



**Slow internet connection?** - At the Parish Council meeting on 15 May Chair Allan Scott proposed a new initiative to help Hitcham residents who still struggle to achieve usable internet connection speeds. He is in discussion with a possible provider – but needs your input. If internet access is a problem for you, please contact Allan on [allan@wordfoundry.co.uk](mailto:allan@wordfoundry.co.uk) (if you can!) with your name, address, and phone number.



**Healthwatch Suffolk** finds out what local people think about NHS and social care services and has powers to influence, shape and improve them for the future. It is putting feet in focus this month with the launch of its latest research report, which is about the experiences of diabetic patients in Suffolk

It found that 32% of its respondents are not always told about their risk of developing complications. This is an important finding because some people with diabetes develop foot ulcers or infections - one of the leading causes of amputation in the UK. Visit [www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk) for more information, call 01449 703949 or email [info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchesuffolk.co.uk).

***News from the Shop - Hitcham Post Office and Stores - 01449 740224***

Pop-up Café, from June. Intermittently, when the weather is good! *Does Hitcham need a café?*

***Testing! Watch for the sign.***

Do you have surplus fruit or vegetables from your own garden? *We are keen to sell good quality local produce.* Can we order for you? - *Palmer's Bread and Cakes - daily*  
*Local fruit and veg - daily Suffolk/Norfolk meat, - weekly*  
*Rosemary's cakes*

Any demand for weekly vegetable boxes or local deliveries on Saturday morning?

A click and collect website?

Suma healthfoods?

*Any other ideas let us know!*

*Use it regularly? We can get it for you*

***NEEDED - PLANTS TO SELL!*** - *Pauline will be very grateful to receive plants to sell on June 17th. Please phone her on 740720.*

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# HITCHAM



## NEWS

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*June 2017*

### THE VILLAGE HALL

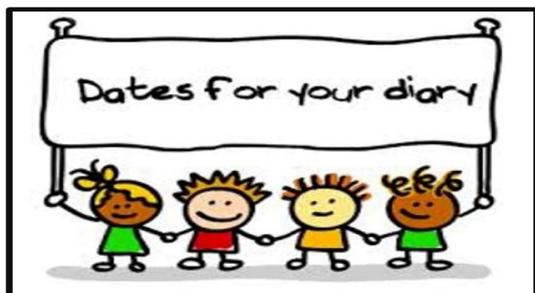
The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

For many years the Hall Trust has benefited from a hardworking and dedicated management committee. Many major improvements have been accomplished; including the fitting of a new kitchen, the installation of stage lighting, and the reorganisation of the bar area, not to mention the various repairs. In order for this to happen many fund raising events have been organised such as fetes, themed evenings and Christmas lunches. As well as providing funds they were put on for the people of Hitcham to enjoy.

The retiring committee members were thanked for all their time and effort. New officers were elected. The Hall Trust cannot operate without a chairman so Ruth Crocket agreed to take on this role on for the coming year. Jim Morgan is the new Treasurer and Dawn Murton Cadby the new Secretary. Janet Watson has agreed to continue as the hall's booking secretary, for which we are very grateful.

The monthly Pub Nights and Saturday Coffee mornings will continue, as will the two monthly Bingo evenings.

Hitcham has a Hall to be proud of, so please support the new team as they take over its management.



## JUNE

- Tues. 6<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 pm Village Hall Meeting.  
**Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup>** General Election. Voting in the Hall.  
**Tues. 13<sup>th</sup>** After Sevens. Trailer Ride and Tour at Hollow Trees.  
**Fri. 16<sup>th</sup>** 7pm. Pub Night in in the Hall.  
**Sat. 17<sup>th</sup>** 10.00 am until 2.30 pm Plant Sale and Refreshments at Causeway Ho. Farm. ( In place of the Sat. Coffee Morning in the Hall.)  
**Tues. 27<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 pm. After Sevens. Suffolk Cheeses.

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A  
COFFEE MORNING & OPEN GARDEN  
AT CAUSEWAY HOUSE FARM  
SAT. 17 TH JUNE. 10 am - 2.30 pm.  
COFFEE AND SCONES £2 .50  
PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH £5.00  
Plants, cakes, raffle!**

## JULY

- Mon. 10<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 pm. Parish Council Meeting.  
**Tues. 18<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 Bingo in the Hall.  
**Fri. 21<sup>st</sup>** Pub Night in the hall.  
**Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 10. 00 – 11.30 pm Coffee Morning in the Hall.  
**Tues 25<sup>th</sup>**. 7.30 pm. After Sevens  
Understanding Your Dog's Behaviour.  
**Sat. 29<sup>th</sup>** 1pm – evening. Garden Open at Meadowcroft: Meet and Greet afternoon with a BBQ. By kind invitation of Paul and Doreen.

## AUGUST

- No Friday Pub Night or Saturday Coffee Morning in August.**  
**Sat. 19<sup>th</sup>** Produce Show in the hall. See enclosed schedule.  
**Mon.28<sup>th</sup>**. Village Walk with brunch in the hall.

## *Hitcham and Darwin's Theory of Evolution*

Through a past Rector of Hitcham, John Stevens Henslow, and later Hitcham's schoolchildren, the village played its part in the Theory of Evolution. This is just one chapter in the history of our parish church; a beautiful medieval building. Knocked about a bit by Cromwell's men but never 'got at' by the Victorians, it also contains important architectural features. A huge building for the size of the village it is particularly special for the sense of light, its hammer beam roof, painted screen and wood carvings.

The Friends of Hitcham Church was set up 20 years ago to fund raise for major repairs and improvements. This April a new committee was elected so that the Friends can start fundraising again for three new projects: repairs to the roof and stonework, the restoration of the bells and the installation of toilet and washing up facilities. The latter will enable the church to hold concerts and exhibitions to make the building more sustainable.

The committee appreciates the fundraising pressure the village already has so will be applying for grants. To do this effectively the Friends of Hitcham Church needs to show it is well supported through its membership. As part of a recruitment drive later in the year there will be a talk on the church's history and a chance to have a go at hand bell ringing. To find out more about membership or to get put on the mailing list please contact Nicola Currie on 01449 741265.

## **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon Meet and greet BBQ**

### **Meadowcroft, The Causeway**

(Home of Doreen Neun and Paul Southcott).  
A chance to meet friends and make new ones.

If you are new to the village you will be especially welcome. Just come for some fun and a natter and hopefully you will want to stay for an early evening BBQ for which tickets will be available in advance. Full details will be circulated nearer the date.

*Please send items for our next edition to  
[news@hitchamsuffolk.org.uk](mailto:news@hitchamsuffolk.org.uk) by 23<sup>rd</sup> August*