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Rev. JAS Castlehow 2: Witheridge Scouts

Rev Castlehow joined the Scouts in 1910 only 3 years after Baden Powell started it. He came to Witheridge in 1925 and started Witheridge Scouts in 1926. He was much loved and respected, a man who led by example, but more importantly, he broadened the boys’ horizons.

The first scouts were Ernest Stenner, Bill Williams, Bill Hutchings, Basil Reed and Lionel Gunn. He took boys to West Coast Jamborees in 1933 and 1936, the World Scout Jamboree in Hungary, the Latvian National Jamboree and in 1937, he led an international camp in Switzerland with Bill Hutchings, Derek and Reg Nott. With war only weeks away, he took boys to the French Alps in 1939.

Recollections of Gordy Pyne (1940s)

You paid a little bit to go to camp for a fortnight. You didn’t have to go to church though, he would take you. The younger lads (11 year olds) went to West Yeo bottom for a weekend while we went to Colleton Hall just off Witheridge Moor. It was a good ¼ mile each way to get water from the farmer and whatever the weather, we had to have an early morning wash in the river.

At Mamhead we camped on Lord Lumley’s lawn. We were the only scouts allowed to camp there as Rev Castlehow was good friends with Lord Lumley. On alternate nights he would go down to the main house to play bridge.

Getting ready for camp We would be called to the vicarage to get things out of the stables, repair the tents, scrub the billy cans, pack up everything in tea chests and make sure they were dry. Notts provided the lorry free and one of the drivers took us down. We took axes, spades and our bikes.
Tables and chairs We drove 2 irons into the ground and hung the billy can across the top. Then we dug 2 trenches and made a table top from laths of wood lashed together which could be rolled up. Boys sat either side of the trench then we fixed the table runner support into the trench and unrolled the top. It was very primitive but it worked.

We made a dresser out of poles to put washing up bowls on and cut out a cup rack and plate rack from sticks lashed together. The bell tents had a rubber ground sheet attached by loops but if it rained a lot we had to get up and dig a trench round to take the water away. We slept in a sackbag- a blanket sewn up with blanket stitch. We never got up early because of the dew on the ground and we just wore plimsolls and shorts.

Cooking Younger boys got the kindling and put it in a dry spot. If you didn’t do it properly you didn’t eat and were cold. We ate like lords. Breakfast was porridge one morning, scrambled egg and bacon the next. We wouldn’t have had that at home. On Sunday we had rissoles (tinned corn beef, mashed potatoes, breadcrumbs) fried in fat.

To make an oven for our rice pudding we cut the top off a 4 gallon petrol can with a door hinged with wire.

Rev Castlehow got the food from the farmers because it was a boys’ camp. We would go down to Starcross for bread and meat but didn’t take money. JAS paid at the end of the fortnight. It’s possible he used his own money.

We would cycle to Dawlish, Starcross and Dawlish Warren for a swim, then pick whortleberries to make jam and cycle back in time to get wood in for the camp fire. Just before bed, after our cocoa and a biscuit, JAS would say ‘Here boys, come out and study the stars’ and he would point out them all out.

Mamhead 1943: Two scouts were in control of the camp while Rev Castlehow took the rest for a swim. A dog entered the stores tent, ate ¼ of the fruit cake donated by the village baker (and slobbered over the rest)! The 2 lads tried to hide the evidence by crumbling what was left into a jelly to make trifle. Being told the recipe, the vicar said’ Oh Lord, one doesn’t use fruit cake for a trifle’ whereupon Gordy and I looked at one another and giggled. (Cedric Turnbull The Book of Witheridge)

Gerald Manning (1940s/50s) We knew him as JAS but to his face it was always SIR or Mr Castlehow. Mamhead was beautiful parkland, partly wooded, partly open countryside, with brambles and bamboo which we cut back to make a camp site sheltered from the wind. We had a cookhouse tent but when it was
fine we cooked outside. First we put up the tents then dug the latrines. He worked out the rota in advance so by the end of the day the camp was up and everybody knew who was getting the milk, cooking, fetching water and fetching kindling.

There were about 12-18 boys, 8 or 9 of us in a tent. He had his own little tent. We slept in a circle with our feet to the centre pole. The trick was to be as far from the door as possible to not get trodden on. JAS would shout ‘OH LORD, boys, DO be QUIET. What’s the matter with you all?’

We would get up and have a bath or shower outdoors. A lot of water got chucked about while he tried to keep order. Mr Knight was definitely 2nd in command to SIR but if Somerset was playing cricket, JAS would leave Mr Knight in charge.

**Long Bike rides** JAS was in the lead, the smallest boys behind him, oldest at the back in single file. Every year the older boys played a trick on him. Roy Manley rode up beside me ‘Sir’s got a flat tyre. You have to tell him.’

So I rode up to tell him but it wasn’t flat, he was just a big man. He said ‘OH LORD boy, DO get back in line.’

**Walk/Run** He picked a route with telegraph poles around Starcross. He rode his bike, we would go down to Dawlish Warren for a swim then run from one telephone post to the next, walk to the next, then run and so on. I loved it. Most of the boys did. If anybody complained of being cold in the water (he would swim with us), he would make you come out, run down the beach, back in the water and so on. You ended up glowing!

