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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Autumn issue of the Witheridge Voice, and - as always - a very big thank you to our advertisers and contributors.

We have another of Ray Thorne’s tricky Crosswords for you to puzzle over - thanks Ray for keeping us supplied with these.

HELP! Over the last year or so, our Webmaster Ed Eyles has set up and maintained the Witheridge Voice Website, but due to work constraints, he is no longer able to continue with this. Our thanks to Ed for doing this very important job for us.

We are now looking for someone to take over and maintain the website, putting up the quarterly magazines, posters from various organisations and generally looking after it. Ed will give you whatever help you need to get up and running, so if you think you can help, please get in touch with Ed at webmaster@witheridgevoice.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Please keep your articles and photos coming in - my supply is dwindling fast!!

Deadline for the next issue is 4th January 2019

Jill Horwood
Editor

CYCLE TOUR PASSING THROUGH WITHERIDGE

Thanks to Lise Martin for sending in these photos:
A DAY TO MARK TIME

It's been a long time coming and about time too! To mark the occasion "A Grand Opening" with a special guest to officiate the cutting of the ribbon.

But who do you get to come to Witheridge to cut the ribbon of a newsagents that has evolved into a clean, crisp, bigger village store, selling more and more local produce, supporting local people?

Well it just so happens that I heard of someone, known by millions but who rarely makes public appearances, who was going to be holidaying in North Devon. So, Father Christmas agreed to open our humble store.

A bit of history so far. It's been over a year since we started the refurbishment of our premises. In fact our builders started the 2nd week of June 2017. A big thanks to Steve Leach and Mark Couzens (our main contractors). We have a wonderful extension and refurbished shop, some 40% bigger than when we started. What a mammoth task it has been, and a most complicated one too, but Steve just took it in his stride and problem solved as he went along, making brilliant observations and suggestions, many of which we adopted.

We took over the shop from Brian Wheeler on 13th November 2013. After the first year we knew a building project was on the cards, so over the following year plans were drawn up and planning permission was sought. Once granted we had to wait a year for our builders and then over a year later we are at a point where we need to celebrate the work so far. Hence the cutting of the ribbon. Yes there is still more to do but the worst is over, with only a few relatively small major works to finish off and then we will be finished. Slowly slowly catches the worm so they say.
Now we wanted to do something a bit more than cut a ribbon! As the Macmillan coffee morning was coming up and, like many others we have experienced the loss of someone special to cancer, we decided to combine this worthy event with our Grand Opening. So that was that! Manic preparations and many cake donations (Thankyou very much everyone). Oh and not forgetting a special cake made for us to commemorate the day properly, because you can’t have too much cake can you? Well not in Witheridge, as we've found out. It was an amazing day serving coffee and cake in our new area of the shop, with only three tables, beautifully painted by our local artist (Hannah Hawkins). Many cash donations made up a grand total of £337.84 . Well done every one. Included in that total was a raffle. Again thanks to all those who donated prizes including "La Petite Bouchee"

The Macmillan Coffee Day saw the launch of the area we have set aside for teas and coffee and, of course, freshly baked cakes from Mrs B's Pantry. Who knows what else will appear in the near future.

If you have not visited us recently you could be in for a surprise. We have recently been granted our alcohol licence so why not pop in and see if we have your favourite tipple on the shelf.

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The Witheridge Field of Poppies, now has over 5,000 knitted Poppies sewn onto it, Yes, over 5,000, a brilliant response to our Appeal for village people to knit and sew on the poppies, We have been amazed at the support and fellowship that this project has been shown, well done all of you. The resulting field will be displayed in St John the Baptist Church to celebrate the Centenary of the end of the hostilities of World War One.

The display will be up on November the first, and remain up until the end of November, It will be an amazing feature, for our special Remembrance Service, being held on the 11th of November, the Service starts at 10am then proceeds to the War Memorial, outside of the Church, for the laying of the Wreaths, which this year includes one made up of knitted Poppies, a sample from each person’s donation. The wreaths are being laid on behalf of Witheridge People, In Remembrance and Gratitude to those that gave their Today for our Tomorrow.

The children of Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy have also made an assortment of Poppies, including finger knitted poppies, pompom Poppies, and cut out Poppies, they have also knitted and sewn on Poppies on our field, so proud of you all, very well done. Thank you Everyone.

Val Dickinson.

The outside poppy display is being organised by friends of the Church - 2,000 poppies will be fixed to wires running down from the top of the church tower, and it is hoped that the Press and TV will be coming along to record this occasion.

The display will be on the outside of the Church from 1st to 30th November.
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**RETIREMENT**

I was looking at the lovely flowers that my partner had bought for me for my retirement, and thought it is time to throw these away as the leaves are drooping. But then I had another thought and rearranged them, and it inspired me to write this little poem.

