 & 4 ‘s Swimathon and Imogen, Tizzy and Maia doing a 3 mile run. The Preschool had great fun in the playground and raised £12.

Exmoor Challenge 2014 Our 2 teams both finished!
This summer term Class 1 and 2 looked into the theme of ‘Animals’.
At the end of the Spring term we visited Paignton Zoo. The trip did not disappoint! We participated in an excellent education class. The children looked and held different skulls from various animals. They looked carefully at the shape of the teeth and used their knowledge to determine whether the animals were carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. After the session, the children were able to explore the skins, tusks and bones.

After a lovely packed lunch with some greedy friends (Mr and Mrs Peacock) we started our quest around the zoo. Class 1 and 2 were keen to see the gorillas, crocodiles and the baby giraffe. We spent time looking at the animals and discussing how they moved and what they ate.

Around the zoo, pictures taught the children the sign language for the names of different animals. They enjoyed finding the signs and sharing their learning of the movements with their friends. The children and the staff had a fantastic time. Thank you to all the adult helpers who accompanied us.
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The giant wiggle
On the 25th April, Oakmoor Children’s Centre joined the preschool in a sponsored walk around Witheridge. The children enjoyed a shared snack, walks to the parks and around the village, searching for Easter bunnies, the very hungry caterpillar, and hidden eggs, followed by a prize each and lunch. The money raised will go to our local children’s centre.

Witheridge Pre-School
Although we have an all-weather surface in our garden, we have been slightly restricted by the wet weather so we spent some time researching the flooding on the Somerset Levels and the train line in Dawlish. We then joined with the primary school to raise funds for the victims.
Our garden is now bursting with life. The potatoes are flourishing and the peas are shooting up the canes. Its good to see the children’s faces as they notice the change.
We had great fun with our Sports Relief ‘Swim, Cycle and Run’ and even got some of the parents to join in. We have just supported a ‘sponsored wiggle’ with Oakmoor, walking around the village looking for the Hungry Caterpillar who left us some treats in the park at the Parish Hall. The Easter Food Fayre raised £250.

Summer Holiday Club: see separate advert.
Paula Hallett

East Worlington Primary School
The children have been enjoying tag rugby coaching with Exeter Chiefs and football training with Exeter City. On 21st March, the school raised £67.30 for Sport Relief.
On Saturday 28th June, we hope to see over 2,000 yellow ducks floating down the Little Dart for our Annual Duck Race! We’ve got our best prizes ever, including a £100 top prize and 3 x £50 cash prizes! The Dog Show will start at the slightly earlier time of 12 noon, alongside the Gun Dog Scurry, this year kindly sponsored by ChemDry. Please see the event website www.worlingtonptfa.org for a full list of prizes, sponsors and classes.

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The Puddle

Being woken up by frogs croaking away in the pond, reminded me of how they first got in there. Having come to Devon some 14 years ago, we were visiting Exmoor and walking along with our dog. In the distance we saw what looked like water gleaming in the sun. Coming closer, it was only a puddle which was evaporating in the warm spring sunshine.

In the puddle, we saw frogspawn looking just like tapioca pudding. Not quite in a panic, we went back to the car to find something to put it in. We only had the dog bowl but we managed to get some out, hopefully intact.

Back home, the frogspawn went into our new pond. Some weeks later tadpoles started to wriggle and many weeks later, tiny frogs were hopping on the lawn.

Bill decided he had to build a Frog Hotel to keep them snug in winter. It’s very snug, not in view, with a water feature on top and a stacking system underneath. It’s working very well as we are being woken up again by croaking over-energetic frogs. I had no slugs last year in the garden so the frogs must be little porkers. If anyone wants frogspawn in future, don’t hesitate to contact us. You too can have a slug-free garden in no time.

Molly Bullivant

Striped Icebergs

Icebergs in the Antarctic sometimes have stripes. Stripes are blue when a crevice in the ice fills up with melt water then freezes so quickly that no bubbles form;

**green** when an iceberg falls into seawater with a lot of algae in it and freezes again,

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Meatloaf

You Need
500g lean fine minced Beef
350g Good Sausage meat
1 onion
2 cloves of Garlic
1 red pepper
Salt, Pepper

What to do
Finely mince the onion and garlic.
Chop the pepper into small bits.
Blend all the ingredients together so they are thoroughly mixed.
Season to taste and pack tightly into a loaf tin.
Cover in foil and roast at 185c for 45 mins
Press if possible and allow to cool before refrigerating.
When cold turn out and slice, serve with pickles and salad.