Camping was pretty Spartan. I had a sheet mother turned into a bag inside a West of England hire sack (originally for 2 ¼ cwt of wheat). It was really warm but the sackcloth was scratchy.

**What did Rev. Castlehow teach you?**

**Gordy Pyne** How to look after yourself and others and to respect one another. The main thing was to share. We looked up to him. He showed us by example and you learnt the right way to behave.

**Gerald Manning** He was severe in many ways but a kindly man and fair. He taught me to be self sufficient, not to take any notice of taunting and how to stand up for myself. The skills he taught us have stood me in good stead all my life. When tying down a load, I still sometimes think ‘JAS wouldn’t have liked that’ and I redo it.

*By Carole Campbell*

**Information** thanks to Gordon Pyne, Gerald Manning, Witheridge Historical Archive and The Book of Witheridge.
**Rest-a-While** We celebrated Joan Troake’s 90th birthday at the Rest-a-While in the morning with cake and had a lovely time!

**Are you new to the village?** Why not come along for a nice cup of tea or coffee and a chat. We are a very friendly lot, so whatever your age, you are welcome. We have a Bring & Buy on the last Friday of the month and big raffles with lots of prizes at Easter and Christmas. Come and see for yourself what a nice friendly lot we are.

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There was a lovely evening in June when the Bootleg Swing Band made a welcome return to the Hall. The music was great and there was wonderful food from Marc and Rosie. The dancing went on all evening with everyone joining in from the youngest (about 3) to the oldest (about 90), so thank you to the Booties! The next gig will be 10th October
Mike Sanchez Rhythm & Blues / Rock & Roll.
Look out for the posters and when the tickets go on sale, buy them so that you are not disappointed on the night! If anyone has ideas of things that the committee might put on in the Hall, email clarespicer@talktalk.net
Clare Spicer

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In May We made May Queen and King’s crowns, tied ribbons to a tree to make a maypole and danced and sang. In June We made a snake from elder wood and played hide and seek in the woods. We found froglets in the pond that were tadpoles last month

SUMMER PROGRAMME contact Oakmoor Children’s Centre 01884 860247
Tu Aug 26 Stay & Play Play Dough Oakmoor Children’s Centre 9.30-11.30
Th Aug 28 Beach party With. Sports Club FREE activities. 11-2 Siblings welcome. Bring hat and spade.
M Sept 1 Baby Sensory Taster Oakmoor Children’s Centre. (Under 1) 10-11
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Fundraising

Tennis Club Coffee Morning in May raised £300 for club funds.
3 puddings and a Quiz at Thelbridge Village Hall, raised £730 for St David’s Church Thelbridge.

St. John’s Fair The Rest-a-While raised £382 and People for Ponies raised their best ever total of £205.

E. Worlington Jumble & Plant Sale raised £819 for school funds.

E. Worlington Duck Race & Dog Show The final profit of £3,963.38 was shared 50/50 between E. Worlington School PTFA and Pre-School.

What a lovely lady

Thelbridge Parish Councillor Mr Terry Ford was in the right place at the right time to take this photograph of Sophie, Countess of Wessex when she visited the Royal Cornwall Show Wadebridge on June 5th.

Sports Relief 14th June

Ed Whitwell swam a total of 114 lengths in 90 minutes, he completed his mile (65 lengths) in 50 minutes and has so far raised over £400. Ed is in year 4 at Witheridge Primary School. Should anyone want to donate the web site is www.justgiving.com/Ed-swimsamile

Witheridge in Bloom

THANK YOU to Chris Kershaw for her beautiful display of summer flowers in baskets and tubs in the village centre.

DAA Motor Cycle Rideout in July took a 76 mile route from Heathcoat Cricket Club in Tiverton to The Den in Teignmouth raised in excess of £9000.
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Community News

Women v Cancer Night Ride
Hannah Hawkins, Paula Hallett and her daughter Bethan and Helen Crossman took part in the first Women v Cancer 100km Night Ride across London in June. We started at 9pm and rode a circular course through the night from Windsor racecourse past Battersea and The Mall to Buckingham Palace. It was a bit surreal riding round London at night all dressed in pink. It was good fun though. We finished the course at about 4am and raised over £900! About 2000 ladies took part and raised a total of £950,000 for Breast Cancer Care, Jo’s Cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Action. Interested in a challenge? www.actionforcharity.co.uk

Hannah Hawkins

Witheridge Young Farmers did well at Devon County Show.
Dairy Stock Hannah Perry 2nd
Lamb stock Hannah Perry 3rd
Pig Stock Jordan Ford 3rd
Scrapbook 3rd
Cubicle 17th

Wheelwright’s Tearoom A new business doesn’t happen every day in Witheridge. We wish Mary well in her new venture.

Margie’s African food evening raised £300 for BRICKS to finish a refuge in Narok, Kenya. She and her family are going out in August with Mission Direct. Margie ‘The people of Witheridge have been so supportive and generous. Thank you to all who donated gifts, clothing, money, toys and their time to this cause to help young girls who are forced into marriage and FGM in Kenya.’
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The Two Moors’ Way

We all know Witheridge lies on the Two Moors Way and many of us will have walked at least part of it. Some may even have walked its whole length. Although parts of it are old public footpaths and ancient moorland tracks, it only opened as the Two Moors Way in 1976.