Life is like a flower, we flourish then we wilt
Some look good for ages then I guess that’s how we are built
We want to live forever standing tall and proud
But we must realise that this is not allowed
We must make the best of what is left, that is on display today
Rearrange life, cut it back and throw the bad bits away
Look forward to a bright new life whatever it may be
Retirement - oh yes that is definitely for me.

Janice Gale

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Since then we have put on several really brilliant, affordable musical events but the number of people who come from Witheridge is always disappointing - particularly young people. The last show we put on was extraordinary, the band had come from New Orleans and was absolutely fantastic, but the number of people who came to see them from Witheridge could be counted on two hands.

What can we do that would make you want to come out for an evening? Really please tell me spicerclare@gmail.com

Clare Spicer

**Art Group**

The Witheridge Art Group meet Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the parish hall committee room and would love to see anyone who think they would like to draw, paint, or do anything artistic for an hour and a half with friends.

We have a well stocked cupboard so you can try us out without spending on materials, £1.50 per week plus £5 per year membership, payable on 2nd week if you decide it’s for you. We have facilities for disabled. Ring 860564 or 860709, or just come along.

Eileen Curtis.
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Wow! Where does time go, another year nearly gone. For the Monday Club it has been a great year, excellent speakers and our coach trips have proven very popular, with many more joining us, we really are a happy group, and laughter is never far away.

We are now planning next year’s itinerary, and it’s looking good. Our membership has grown, and the dreaded waiting list is back, but we do review it regularly, so if you are a young at heart, recycled teenager, why not join us, details available from Val 860709.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Peaceful New Year.

Looking forward to sharing the New Year with You.

Val Dickinson,
**ST JOHN’S FAYRE**

The date has been set for next year’s Fayre. Please put Saturday 22nd June 2019 in your diaries! After some very good themes were banded about, it has been decided to go for: ‘Flower Power’.

All you revellers and wannabee revellers take note – a great day of entertainment and a band to make us sway all evening is on the agenda. If anyone has any further recommendations and help for the event, please do see us at the next meeting in the Committee Rooms (part of Parish Hall) on Tuesday 6th November at 7.30pm.

We do still have a vacancy for a Chairperson – and any help as committee members, or friends of the committee would be so appreciated. Perhaps you can only help on the day, or the days leading up to the day – any help is gratefully received.

Christmas Tree Lighting will happen on Saturday 1st December. There will be carols in the Church at 5pm followed by the lighting at 5.45pm in the Square, with presents for all primary school children from Father Christmas.

As a fund raiser for the St John’s Fayre, we shall have Ferret Racing from 7-9pm on 9th February 2019. This is a fun family event – with lots of laughs and bit of a flurry. The Fayre has not managed a profit these last couple of years – so our Fund Raisers are so important to keep us going.

Hope to see everyone out for our next events and keep thinking of ways in which we can make our Fair the best there is!

Lise Martin
Across
1. Our clubs meet here
7. To leave out
8. Habitual drunkard
9. Not at all
11. Playing card
12. Trades Union Congress
13. Argue in a boat
14. Out of bed
15. Something known to be true
17. Long period of time.
19. Mineral spring
22. To become
23. Seen in Wiltshire fields
25. Doh ray ..... 
26. Honey
27. British Hen ..... Trust
28. Two or twice

Down
1. A pointed summit
2. To pass a rope through a ring
3. ..... ..... Bowls Club
4. See Mel for this
5. A shiny surface
6. Film: “Dances .... .....”
10. European Community
16. Indian tribe
18. A root of ginger
20. Sectioned off area
21. Capital of Peru
22. Make a curved shape
24. See, behold
25. Motorcycle: ... ... Agusta
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Eileen Haynes 860212

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**WITHERIDGE LADIES’ CLUB**

In **July** our speaker was Liza Oxford-Booth from the Alzheimer’s Society who gave an informative and lively talk on dementia. It certainly gave us food for thought and reminded us that we should show kindness and support to those living with dementia. We were reminded that:

1. Dementia is not a natural part of ageing
2. Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain
3. Dementia is not just about losing your memory – it can affect thinking, communicating and doing everyday tasks
4. It is possible to live well with dementia
5. There is more to a person than the dementia.

In **August** we enjoyed our annual garden party with cream teas and the usual stalls. It was good to be able to sit down and have a good natter after visiting the stalls and making our purchases.

In **September** we welcomed Vanessa Glover who gave an illustrated talk on her rescue in 2012 by the RNLI when her life was saved. We also viewed a video of her harrowing rescue. We made a donation to the Barnstaple branch of the RNLI.

The Ladies’ Club also has a book club and luncheon club. Why not come along to see what we are up to! A warm welcome awaits you.

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LOOKING FORWARD AT THE REST-A-WHILE

After the beautiful summer we have enjoyed we are now well into the autumn which means that the annual festivals of remembrance of those whose lives were taken away in the First and Second World wars and other conflicts are now only weeks away.