Variations - this is not only simple but can be adapted to suit your preference.
• Add Chilli and Green Cardamom
• Moroccan style - add cinnamon, cumin, tomato and rose petals.
• Line the tin with bacon, looks lovely as a centrepiece.
• Add horseradish and Ham.

Enjoy!

NEWS Taste of the West 2014
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Reg Charity: 1027702
Some readers may know the film ‘Grey Owl’ about the Englishman Archie Belaney and beaver conservation in the Canadian wilderness.

**Who was ‘Grey Owl’?**

Archie Belaney (a.k.a ‘Grey Owl’) was born Archibald Stansfeld Belaney on Sept 18th 1888. He was educated at Hastings Grammar School then worked as a clerk in a lumber yard. Emotionally damaged by his father's rejection, Archie collected unusual animals and played Red Indians with his few friends. In 1906 he emigrated to Canada. He worked in Toronto in a department store then Northern Ontario where he learned to trap, canoe and survive in the wilderness. From 1915-17 he was a forest ranger and guide for the Canadian Army and between 1931-38 he worked in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba and Prince Albert National Park, Sask.

He married Angele Egwuna, an Ojibwa Indian in 1910 and was still married to her in 1936 but he had 4 more bigamous marriages. In 1925 he met and later married Anahareo. She persuaded him to stop trapping and to publish his writing about the beavers and conservation. ‘Tales of an Empty Cabin’ is perhaps the best known. He was aged 50 when he died in his cabin of pneumonia.

**Quote:** On all sides from the cabin where I write, extends an uninterrupted wilderness, flowing onward in a dark, billowing flood Northward to the Arctic Sea. No railroad passes through it to burn and destroy, no settler lays waste with fire and axe. Here, from any eminence, a man may gaze on unnumbered leagues of forest that will never feed the hungry maw of commerce.

**In search of the wilderness**

In 2009 I travelled to look for one of his remote lakeside cabins. As I was in Alberta, I stopped off at Saddle Lake Indian reserve to see my friend Martha Half. I asked a Cree lady for directions but Martha had married and moved away.

Feeling a bit disappointed, I returned to my motel in Camrose then next day drove to ElkIsland National Park where I set off on one of its many hiking trails but after 2 hours I had to turn back when the path led to a beach where 100 bison were drinking.
A sign in the car park said ‘If a cougar attacks, fight back!’

I drove on to Samson Cree Indian Reserve at Hobbema. In the tribal offices, Debra Buffalo gave me pens, notebooks, mugs and an embroidered jacket and offered to show me round if I could return in 2 weeks. That wasn’t possible but I sent her a customary gift on my return home.

Waskesiu town, with its lake and beach, is the most popular part of Prince Albert National Park. A coyote crossed the road in front of the car and later a black bear with 2 cubs sauntered across. The park has numerous trails. The start of trail number 19 to Grey Owl’s cabin on Lake Ajaawan is a 30 minute drive from Waskesiu. I started out on it but it was in such poor condition I didn’t get far. Trail no 18 was nearby, so I joined that and soon came to the beach where two girls were trying to get their canoe out of the river so I helped them carry it up to their truck. On the count of 3 we lifted the canoe onto the roof, but as I was at the rear end, all the water in the canoe poured down onto my head. Laughter all round! I drove back to my hotel in Blaine Lake – deer and ducks on the road.

Moving on to Minnedosa, Manitoba, I found Riding Mountain National Park and was soon exploring the trails around South Lake and Clear Lake. Next day I went looking for the trail to Grey Owl’s cabin on Beaver Lake. A girl came by on a bicycle. Apparently it would take me 3 hours to walk there and bears were frequently seen along the way. It took me 2 hours! I whistled and sang to warn the bears and didn’t see any but met a man coming from the cabin who had seen a moose.