It starts from Lynmouth in the North, crosses Exmoor and Dartmoor and finishes at Ivybridge—103 miles. Witheridge is about 40 miles from Lynmouth. Some intrepid walkers have done it in one session and it has been run in around 19½ hours but its best to take it easy over 6 or 7 days. Many hikers arrange for their baggage to be sent on ahead to the next night’s stop. From Witheridge it’s probably easier to do it as two walks.

The Way is fairly easy to follow. Some moorland stretches require map reading skills and apart from a few places on the moors, it’s not too strenuous, although the weather can change rapidly. It takes you not only over the moors, but along river valleys, across rolling farmland and through several picturesque villages.

On Dartmoor literature buffs can soak up the atmosphere of The Hound of the Baskervilles and then go onto Exmoor to visit Doone Valley.

Apart from the fantastic scenery there’s the wildlife with deer, the moor ponies and possibly a kingfisher, peregrine or an otter.

The Way passes close to numerous Neolithic and Prehistoric sites, as well as many inviting pubs including the Warren House Inn, the highest pub in Southern England at 1,425 feet.

One notable landmark is Grimspound, one of the best preserved Bronze Age settlements in the country on a 4 acre site with 24 semi restored huts inside huge granite walls.

Another favourite is Tarr Steps, a ‘clapper’ bridge across the River Barle and possibly up to 3500 years old.

How many people walk the Way is difficult to calculate. Locals use it for their daily stroll, but what about the serious hiker? A count was taken a few years ago. Each year about 6000 people walk part of it with over 1000 doing the complete route generating over £500,000 for local businesses.

The highest point is 528 m above sea level and the climbs come to nearly 3800m- that’s more than ascending the Matterhorn! Having walked the Two Moors Way, you could continue on the South West Coast Path… Jim Campbell
Commemorating the First World War Centenary  by Sheila Plummer

I started with ‘Witheridge 1914’ which is a series of photos to show what the village would have looked like when the soldiers left to go to war.

The second board is ‘Imagine Losing a Child in a War’ Two Witheridge families lost 2 sons (William and Cecil Facey and Roy and Len Tidball) but many lost far more. I found a Canadian mother, Mrs Woods, who lost 8 sons. She came across in 1936 when the Canadian Vimy Ridge Memorial was opened and wore all her son’s medals.

Witheridge in WW1. There is a board for each person with as much of their story as I could find ie where and when they were born, their parents’ names, what they did before the war, their regiment, where they fought, when they died, where they now lie, photos of the grave, their medals and their house in Witheridge. So each board is one person’s story.

I got a lot of information from the internet. As most young men in this area joined the Devonshires, I went to the Devon and Dorset Museum in Dorchester to get information and also paid a personal researcher to get into records not normally available to the public.

The Records’ Office in Barnstaple was useful for checking the Register of Births. I didn’t put things up on the board unless I was absolutely certain about it. When I knew where they were born I went round the village to take a photo, if the house is still there.

WW2 I did these as well because there are only 5 names and I thought that if I didn’t do them now, they might not be done in the future. It was easier to get information as they are more recent eg Frederick Hartnell and Percy Chapple both died in Burma. Percy’s family came up with a wonderful letter sent to his sister just 14 days before he died.

Who helped and how long did it take? It’s taken 6 months. It was really just me. My family helped by getting out of the way so I could get on with it! Roland Phillips helped with information about Percy Chapple and his relation Harry Phillips. Stephanie Smith loaned me memorabilia from Sidney Selley, Gordon Pyne passed on information about Philip
Gard and Queenie and Gordon Pyne were a big help checking the boards. **Most frustrating** C Matthews. I found out that he was born Charlie Matthews in Witheridge, I know who his parents were and where he lived, but he then went to London to work and he probably joined a London or S.E Regiment. I found 17 Charles Matthews but none with links to Witheridge.

**What was most rewarding?** Putting it all together. I enjoyed all of it and have learned so much of the history. I am pleased with the result. I hope people enjoyed it.  

Sheila Plummer

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**Archie’s War** There were very few adults not moved to tears at the end of the dress rehearsal for Class 4’s production ‘Archie’s War.’ From ‘Pack up your troubles’ to ‘At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month’ the children performed with an empathy beyond their years. Thank you Mr Radley & Class 4.
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Our coach numbers are going up with more people joining us, so watch out for the posters and get your name down for a seat. Looking forward to meeting you soon and don’t forget the sun cream.

You don’t need to be a member to come on our outings, but you do need to be a member for our meetings. Details from **Val 860709**.

**WITHart** It is with some sadness that I have to report that the WITHart group has dwindled down to just three members despite valiant efforts to recruit new members. Sadly if this situation remains the same at the end of September the group will not be viable and will close.