A very special effort is being made this year as on 11th November 2018 it is exactly one hundred years since the guns fell silent on the western front to bring that most destructive conflict to an end.

At the Rest-A-While we decided to mark the event by knitting poppies which would be sewn on a banner to be displayed in St John’s Church as part of the village’s tribute to the fallen.

Initially we thought we would like to knit 1000 poppies but such was the enthusiasm of our knitters that this number was soon exceeded and at the last count we were nearing the 5000 figure!

This is a tremendous effort from all concerned; so a huge thank you to everyone who has given so generously of their time to produce such a splendid tribute to those to whom we owe so much.

However, not all of our time has been spent knitting. We continue to be busy from 10.00am to noon six days a week serving teas and coffees, but more especially friendship and companionship, to all our customers both old and new.

One hears so much in the news of people whose lives are blighted by loneliness, often not seeing anyone for days on end. It was to try to ensure that this sad state of affairs should not happen in Witheridge that the Rest-A-While was founded over 25 years ago.

The Rest-A-While exists for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of Witheridge and the surrounding area. If you have not been to see us before, just drop in (there’s no appointment necessary!) when you can be assured of a warm welcome and the best value for money refreshments in Devon!

June Turner
GARDEN CLUB

Witheridge Gardening Club meeting in September were entertained to a lovely evening film show of gardens and flowers. Our guest speaker was Rose Nicholls of Tiverton. She is a member of Tiverton Gardening Club, a keen flower arranger and she and her husband, Tim, have just opened a floristry shop in Bampton Street, Tiverton.

Rose showed us a sequence of photographs of gardens from RHS Wisley, Cothay Manor, Cockington, Poltimore House, Tresco and the Isles of Scilly and finally RHS Rosemoor with the gardens illuminated for Christmas. The photography was delightful and Rose had set all her filming to lovely relaxing music. Everyone was enthralled and you could have heard a pin drop. I am sure many members will wish to visit the local gardens themselves next year and see what treasures we have on our doorstep.

Our next meeting is 31st October, when Nick Oliver of St John’s Nursery, Barnstaple will be talking about “Winter Colour,” and our AGM is on November 28th, 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. Do come and join us. We have a 2 month break and then resume on the last Wednesday of February 2019

Jenny James

Certificate received from the Devon Air Ambulance Trust for the money raised by the Garden Club at their Fund Raising evening in June
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WITHERIDGE IN BLOOM

We have had a busy year planting, resiting containers and creating a new display around the old tree stump on Chapple Corner - this is still work in progress, but is coming together at last. Look out for the crocus in the spring. The weather helped our displays throughout the summer. Autumn/winter planting continues and should be completed soon. Thanks, as always, goes to the team for all their help. Come and join us – we would welcome you with open arms.

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**Autumn – and into Winter, October through to January.**

Not an attractive prospect you may think, but I believe each season has its own special beauty and it’s surprises also! On the face of it this appears to be a period of closing down, and in some cases, like the trees, it is. However there is still plenty going on out there to see. Hedgerows have produced a profusion of fruit this year – hawthorn, blackberry, sloes and the like. Acorns, beech mast and hazel nuts hang heavy from the trees. So Autumn is a vital time of plenty when all manner of creatures will spend their days fattening up for the lean times ahead.

Over millions of years wildlife has developed many strategies to outwit the Winter and its’ austerity. Migration; there are those that leave our shores entirely, usually flying south. The driver is food. Migrants birds like the Cuckoo, Swallow, Swift, House Martin, the Warblers, Hobby and some butterflies like the Clouded Yellow, Painted Lady and some Red Admiral all have to leave because the insects they depend upon, or the nectar and pollen needed to survive have all but disappeared. So they leave to seek lands where their staple foods are available – they’ll be back!

Conversely there are a number of Geese, Duck and wading birds that Winter here just because of the food we have on offer and then all disappear in the Spring to breed up on the high moors, tundra, and the Arctic Circle in order to feed their young on the myriad of biting insects that emerge from the ooze in the Spring.

Then other pollen/nectar dependents do it differently. Many insect adults die off at the end of Summer, but they will have left behind an investment for next Spring. All manner of grubs, chrysalises and eggs have been deposited on the underside of leaves, in cocoons, suspended from foliage, attached to pond plants, left in hive cells, or buried in the soil or leaf litter. Just imagine – billions of them! An amazing array of life all suspended silently, awaiting ‘the off’ in Spring. Of course some Butterflies do hibernate as adults, like some of the Red Admiral population, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma, Brimstone and Peacock. If you find one, please don’t disturb! But most of our Butterflies hibernate as eggs, caterpillars or chrysalises.

Some of our mammals hibernate. The period will vary between species and all will be weather-dependant. If it’s cold earlier they will go into torpor sooner, if it improves and is mild, they will wake up and feed.

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As many of you may already know, a new family has taken over Thelbridge Cross Inn. We've given the front a bit of a re-vamp, which we feel is light and fresh yet also very welcoming.