I was the only one in the 2 roomed cabin and found it an emotional experience. I couldn’t resist sweeping the wooden floor with the broom. On the way back I met more people going to the cabin. I was glad to be there quietly on my own and to have walked a little way in Grey Owl’s footsteps.

Ray Thorne

Books: Men of the Last Frontier
Pilgrims of the Wild,
Tales of an Empty Cabin.

Are you related to Hugh Richardson (1853-1915) who worked for Indian Affairs Canada around 1885 and is buried in Witheridge? Please let me know.

Photos: www.collectionscanada.gc.ca
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**Witheridge Pre-School** offers places to 2-5 yr olds from 9am-3.30pm five days a week.

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Mini-tennis allows for 4 courts on the same area, so up to 16 children to play at the same time. After discussions with the Headmaster of the Primary School, the plan is for the entire school of some 90 children to try the game out on one day with the help of an LTA coach. Vine Spragg

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**Witheridge Cricket Club Junior Cricket Training**

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- **Under 13s** 7pm - 8pm £30 season + £2 match fees

Option of a free trial week then no refunds. No equipment needed, but please wear comfortable clothing and trainers. We look forward to seeing you.

Contact Sarah Baker 07807 855157

- **Monday nights 28 April - end of July** Cricket Ground Nomansland

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**Witheridge Explorers**

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

Heather 860744

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

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**Brownies With. School** Tues 5:30

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Thurs 7:00 – 11:00
Fri  7:00 – 12:00
Sat  12:00 – 9:30
Sun  12:00 – 7:00

**Witheridge AFC** As the season draws to a close it has been a great year for both our 1st & 2nd teams.

The 1st team has accumulated its highest points tally ever in the SWPL and have hopefully done enough to be able to enter the FA Cup next season. They also only narrowly lost the St Luke’s Cup Semi Final 4-3 against Tiverton Town and surprised a few people with just how good they can be.

The Reserves pushed all season and were hoping to finish in a promotion place but at the time of writing it looks like they will just miss out but have still played well over the course of the year.

**Billy Roberts**

**Tennis** We look forward to a fun-packed summer of tennis with 1-day tournaments, coffee mornings and coaching during the holidays. Don't forget to book the court at the Newsagent on 01884 860815 and for any information please contact me, Vine Spragg  01363 866033 evelyn.spragg@btinternet.co.uk

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Walk & Talk  Wednesdays. Meet outside Witheridge Parish Hall 10am  

Table Tennis  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  Greg Henderson

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 Spring Trophy meeting was held at Waterbridge on 12th March for an 18 hole Texas Scramble competition. On the winning team were Witheridge residents Graham Clarke and Keith Jenkins and Chulmleigh Golf Club players Terry Rowland and Paul Scales. The Ken Leneveu Memorial Wooden Spoon Trophy was won by Andrew Clark, Norman James and Bob Woodall. New members are always welcome. The emphasis will still be on a team game with all abilities catered for. Contact 01884 860612 or astonguy@tring92.f2s.com.

Future meetings: Wed 9th July Wed 10th September  ANDREW CLARK

Chulmleigh Tennis Club  Tennis coaching Wednesdays
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The Great Fires of Witheridge

Over the years Witheridge has suffered many fires though with so many thatched roofs that’s not surprising. The main cause was usually embers from the chimney or lightening.

There aren’t many records of fires before the 1830s, when the old parsonage and the Angel were destroyed. In 1842 the Commercial Inn was badly damaged and in 1847 a fire started in James Brown’s baker shop and 7 houses were damaged.

It was the way in which the fire spread across to the neighbouring thatched roofs that often resulted in several buildings being damaged. In 1880 The Bell Inn and the 3 other cottages in that row were lost and in 1909, 5 houses in Fore Street were badly damaged.

The biggest fire in living memory was in 1945 when 4 cottages in Tracey Green were destroyed and the flames leapt across to the bottom of West Street and burned down 5 more cottages.

For most of its history, fires were fought by the villagers themselves using buckets filled from the pumps and wells around the village. They created a human chain from the well to the fire and would sometimes climb onto the roof to douse it down or even strip the thatch to stop the fire from spreading.

In the 1840s, when fire brigades were started in South Molton and Tiverton, someone would ride there to fetch help. Later they sent a telegram or phoned. As you might expect, it was often too late by the time the brigade got here.