Enjoy your art wherever you are. **NEW MEMBERS will get a WARM welcome!**

- **MONDAYS 2:30pm Witheridge Parish Hall Committee Room** Roy Houghten

**Allotment Society** The summer has been wonderful for a bumper crop of early potatoes, peas, broad beans and salad crops. The cabbages show signs of being giants and all the hard work is now paying off. The sweet peas have produced flowers for the house for weeks and the perfume has been wonderful. Long may they continue to flower.

If you would like to grow your own veg, why not think about an allotment? For details call **Valerie Abell 861650**.

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In Another Life Sunset Surf
Gwithian Towan
1986-1995  by Mary Stanbury

We moved to Cullompton when John’s company moved to Devon, but like many people, he was made redundant in his late 50s and we looked for a business to run together.

We chose Sunset Cafe (John changed it to Sunset Surf) because it was run down (so cheap) and we could see the potential. The Hocking Trust owned the whole area, designated a ‘Site of Scientific Interest’ because of the wild flowers and birds in the dunes (larks especially) and sand martins in the cliffs. We had 2 camping sites, 120 chalets and 2 car parks in walking distance and we were the ONLY shop.

The car park wasn’t there to start with. People just parked on the dunes. The council built the car park for emergency vehicles’ access to the beach. After we were successful for a year, the council charged for the car park!

A learning curve A previous successful owner gave me his diary so I could see how takings varied with the weather, tides and school holidays. We studied the weekend forecast as everything had to be ready by Friday night. Local wholesalers relied on us but I could phone before 10pm Sunday and have it by 10am next day.

We needed plenty of buckets, spades, beach balls, games, mats and wind breaks by the start of the school holidays. We sold a lot of tea towels. Samples were on the ceiling for people to choose. Later on we did T shirts and sweatshirts too. In the second year we ordered it all in January.

The Season started at Easter, Whitsun was packed. June and September was retired people and cream teas and August was manic. Back then Cornwall totally relied on school holidays and factory fortnight. Northern car factories closed the first 2 weeks in August and the week before was Scottish holidays. Evening trade was constant in June, July
and weekends but half our trade was in just one month- August.

We closed at the end of October then went for a week each around the families, so for 2 months I was visiting and John went to play golf. We still have friends we made then.

**A long day 8am-9pm**

People came down overnight in those days as the roads weren’t good. If they were waiting in the car park, we would open the doors early. Pasties started at 7am, breakfast (scrambled egg, sausage or bacon baps) from 8am to 12 then lunch (roast on Sundays) and for my sins, an evening special from 5:30pm!

I was on my own cooking until 10 but with no time to wash up, so whoever was on the dishwasher from 10:30 didn’t move from it until late afternoon. A pot of tea makes a lot of washing up. ‘Have you got any teapots?’ I can hear it now. Six of us worked continually on a busy day and John and I worked 14 hours without a break.

**A lot of food** I had to give in to demand and do pasties, burgers, chips and scoop ice cream. We got through 10-20 dozen pasties a day. I never anticipated people buying 12 at a time -they came with a bucket! We sold 10 varieties of scoop ice-cream and the queue was continuous from 2 to 5pm, while the drinks fridge needed refilling 3 to 4 times a day.

We soon learned to expect a sudden influx when it rained and another at high tide as the sea came right up to the cliffs, so everyone on the beach came into the cafe. We were successful because we gave people what they wanted and our turnover increased five fold in 3 years.

**Salt sand and smoking** The salt got into the cigarette dispenser machine and ruined it. We banned smoking in 1990 and that didn’t go down well. They could smoke in the garden outside.

**Staff** Students from the Catering School at Camborne were brilliant as they were used to taking an order. Girls from the village were worth taking on if they were enthusiastic when I said come back tomorrow. If they sauntered in with ‘Got any jobs?’ in a disinterested tone, it wouldn’t work out. Girls worked well in pairs. Boys? Not a chance.

**Sunset, Surf and dolphins**

People came to watch the sunset over the sea looking towards St Ives. We also got dolphins. They would nudge the back of the kids’ boards and surf with them. On a good surf day the adventure school came in. They ate before or after the lesson depending on the tide. We had life guards from Easter to the end of September because there were rip tides at times. They got digs in the village and became part of the family.
**Getting to know people** Camborne and Redruth locals became our friends and we opened out of season for them if there was anything going on. Some families had been coming on holiday for 20 to 30 years, so we got to know them well.

There was a large area of grass in front of the cafe and I would be left in charge of all the teenagers’ bags, clothes, mopeds and keys! We got all night parties, some of which were a bit dubious at times. They got dressed next morning on the grass and bought milk and a pasty! Parents assumed we knew their offspring. ‘Have you seen our Darren?’ Which one?’

**Our family** came every summer in June and stayed in the chalet next door. The grandchildren loved playing shops on the till and choosing what they wanted especially strawberry sundaes and banana splits.

**Some sad times** It wasn’t uncommon for people to die on holiday. One lady was waiting in the cafe for her husband and he had died at the steering wheel. Another was diabetic and went surfing. The girls saw the ambulance and realised who it was for and John had to identify him. We would come back in a state but you just had to get on with the cooking.

**Moving on** John was getting trouble with rheumatoid arthritis so we needed to sell but it took us 3 years to find a buyer. The couple who bought it were still asking questions 10 minutes before they signed. We had to say sign or else, which they did. We had 2 weeks to get out and hadn’t told anybody so we had a huge party the night before we left.