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Our breeding population of Bats, about 17 species all hibernate, generally from October to late March, varying by species. The Dormouse hibernates from October to April & Hedgehog will hide away for much the same period. The Badger doesn’t hibernate but will become quite inactive from mid-December to mid February, living off fat reserves laid down in the Autumn. During hibernation, their bodies cool, their heartbeats reduce, other organs slow down & they live off stored fat. There are of course many other mammals in Britain, they remain active all Winter, but they, too, will have fattened up in Autumn, enabling them, during really bitter or wet weather, to hide away & sleep it out.

In Britain all our reptiles & amphibians hibernate. That is Adders, Grass & Smooth Snakes, Slow –worm, Frogs, Toads, Newts & Lizards. They disappear into a wide range of places, under stones, log piles, underground, in compost heaps, a frog can hibernate in the muddy ooze at the bottom of the garden pond because it can absorb oxygen through its skin.

So far we’ve only talked about the ones that disappear, either migrate or hibernate. But all our resident mammal & bird species that stay with us for the Winter manage to survive on the food that is still available. Many of them are omnivorous & can live on a variety of nuts, berries & invertebrates. We help by putting food & water out for the birds, & at night these are often visited by others! Some like the Jay & Grey Squirrel will cache food to recover during the bad times. Bear in mind also that the birds will have moulted all their feathers during that August quiet time, & the mammals will have grown thicker pelts to withstand the cold weather.

And what do we do? We dig out the sweaters, fleeces, thermals & heavy boots. We eat roasts more frequently & enjoy stew & dumplings. During the shorter daylight hours we are invigorated by a walk in an Autumn gale or along a wild seashore, or captivated by that special quiet of Autumn days among trees that have a beauty beyond description. A time to gather round a lovely fire & plan your family Christmas. And the Spring that will surely follow.

There is always something to look forward to............

Tim Smith
ADVOCATES

During my summer break I read a book about an innocent person going to prison, in a foreign country, for a crime she did not commit and how she fought to clear her name, which got me thinking about the need for advocates in our lives. This lady had an advocate working quietly in the background and who did manage to get sufficient and compelling evidence to convict the actual criminals.

When a person is facing court proceedings an advocate, in the form of a solicitor and / or a barrister, is assigned to the accused to support and journey alongside. This has long been a principle of our judicial system in this country.

It has become necessary over the last decade or so to have an advocate when attending or for stays in hospital. When unwell we need someone else to fight for us. This is particularly so when dealing with residential care and nursing homes, where the resident may not have the mental capacity to get what they need.

On one occasion when Sue’s mother was taken to hospital, by ambulance, the crew stayed with her until they handed her over to medical staff, to ensure her needs were met such as the toilet and food, and not just left in a corridor on her own to wait attention. On other occasions Sue would need to request a sandwich and drink in the long wait to be admitted to a ward.

During our lives there will be times when we are vulnerable and lack capacity and we will need a supportive advocate to walk in our shoes and make important decisions on our behalf. Family may or may not be in a position to step in. We may need to rely on friends or even strangers.

I know many people in this village support neighbours with the little courtesies of life, such as shopping, walking the dog etc., to the bigger tasks of hospital visiting and being aware of what is going on around them and taking appropriate action when necessary, which might involve a conversation with a member of staff or providing extra resources.

Street Pastors are deployed across our towns and cities at weekends, and we come across individuals who need assistance and, on occasions, we have become their advocate until either they receive medical intervention, are reunited with family or friends or are able to function without our help.

Jesus said that we need to love God with all our hearts, minds and souls and to love our neighbour as ourself. Being an advocate for someone else is demonstrating our love for them. You may like to think of some occasions when you have been an advocate and also when you have received advocacy.

Adrian Wells
Events at The Chapel

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St John the Baptist Parish Church

**Morning Worship and Communion Services start at 9:30am**

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Last month the Knights held a charity clay shoot at Eastway Clay Shoot, on the outskirts of the village. We raised over £600 and would like to thank the organisers for all their help. We will hold this event once a year; if you shoot or would like to give it a go, look out for the adverts next September.

Reminders of forthcoming events:
Quiz and Pudding Night, Saturday 24th November, 7.30pm. Always a popular night so come and enjoy yourselves.

Following the success of our first Panto last year we are returning with a production of Cinderella. If you would like to be involved and join in with the fun please contact us. Rehearsals are on 22nd and 29th November, Panto is on 1st December. Tickets will be available for sale at the Newsagents, Post Office, The Mitre and Two Moors Café.

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HISTORY MAKER JOHN ROBERTS REMEMBERED

A memorial cross for Great War record-breaker John Roberts was dedicated in a moving ceremony at Witheridge on Thursday 4th October 2018.