One of the major problems they faced was the lack of water. They had to use well water which usually ran dry very quickly or even bring water up from the river.

One saving grace was that The Square acted as a natural firebreak stopping some fires from spreading and causing even more damage. Several newspaper reports wrote that if the wind had been from another direction, the whole village could have gone up in flames.

J Campbell

The map shows buildings badly damaged or destroyed since 1830.
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SHARP RIGHT onto A39 Lynton, Lynmouth. (Toilets on left immediately after junction). Continue approx 3.3 miles. LEFT (Broadoak Hill) to Heddon Valley. Downhill approx 2miles to Hunter’s Inn.

National Trust Car park on left, large grassy field, can’t miss it. Members free, non members £2 (2013). Picnic tables in car park next to the Inn and the river.

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**DISNEY QUIZ**

1) Which character disappears in ‘Alice in Wonderland’?

2) True or False: Jafar is the evil villain in the “Little Mermaid”?

3) Cruella de Ville was in

4) The evil lion in the Lion King...

5) Animated movie with Miley Cyrus as Penny?

6) The Little Mermaid movies called ‘Ariel’s Beginning’.
   1. I  2. II  3. III  4. IV

7) Reepicheep is a heroine in

8) Pixie Hollow is saved in.....

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### Council & Committee Meetings

The Parish Council meet at the Parish Hall Committee Room, North Street, Witheridge. Un-scheduled meetings will be advertised separately to this notice. All meetings are open to the public and start with public questions.

Agendas (generally including planning applications to be considered) are published at least three days in advance on the Parish Council notice boards and web site at www.witheridgepc.org together with minutes of all meetings.

Paper copies of the agenda are available on request from the Clerk.

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**01392 384315** WRVS Home Library Service. For anyone physically unable to reach a library

Help, Advice & Devon Services

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Things I might Go To: June-September 2014

Local

Sa June 7  Bootleg Swing Band  W. Parish Hall Admission £7 Food & bar  Open 7:30pm
Sal June 14 The Brooke Cocktail & Canape Quiz Witheridge Parish Hall (evening)
Su June 15 Gardens Open in East Worlington
Sa June 21 St John's Fayre 2014 10am - midnight Parade 11:15am
Sa June 28 East Worlington Duck Race & Dog Show
Tu July 8 Fashion Show Witheridge Parish Hall Witheridge Pre-School event
Sa Aug 9 Garden Club Summer Show Witheridge Parish Hall 2:30pm
Sa Aug 9 Worlington Church Fete at East Worlington House
Sa Aug 23 Witheridge Parish Church Fete
Tu 23 Sept Witheridge & District Annual Ploughing Match. Venue TBA

Advance notice October  Mike Sanchez  Rhythm Blues & RocknRoll  Witheridge P Hall

Car Boot Sales Witheridge P. Hall : Last Sunday in June, Aug, Oct

Around Devon Websites

Where can we go www.wherecanwego.com
North Devon Council www.northdevon.gov.uk/whatson
Devon in Focus www.devoninfocus.co.uk
Netmums www.netmums.com
Heart of Devon www.heartofdevon.com
National Trust Knighthayes: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/knightshayes

June

Sun  8    European Market South Molton Pannier Market FREE
Sat 14  Aardman in Credton 2- 5.30pm With Peter Lord 07747 0606 52
Sat 14  Behind the Scenes Tour Exeter Museum (40min. tour) 10:30 - 12 01392 265858
Thur 26  Sense & Sensibility at Killerton House National Trust website 0844 2491895
Sun 29  Ramblers’ Walk 10 miles  9:30am Park Coldridge Village. 01822 615564.

July

Fri 11, Sat 12, Sun 13  Tiverton Balloon and Music Festival Petroc Campus
Sat 26  Mid Devon Show Hartnoll Farm Tiverton EX16 4NG 9am- 5:30pm

August

Tues 5  Romeo & Juliet at Killerton House see National Trust website 0844 2491895
Sat 9 & Sun 10  Castle Hill Car Festival 10am- 6pm 0800 612 6910
Sat 16 & Sun 17 Cobbaton Combat VJ Weekend 01769 540740

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