Afraid of getting bored, I looked for a position as a housesitter in The Lady and discovered ‘live in carer paid more and people of my age were in demand. I could have started the following week but chose a company that asked for all the proper checks.

We went to John’s father and I started the carer job working a fortnight on, fortnight off. The next part of our lives lasted 10 years. **Mary Stanbury**
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Various items have been donated to the Salvation Army, which they were pleased to receive. As well as our usual projects, we are currently working on The Baby Bear project which is a set of clothes consisting of a jumper, hat, boots, mitts, blanket and a small teddy bear. These are sent to St. Mary's Hospital, Durban. The Gideon’s Orphanage in Kenya also receives clothes and blankets. We have lots of things to do to keep us busy! Eileen

- Alternate Thursdays In the Rest-a-While 2:15 - 4pm

Witheridge Ladies’ Club
In May Marion Crane gave us an illuminating talk about her rescue dogs. Greyhounds only have a racing life of 4 years and it costs the Retired Greyhound Trust approximately £700 in vet’s bills to enable the dogs to be re-homed.

Our June meeting was our summer outing to Garden Cottage at Coldridge, Crediton where we enjoyed a cream tea and explored the lovely garden of John West.

In July we welcomed back George Williams to talk about the final trek of his walk around Great Britain in the 1980s. We enjoy his stories very much.

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

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The Witheridge Art Group
We are a happy band of like minded people who find it enjoyable to spend an evening drawing or painting, 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 charge just enough to cover expenses: £5 per year membership, and £1.50 a week subs. Please come along.

We have room for 3 new people and would welcome new input. We had a successful exhibition at St. John’s Fair. The raffle made £50 for Cancer Research.

- Wednesdays Parish Hall Committee Room 7:30pm
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**United Churches Luncheon Club**
About 35 home cooked meals are served each month to people who live on their own. It is a time of fellowship, eating with others who would normally eat alone. The meals are very much appreciated by those who attend. We were sorry to say goodbye to Albert Timothy, Sarah Lee and Betty Sturla but pleased to welcome Rose Green, Jean Knight and Mavis Huckle as members. Contact Yvonne 860012 or Annis 860398.  

committee planning meeting

**Yvonne Childs**

❖ Tu 2nd Sept 7th Oct 4th Nov Witheridge Parish Hall 12 noon for 12.30

**The Bell Ringers St John the Baptist Church Witheridge**
Thank you to Fred Hanbury and the Knights of Witheridge for their generous donation of £275 to pay for two new bell ropes for our Treble and Second Bells. The smaller bells have been doing sterling work when our latest group of learners have been receiving instruction.  

(editor: extract from the Church magazine)

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

**The Little Dart Singers** We are singing group based in Witheridge. Our main commitment is to Witheridge Parish Church on the 1st Sunday of the month. We occasionally sing with other local churches. We need more members 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**

**Lighthouse Holiday Club**
‘Rise and Shine’ was the theme for this year’s Lighthouse Holiday Club over May bank holiday. Around 70 children attended over the 3 days which were jam-packed with games, crafts and children’s giggles. The groups came together each day for stories about Jesus, bible verses set to music, action songs and team games. On Saturday families joined together for a BBQ and games, bringing the week to a bright and sunny end. Thank you to all who helped in any way.  

www.thelighthouseclub.org.uk
Over the last few weeks we have all been experiencing some beautifully hot weather. It is difficult to always work at full steam ahead as the temperature climbs and we think of the lazy days of summer. Sitting outside to eat, reading under a shady tree, or finding a place to relax near water: these are the simple pleasures of life.

We see the beauty of creation all around us. In our gardens and allotments the fruit is swelling and ripening ready for harvest. The vibrant greens of grass and tree, the turquoise blue of the sky reflected in shallow water teeming with life, large and small, is great to watch and admire.

Here at the vicarage we have prepared, with the help of Cyril Cole, an area that has had a harvest of wild flower seed laid over it. Over the course of the next year hopefully the tiny seed will fall into the prepared ground and germinate giving us great beauty and a food source for birds and insects next summer. Only time will tell.

This is true of life. It is only after a time of labour preparing, sowing and then waiting, that our endeavour flourishes into full flower for others to see and experience the beauty. May God bless you in your endeavours and may you receive a rich harvest while having time to admire the beauty all around us in the heart of Devon.

Adrian
Methodist Chapel
From September 7th our Minister will be the
Rev John Wiltshire 01363 877281

Sunday Services 11am (unless a Churches Together service). See noticeboard at the Chapel & Parish Church

Oct. 12th Harvest Festival Service 11am with Mr A Chamberlain.

Oct. 31st Mission Direct to Kenya Margie and her family will give a presentation at the Chapel at 2.30 pm about their trip to Kenya. All are welcome. Margie would like to thank everyone who supported her with gifts of money and all sorts of things to take with her to Kenya to help build a safe place for girls.

Women’s Fellowship meet on the 1st Thursday of each month, 2:30pm at the Chapel. All are welcome.