John, who worked as an agricultural labourer for more than 70 years, had 30 grandsons serving in the Army and Navy between 1914 and 1918, seven of whom never made it home. It is believed he had more grandsons on active service than anyone else in Devon, and probably in Great Britain.

The oak cross was dedicated by Witheridge Vicar Adrian Wells at the churchyard. More than 20 people, including direct descendants of John Roberts attended the ceremony.

Among them were two nieces and two nephews of Albert Roberts, of Witheridge, the youngest of the grandsons to die in the war. He was 19 when he died from wounds sustained in the Battle of Loos on October 3, 1915 – 103 years and one day before the dedication of the cross.

The nieces included 95-year-old Ivy Bucknell, of South Molton whose father – Albert’s eldest brother, Frank – survived being shot in the head in Palestine in 1917. Also attending was Michael Roberts, the son of Archie Roberts of Thorverton who, as a private in the 13th Hussars, took part in two of the greatest charges of the Great War.

Ivy and Michael placed a special meadow flower wreath at the base of the cross, and all those at the dedication put flowers around it.
A tribute was paid to John Roberts by his great-great grandson Paul Roberts, who has written a book, *History Maker*, about John and his grandsons who went to war.

Paul said: ‘He was a proud man as 30 of his grandsons signed-up to fight for King and country. They served in France and Flanders, in Italy, Gallipoli, Egypt, Palestine and Mesopotamia. But the war took a terrible toll on John and his family. Three of his grandsons were killed in action on the battlefields of the Western Front. Three died from wounds sustained in battles in France and Flanders. One died from heart disease while serving in Mesopotamia. ‘The tragic losses endured by John and his family were among the worst suffered in Great Britain. Their selfless contribution to the war effort was nothing short of remarkable.’

In dedicating the cross, Rev Wells said: ‘We dedicate this memorial cross to John Roberts in the name of Christ, as a symbol of our remembering, a sign of our thanksgiving, a token of our recognition, and an expression of our love. We look back with gratitude for John’s life and that of his descendants.’

The ceremony was followed by a buffet get-together at The Mitre Inn, in Witheridge Square.

The cross was made by Bow-based carpenter David Down and provided by F J Stevens and Son, the Crediton-based monumental masons. The wreath and flowers were provided by Divine Flowers of Crediton.

Copies of Paul’s book “History Maker” are still available, price £9.99, with all monies going to the Devon Air Ambulance Trust and Devon Freewheelers.

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*John Harris.*  
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New ringers always welcome, we meet in the belfry at 8.30 am on Sunday mornings.

**WITHERIDGE GOLF SOCIETY**

Good golfing weather greeted the players for the Autumn Trophy at Waterbridge on the 5th September and resulted in a win for the team of South Molton players John Avens, Colin Gunn and Tony Harris. The Ken Leneveu memorial wooden spoon trophy was awarded to his former teammates, Witheridge golfers Greg Henderson and Dave Owen with Brian Burgess.

The next meeting will be held at Waterbridge for the Christmas Trophy on Wednesday the 5th December.

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We have had a busy half term so far & lots more to look forward to. We have had visits from our local children’s centre offering advice & activities for our little ones and we have been able to open up a second parent led toddler session held on a Friday afternoon at the Sports Club (details below).

Coming up we are looking forward to a bacon butty morning for the adults whilst the little ones have their healthy snack! South Molton Mobile Library will be visiting to host a bounce & rhyme session & we hope to arrange a much needed pamper session for the grown ups. Also, the children’s Christmas party which we are delighted to announce that we have a guest of honour visiting along with a snow globe to wear the children out. We also have our annual adults Christmas social planned too - woohoo!

Bumps & Beyond is a parent led group for parents & carers of children under 5, we also welcome expectant mums/dads.
Please join our Facebook group to keep up to date with local events, you can find us listed as ‘Witheridge Parent and Toddler Group’

We meet at the Parish Hall every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am and The Sports Club Fridays 2-3.30pm. £1.50 per family per session to include a healthy snack & drink for the little ones plus a hot drink & something yummy for the grown ups.

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**WITHERIDGE ROCKS YOUTH CLUB**

It’s busy at the Youth Club this term. We started with our usual games, table football, pool and table tennis and have made soap for our craft so far. There are also lots of other activities to be involved with. We take part in a five-a-side football league once a month; “Going Deeper” a group for year 6 and up to explore faith together once a month with games and food; inter-youth club nights as well as a bonfire evening and trips to United Generation in Barnstaple.

We are also excited to announce the start of a new group called “Curious?” in Witheridge for year 9 and upwards. We are meeting on a Sunday afternoon from 4-6pm in the Upper Room at the Methodist Church. This is quieter than Youth Club and is a chance to discuss and ask questions about pretty much anything. There will be films, food and other activities. Meeting for the first time on 14th October, then 11th November.