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

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Fundraising for church funds The Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning raised £110. The WW1 Draw raised £176. Winners Sally Smythe, Mary Grist, JK Bowden, Kit James, Roland Phillips, Paula Cole
The SUN shone showing Witheridge at its best. The winning programme no. 271, was won by a Witheridge resident. THANK YOU to all who supported the fair in any way.

AGM Tu Nov. 18th in the Parish Hall Committee Room 7:30pm. We need more committee members, a Chairman and a Secretary.
### DOG SHOW WINNERS

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Winner ‘Child and Mutt’ & Judge’s favourite
PTFA Art Competition, Art Sale & Barbecue
Parents and friends enjoyed a barbecue together and could buy the children’s work. £360 was raised to boost school funds and parents have something special of their children’s development to keep!

Dart Raffe has 260 acres of arable, woodlands, meadows and a lake. Jacob, Will, Jack
A meadow gives wildlife room to grow and attracts animals. Harry L, Nathan, Charlotte
The plants we want Ox eye daisy, yellow rattle, forget-me-not, willow herb, marsh forget-me-not Ed, Rhys, George
We don’t want Dock plants, common rush. Anna, Megan, Lily

Witheridge C. of E. Primary School
Thank you and Goodbye
After 11 years in Witheridge, I am moving to pastures new. Hopefully I leave the school in better shape than when I came in 2003. In that time scores of children have joined us at one end and moved on at the other.

I have always believed that it is vital that parents support their local school and the very small team of people who work within it. If villages lose their school, pub, church and shops, they lose the heart of the community, so I especially thank those parents who shared the ups and downs of the last few years and never lost faith in us. With your continuing support I am sure my successor will take it from strength to strength.  

Steve Duncan

Headteacher
From September Mr Rob Norton will take over from Mr Duncan and the school will work in a Management Partnership with High Bickington Primary School. Mrs Hobson will be working each afternoon on PPA cover and Mrs Fosbrooke will be our Admin Assistant in the office.

In the summer term Rob worked closely with Steve Duncan to ensure that the transition will be a smooth and positive one and the staff had their first joint staff meeting to plan the term’s work together. Their enthusiasm was quite amazing. He will be working with everyone with a stake in the school to enhance the excellent practice already established.
WE LEARNT the names of flowers, sheep need back scratchers, a foxglove can be used for medicine, tree roots are 10 times wider than the branches and dock beetles eats docks, so Mr Manning won’t have to spray them.

Farmers plant meadows to attract the bees which pollinate the crops. Jasmine, Liam, Harry H
To encourage wildlife: Plant what they will eat, provide habitats for the creatures to live in. Shannon, Emily, Jack D, Aimee
BEST BITS: Jumping on the hay bales. Bertie, Tristan, Rebecca

Camping in the Woods

SAW foxes running, deer, baby hare, rabbits, flowers, roots, trees, grass, a fox in the den and a fox sprinting past us,
TOUCHEd soft leaves, smooth leaves, trees, snails, slugs, frogs, a fox jaw and bones SMELT fresh straw, flowers, trees, grass, smoke, campfire, marshmallows.
HEARD foxes howling, foxes and birds, fox growling, owls, birds. TASTED jam sandwich, toasted marshmallows.
BEST THING camping in the wood, seeing a fox, having a party in the tent, the night walk, toasting marshmallows round the campfire, making a den, sleeping out, exploring in the woods.
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Witheridge Pre-School offers places to 2-5 yr olds from 9am-3.30pm five days a week.

**Breakfast Club** 8 – 9am if pre-booked.
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Y7 Maths Challenge Gifted and Talented students solved problems and investigated the maths involved in crashing skate boards and bouncing super balls.

Year 10 Geography students compared the speed, depth, and width of the river and size of rocks in 2 parts of the River Lydd.

KS3 Science, Technology & Engineering students built a vehicle which looks like a plane but floats on a cushion of air. The best one travelled 5m from a gentle push.

Apps for reluctant readers English teacher Pat Garrett’s interactive novel ‘The 8th Continent’ is available as a free download from www.8thcontinent.co.uk Free app on Google Play – search eighthcontinent/free

Witheridge Pre-School

This year we were accompanied in the St John’s Fayre parade by our amazing dragon which was made by Hannah, one of our After School Club parents. We are lucky to have such talent.

We had a good crop of peas which the children enjoyed eating straight from the plant and our tomatoes are coming along nicely. We grew potatoes for the National Potato Growing Association competition which were then used to make (and eat) potato salad in our shared sessions with Class 1. We will miss the 12 children going on to ‘big school’ and wish them well.

Paula Hallett

East Worlington Pre-School

Our theme in the summer term was The Circus. We dressed up for Clown Day and acted the story of ‘The Acrobat’ at our joint circus show while the older children showed off their circus skills.

In the St John’s Fair parade this year we sang songs from the school production ‘The Button Box’. The Pre-school exists due to the great fundraising efforts of the parents and local community for which we are very grateful.

Fundraiser Sat 27th Sept Jumble Sale Witheridge P. Hall at 2pm.

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**Spirits (non alcoholic)**

After my divorce, I took a week’s holiday in an old thatched cottage in the Cotswolds. A neighbour gave me the door key and I went in to look around.