We continue to meet for Youth Club for year 6 and up on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the Church Rooms in Witheridge from 7-8.30pm. The dates for the rest of this year are 11th & 25th Oct; 8th & 22nd Nov, 13th Dec. Entry £1. Tuck to buy.

For more information ask Andrea at the newsagents or Heather on 860744 or see our facebook page.

**FILM NIGHT**

We showed Warhorse on 13th October, a successful evening, but we could do with more people! First prize in the raffle was this lovely cake made and decorated by Paul Clarke - the picture on the top was given by Clare Roberts. Margery Vanstone was the lucky winner, and had the cake cut up so everybody had a slice in the interval. Thanks Margery!

We will be showing Mama Mia 2 in January as a pick-me-up during the January blues!!

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We have enjoyed a fantastic, if very busy, first half term back after the summer break. This term our topic is ‘Lest We Forget’, as November 11th will mark 100 years since the end of the First World War. The children in Key Stage 2 have been learning all about the impact of the war and are looking forward to visiting Tiverton Museum in the coming days to find out even more. After half term, we will be hosting a Remembrance tea party at the school, where we will be sharing some of our work and honouring those who have fought / are still fighting in wars around the world.

**Farm School**

I am really pleased to announce that throughout the academic year we are going to be working in partnership with Essebeare Farm. The farm are very eager to do some educational outreach work and we feel this presents us with a fantastic opportunity to help our children learn more about farming in the local area. Each child in Years 1 - 6 will have the opportunity to visit the farm, in a small group with a member of school staff, once per term and take part in 'Farm School' activities. Reception children will also visit the farm during Spring term and will hopefully have the opportunity to meet some baby lambs!

**Apple Day**

Apple Day On Friday, we held our annual 'Apple Day', where the children got to spend the morning in three mixed age group teams taking part in a variety of apple-themed activities including, apple printing, apple crumble making and a fun apple themed quiz!. Each team planned and made their own apple crumble beforehand, adding extra ingredients voted on by their teammates. After lunch, we invited 3 special guests into the hall to judge which team had made the best crumble - congratulations to the 'Pipsters' team who won with a delicious apple, allspice and toffee creation!

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Thankfulness
This half term, we have been learning all about our school value ‘Thankfulness’. We have been thinking about all the reasons that we have to be thankful and also remembering those who are not as lucky as we are. Thankfulness links very nicely with Harvest and before half term we will be holding our Harvest Festival Service at the church and collecting food for South Molton Foodbank.

Daily Mile
This half term, we have launched a new lunch time initiative to help our pupils adopt more healthy and active lifestyles. We have signed up to The Daily Mile and we are providing the opportunity - weather permitting - for children to run or walk a mile in school during their lunch break. Initially, we will be aiming to run 2 days a week, on a Tuesday and a Thursday. All children need to be able to take part is a pair of trainers. On Tuesday we had over 65 of our 72 children taking part, with many opting to run further than the mile!

Pre-school
In Class 1 and at the Pre-school, children and staff have been making the most of their brand new, fantastic, shared outdoor area at the back of Class 1. A huge thank you to anyone from the local community who put their tokens in the Tescos Bags of Help appeal in the Tiverton store, as this helped to raise the money needed for the ground works. The work completed has enabled Class 1 and the pre-school to work even more closely together following the creation of our school Foundation Stage Unit.

As always, if you would like any more information about any of the things we do here at Witheridge Primary Academy or have any ideas you would like to discuss, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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EAST WORLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following the amazing success of applications to grants for our garden project, we have been able to get funding for both phases 1 and 2 of the project. Phase 1 entails making the current garden into a multifunctional and sensory area, with raised beds, all weather paths, seating and planting areas. Phase 2 involves an outdoor classroom which will be used all year round for lessons outdoors and for outdoor education.

A massive thank you to everyone who voted for us in the Calor fund application, as we were winners we received £5,000 from them. We have also received £10,000 from the National Lottery in recognition of how the space can and will be used by the whole community: from our 'Out of School Club;' to a holiday club, and other community groups. Thank you, also, for the funding of £500 from the Knights of Witheridge for the role play area, which is a much requested addition to our plans by the children. Finally, thank you to the parents, PTFA and children who have undertaken sponsored events and raised an additional £2,000. We will keep you updated with progress as this comes along.

Last term, we finished the term with an amazing Volunteers tea party to say thank you to all of the wonderful people who contribute so much towards enriching the children's education. We also had a fabulous production of 'The Wind in the Willows' with our year 5's all taking large roles and entrancing the audience with this captivating story.

This term we have already had a Teddy Bears Picnic for the Acorns, a great starting point for the Grand Teddy Bear Auction which is on the 2nd of November at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, all are welcome.

The Oaks went to Chulmleigh Community College to be part of the royal visit and opening by The Duke of Gloucester. The Oaks are also looking forward to their residential to Hooke Court for a Saxon immersion experience. The children will take part in activities as if they were living a Saxon life. Finally, at Christmas we are looking forward to a fully funded trip to see Peter Pan at the Queens Theatre, thank you to the PTFA for this.

We are pleased to announce that we are now running a before and after school club for the children of the school from 8-8.50 and 3.30-6.00. This has proved to be a very popular 'Out of School Activity Club' this term and is thriving, with numbers growing every day. We also have on offer to the children different clubs during the week, including gymnastics, CMAC (Chulmleigh Music Academy and Choir), Football and Arrow tag to mention a few.

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We would like to say goodbye and good luck to Lindsey Hartrey, Andrea Galea and Suzie Edwards who are all staff leaving the school to pursue new adventures, also to Barbara Edwards who has retired from CAT Preschools. Thank you everyone for your tireless hard work over the years.

We warmly welcome Tracey Dodd, who is part of a job share in Oaks, Heather Pinn who will be covering PPA and non contact and Angie Lunn who is running the 'Out of School Activity Club'.

Suzie Pinn  
Head of School  
East Worlington Primary School

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East Worlington Preschool was rated GOOD in ALL areas during our July Ofsted inspection. Everyone involved is incredibly happy and proud of this result and the inspection report can be found on the Ofsted website.

We were very excited to welcome back the preschool children this September with a freshly painted book corner and some classroom pets- African land snails. We have been learning all about what they like to eat and preparing their fresh food every day.

This half term we have transformed the role play into goldilocks and the three bears where the children can make porridge and go on many bear hunts in the garden.

Our sessions currently run all day Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am – 3.30pm with availability on each of these sessions.

For further information about the preschool call Lydia Roberts on 01884 861722 or email LRoberts@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk. Information can also be found on the Chulmleigh Academy website, Or search for East Worlington primary school on Facebook.

On Tuesday afternoons the toddler group meet in the PFSU classroom from 2pm-3.30pm with self-weighing for babies, a lovely safe area for your children to explore with an undercover outdoor area. The toddler parents provide a welcoming and proactive environment for you and your children to come along for a chat, cuppa and cake!

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WITHERIDGE TENNIS CLUB

The season is drawing to a close and we held our final Open Tournament of the year in September. We were fortunate with the weather and we had a good turnout again with some new members taking part – another fun day for members and non-members. The members are a hardy lot and most continue to play tennis right through the year making good use of the court and facilities. Once the clocks change at the end of the month, those wishing to use the court – members and non-members alike – should bear in mind that with the shorter daylight hours it can put more pressure on the availability of the court so be sure to book in well in advance.

The Club will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 20th November at 7.00pm, at The Mitre Inn, and any new initiatives will be implemented in the new season, which begins in April. We are trying to increase members’ awareness of our affiliation to the LTA and the benefits everyone can receive by becoming a member of British Tennis, not least being eligible for the Wimbledon Ballot.

Coaching will continue throughout the winter, weather permitting, with a break over Christmas and New Year. Details can be found on our website: www.witheridgetennisclub.com

Sarah Vertigan
sarahvertigan@aol.com

Finalists of the September open tournament are left to right: Carrie Osman, Sarah Vertigan, Vine Spragg (outgoing chairman), To Harker and Joseph Court. To and Joseph won in the final with Carrie and Sarah being runners up.
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**TUESDAY CHARITY BINGO AT THE REST A WHILE CENTRE.**

The Bingo is thriving - we do not always make a lot of money, but that is not the aim, it is to hopefully give people a good evening out with a cup of tea half way through. The monies donated to charity’s this year is as follows, Air Ambulance £50.00, People 4 Ponies £50.00, North Devon Hospice £50.00 and Blue Cross £50.00.

The last donation has been to the Guide Dogs for the Blind, whom we have sponsored for 2 years with the sponsorship being £110 00. Our puppy is called Daisy and she is a Labrador cross Golden Retriever, just a few weeks old, it will be very interesting to watch her progress as we will get regular updates.

Thank you to everybody for their support.

Marion Crane. 01884 860530.

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**CHARITY BINGO**

Dates for your diary:
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- November 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>
- December 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Bingo
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After many years of membership I left, due to moving house, but my interest continued, including five visits to Sioux Reservations in South Dakota. In the process, I met/resided with traditional medicine men and tribal council officials. In recent years I have visited several First Nation Reserves in Canada. Once interested in Native Americans - always interested in Native Americans!

**FACT**

In 1980, the United States Court of Claim, in the Black Hills Claims Settlement Case, admitted that the Black Hills were illegally taken from the Sioux. In July 1980, the various Sioux Tribes were awarded 105 million dollars, but as they still want the land returned to them, the money has been left untouched. By 2010 the untouched money had accumulated to 1.3 billion dollars. The US Government is still trying to persuade the Sioux to use the money, which would mean the end of their land claim.