There were two interesting points: the bedroom had a ‘western saloon’ door which meant that it had a wide gap at top and bottom and there was a creepy feeling coming from an alcove in the kitchen where the brooms were stored. I plugged in the little bedside lamp and switched it on. Everything seemed to be working.

Every day I went for a walk followed by dinner, television and bed. I found that I couldn’t go upstairs until I had looked into the alcove to ensure nobody was there, although the rest of the cottage didn’t feel spooky.

On the last night, I was lying in bed in complete darkness when I heard the floorboards creaking as if someone was slowly walking towards my bedroom door. I didn’t think to switch on the bedside lamp; I just panicked, sweat pouring off my face. Just as it seemed the ‘person’ would open the door, I passed out!

Next morning while packing up, I tried the bedside light and it wouldn’t come on. I can’t imagine how I would have felt if it hadn’t lit up a few hours earlier when my floorboards were creaking.

I’m glad I didn’t try it!

Ray Thorne

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**Alternative Perspectives** a book of poems by **Raymond Parfitt**

Like many people I started writing poetry at school but I began writing properly when I was studying for accountancy, as a way to relax. I was heavily influenced by Oscar Wilde, John Masefield and a lot of war poets.

I can write a verse in minutes then sometimes go back to it to expand or amalgamate others. I find it easier to write at night when it is more peaceful. This book of verse spans 40 years. ‘Lament to Kent’ dates back to the 70s, ‘Tiananmen Square’ was written 25 years ago as it developed on the news, ‘Naomi’ was on the birth of my daughter, ‘Images of Yesterday’ is from the early 2000s and ‘Bridges’, ‘Epitaph’ and ‘August 1914’ were written this year. I hope to publish some of my children’s poems next. Contact me on Facebook.

Raymond Parfitt

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**Tiananmen Square**

Too many warriors unknown
Who died by a seed
that was sown
By politicians.
Who had no effect
With the neglect
They started.
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**Ingredients**

1 kg (2lb 4oz) pork ribs  
1 tbsp vegetable bouillon powder  
1 tbsp garlic purée *(or pressed garlic)*  
300ml (½ pint) white wine  
1 tbsp chilli bean sauce *(toban)*  
½ jar char siu sauce *(or soy sauce)*

**For the batter**

2 tsp salt  
1 tsp garlic purée  
½ tsp chilli powder  
6 tbsp custard powder  
6 tsp plain flour  
2 tbsp vegetable oil or rapeseed oil.

**For the dry spice mix**

½ tbsp white peppercorns  
1 tbsp Sichuan pepper  
4 star anise  
3 tsp salt  
1 tsp chilli flakes  
1 tbsp five-spice powder  
½ tbsp crushed black pepper  
½ tbsp caster sugar  
½ tbsp vegetable bouillon powder

**Method**

1. **Oven 180C/350F/Gas 4** Arrange the pork ribs in a single layer in an ovenproof dish. To create a braising liquor, put 600ml (1 pint) of water in a medium pan, add the bouillon powder, garlic purée, white wine, chilli bean sauce & char sui sauce, & bring to the boil. Pour the braising liquor over the ribs, cover the dish with a double layer of aluminium foil, & cook in the oven for approximately 2½ hrs, basting a few times throughout.

2. Meanwhile, make the dry spice mix. Heat a small frying pan & dry-fry the white peppercorns, Sichuan pepper & star anise until they release their aroma. Crush them with a pestle & mortar, then mix with the remaining ingredients. Store in an airtight jar.

3. When the rib meat is soft yet still well attached to the bone, remove from the oven & leave to cool in the braising liquid. Once cool remove from the liquid to a tray to dry out. Discard the braising liquid.

4. **Deep fryer:** Heat the oil to 165-170C (330-340F). Mix the batter ingredients to a batter/paste. Cover the dry ribs with batter. Deep fry in batches 30 seconds or golden brown & crispy.

5. **Panfry:** Mix the batter ingredients except the oil and dust the ribs. Heat the oil in a large frying pan. Fry in batches.

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Brownies was started 100 years ago by Lord Baden-Powell to complete the age groups for girls in scouting. The celebrations held at Exeter Racecourse in July were huge and very exciting. Six girls and 2 leaders from Witheridge joined 600 girls from Devon. We were in the 2nd half who arrived on Saturday morning and went home Sunday lunch time.

The activities had a Disney theme divided into 4 zones. We had 2 hours in each zone with challenges such as high ropes, zip wire, spider's web, assault course, go karting and zorbing and quieter activities such as making soap, charms, masks, peppermint creams, fake wounds and decorating cupcakes. We got lots of goodies and were very tired by the end of Sunday. Sophie


**Witheridge Youth Football**

This season we entered teams in the u16s and u12s after a successful first year for youth football in Witheridge.

**The u16s** hope to push up the league this season as they finished mid table but only 12 points behind the league winners. A few results going their way this season could make all the difference.

**The u12s** begin what could be a long season in September as we currently only have 11 players. Anyone born after 1st September 2002 and before 31st August 2004 is eligible to play. Please come and join us. WE NEED YOU!