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We had a fantastic last grading with a phenomenal three A passes and two B passes! Congratulations to everyone who achieved their new belts: blue belt for Millie Phelan and Jess Curtis; blue stripe for Rob Curtis, Angie Lunn, Nicola Perera, Lily Perera and Harry Shere; yellow belt for Kieran Crump and Jenny de Rochefort; yellow stripe for Rory Pratt, Jamie Curtis, Joshua Clark and Max Le Mezec. A passes were awarded to Kieran Crump, Jenny de Rochefort and Joshua Clark and B passes for Harry Shere and Lily Perera, with the overall grading award going to Kieran Crump. Edward Whitwell and Jake Curtis also passed their first black belt star award congratulations to you both. Good luck to everyone competing at the Southern Championships in Paignton and the British Championships in Birmingham! Hopefully we will have some fantastic competitions. Our intrepid team are also preparing for Mission Unbreakable raising funds for North Devon Hospice- if you can spare any money at all please donate to this fantastic cause at https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/WitheridgeTKD. There should be muddy exhausted photos for the next issue!
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Sun 12.00 - 7.00 pm

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ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS
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Greg Henderson

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Greg Henderson

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Greg Henderson
Since the last issue Witheridge YFC have had a good summer and lots of exciting events coming round. In July we had members doing entries for the Mid Devon Show where our Group holds their annual rally. With 22 members taking part in individual all classes from cookery, flower arranging, arts and craft. We also had club entries to do, with everyone putting lots of time and effort into everything we had some great results. The cubicle theme this year was ‘Magic and Mystery’ which came 1st. Our decorated rose arch came 2nd. Planted planter came 2nd. A board to celebrate 25 years of Mid Devon Show came 2nd. Our scrapbook came 3rd, and the pimp my bench which we made to look like a cow came 2nd. Overall points we came 2nd. Emma Gillbard won the senior girl trophy.

On Wednesday 15th August we held a Summer Pudding and Quiz Night in Witheridge Sports Club. Russell Gillbard was our quiz master and wrote a brilliant quiz. With 16 teams there it was good to see so many enjoying the evening and also the puddings our members made for the night. Our profit from the night was nearly £400, thank you to everyone who came and supported us!

This year is our 85th Anniversary of Witheridge YFC, to celebrate this we decided to hold a Dinner and Dance at Waie Inn which was on Friday 7th September. With 150 people there, past members, advisory and associates, it was a brilliant evening. Everyone looked very smart with the dress code being Black Tie. The Waie Inn did a lovely three course meal and the function room was well decorated. Our guest speaker was Colin Smallacombe from Farming Community Network. Over the year we have been raising money from various events for FCN so we were very pleased to be able to present a cheque for £1172.70. We had HnR discos for the music which, of course, did a good disco as usual.

Next on the calendar was our Annual General Meeting which was held on Tuesday 18th September at Black Dog Hall. Kit James our President took the meeting and a lot was discussed. Of course the officer elections for the forthcoming year happened. Abi was voted in to remain as chairman and Hannah to remain as secretary, Luke Bradford is our new treasurer.

Coming up next is our New Members Pumpkin Carving evening at Thelbridge Hall on Tuesday 30th October, 7.30pm – 9pm. We welcome any members between 10-26 years old so please come along and see what YFC is all about.

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WITHERIDGE AFC UPDATE

Unfortunately not much of a report this time due to losing the 1st team and the other 2 teams only a month into the season.

1st Team
After finishing bottom last season and being relegated and then reinstated to the Premier Division, it became very apparent that after struggling for the previous two seasons to recruit players on a very small budget, it was time to make a difficult decision. It was decided that for the future benefit of the club to withdraw the 1st team from the Peninsula League with immediate effect and disband the team.

It was not an easy decision as many people have put a lot of time and effort into maintaining a 1st team and for that we can only be hugely appreciative but it’s now time to focus on the 2nds and 3rds.

2nd Team
The 2nds are currently mid table having played 7, won 3 and lost 4, but some games could have gone completely the other way so when the next report comes out it could be a different story.

3rd Team
After 4 games the 3rds are 4th in the table with won 2, drew 2 so a confident start to the season.

We are now down to two teams but plans are being made to strengthen the club again so any support would be hugely grateful as I’m sure both teams would love the extra support - watch this space as it could be interesting times ahead.

Paul Rich
There is no news bulletin from the Parish Council for this issue. Apparently, they have it on good authority “That no-one reads it.” I would disagree with this as I know that a great many of you read the magazine from cover to cover, including the Parish Council News bulletins.

If you would like to this bulletin reinstated, please let me know, and I will pass your comments onto the Parish Councillors.

I feel it is important to let the whole of our village know what is happening - ie: is the Toilet Block fully functional yet? What is happening re the new housing development? Highway maintenance, etc.

Ring me, or email me - or stop me in the street - and let me have your comments.

Jill Horwood
Editor
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Agendas (with planning applications for consideration) are published at least three days in advance on the council web site at www.witheridgepc.org together with minutes of all meetings.

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