Contact 01884 860547 or visit our website at www.witheridgefc.co.uk. Paul Rich

**Explorers** We finished our term with a family barbecue where we said goodbye to Jean as leader of our younger children. Sue Wells will be joining us as a leader once a month. Explorers are dividing into 2 groups - ages 3-10 will meet in the Church Rooms and ages 10 and above will have their own activities and help with the service.

Heather 860744

2nd & 4th Sunday 9:30 – 10:45am

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Witheridge AFC
The 1st team finished a respectable 6th in the Southwest Peninsula League with 73 points, which means we can enter the FA cup and the FA vase against Barnstaple Town and either Wells City or Brislington respectively.

Witheridge 2nds had a good season coming 5th in the Devon & Exeter division 1, which was down to a lot of hard work from the management team and players in a very stop start season. The hard work now begins on pitch repairs and general maintenance.

We are grateful for all the work Andre Pike, Peter Coles and other volunteers do to get everything ready for another promising season.

Paul Rich
See www.witheridgefc.co.uk

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

Table Tennis
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Short Mat Bowls
We meet in the Parish Hall twice a week throughout the year. Club shoes and woods are available for those who have not played before. The first three evenings are free, then a green fee of £2.50 per session and a subscription of £20.00 per year.

Short mat bowls is open to residents of Witheridge and surrounding villages. Children over 10 and under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Actively seeking new members

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**WALK and TALK**  Sorry to say we are suspending walk and talk through lack of new members and illness and some, like Albert, have moved away. Walk and talk started in 2004 with about 15 walkers. Who knows, we can always start again. There are three of us left and we will walk as and when. Norah 861033

**Witheridge Golf Society**  The Summer Trophy meeting was at Waterbridge on 9th July for an 18 hole Texas Scramble. On the winning team was Witheridge resident Jacky Bradford, who was playing in her first Society game and Chulmleigh Golf Club players Terry Rowland and Mike Williamson. New members are always welcome. The emphasis will be on a team game with all abilities catered for. Contact 01884 860612 or e-mail astonguy@tring92.f2s.com Andrew Clark ✤ Dates W. 10\textsuperscript{th} Sept & W 3rd Dec.

**Tennis**  What wonderful tennis weather for the start of the summer season. Our coffee morning was great fun and raised £333 towards our much needed resurfaced court. The children's coaching sessions have been hugely popular with schools in the area. We will be providing coaching for older teenagers later this summer.

**Children’s Mini Tennis**  We can accommodate up to 6 mini tennis nets, but the children need more space as they start to play proper games, so we are looking at creating a dedicated area for children's play. The Parish Hall committee have voted for land to be available alongside the Clubhouse. Expenditure could be in 3 phases - levelling and marking of the ground, enclosure walls and a low level roof resulting in a very desirable all weather mini-tennis sport facility. Vine Spragg

**Witheridge Riding Club**  In June we enjoyed a successful day at the British Riding Club Area 12 Horse Trials Qualifier at Bicton Arena.

Our team was 1st in the 80cm class and Connie Isaac was 1st in the Junior 90cm, so qualifying for the National Championships. In the Senior 90cm Caroline Thompson was 2nd, Amelia Green 7th and Dan May 10th. The team came 5th overall. Also placed were Juniors Elsie Payne and Sam Simmons and Senior Rebecca Robins.

The club has members from across North Devon. Many are keen to compete while others enjoy the less competitive activities. See [www.witheridgerc.org.uk](http://www.witheridgerc.org.uk).
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In June our evening trip was to Gardener’s Question Time at Tiverton College and in July we had a quiz which was good fun. The Summer Show was once again a wonderful show of summer colour enjoyed by all. Thank you to all those who take part or who come to support.

**Future Meetings**

**Last Wed in the month**

Witheridge Parish Hall 7:30pm
- Wed Sept 24 Houseplants
- Oct 29 Introduction to Bonsai
- Nov 27 AGM

**Top vase**
1st Joan Troake
2nd Ros Knight

**Top Tray**
1st Cyril Leat
2nd Ivan Leat

**Most points classes**
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- 30-55 Ros Knight
- 42-48 Ros Knight
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Retrace your steps back up the hill and back up the hill to the village.

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Witheridge Trivia by Jim Campbell

One or Two
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Nearly home
As you drive south down the M5, the distance to Witheridge is the same as the distance shown for Exeter.

What’s that Plaque? Have you ever noticed the plaque above the door of Ditchetts in Fore Street?

It’s a ‘Fire Mark’ of the Sun Fire Office (now the Sun Alliance Insurance Ltd). After the Great Fire of London, several companies sprung up to insure people against loss due to fire. Each had its own fire fighting unit and issued the fire marks to identify their companies’ clients. The number on the Mark is the policy number and this one shows that it was issued in 1805. That was the year of the battle of Trafalgar and Ditchetts looks out onto Trafalgar Square. Ah serendipity!

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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](http://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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**Car Boot Sale** Witheridge Parish Hall Last Sunday in October

**Around Devon Websites**

- Where can we go: [www.wherecanwego.com](http://www.wherecanwego.com)
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- Devon in Focus: [www.devoninfocus.co.uk](http://www.devoninfocus.co.uk)
- Netmums: [www.netmums.com](http://www.netmums.com)
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