



HITCHAM VILLAGE HALL

We welcome Jane Banks to the Management Committee. She has kindly taken on the job as Booking Secretary. Janet Watson has undertaken the role for eight years or more, and is now grateful to have someone who can take over.

We thank Janet for all her hard work. She served on the committee for many years and then continued being Booking Secretary after she retired. Jane can be contacted on banksjane13@yahoo.com

We now have a good team of officers but new members would be very welcome to help us with fundraising and the organisation of events for the village. It would be good to have someone who could help with minor repairs.

Our next Meeting is on Tues. 12th Sept.

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

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Now available from our new Ezee Copy photocopier! A4 or smaller, 20p colour or 10p B&W. You can print directly from your phone or tablet.

Local maincrop potatoes available by the sack - specify your preferred variety.

Christmas Raffle starting shortly

HITCHAM



NEWS

September 2017

What's all the fuss about speeding in Hitcham?

We've been hearing some interesting feedback from our Speedwatch volunteers.

One walker thanked them for being there, saying she took her life in her hands every time she walked along the road near The Ranch. She has reason to worry. A recent study revealed rural roads like ours are the most dangerous in the country – witness the recent tragic accident near Luckey's Corner.

Years of cutbacks have left our police force stretched to the limit, meaning they often can't spare the resources for enforcement. Our police-trained volunteers are ensuring that people who drive through the village at 60mph or more (and they do) don't *always* get away with it.

One person complained the team were 'in his way' and asked why they couldn't work somewhere else. For the record, the two police-approved locations are in designated areas at the Village Hall and at The Ranch – places where our volunteers can themselves be safe while they do a difficult job.

Next step? As soon as the new support posts are installed (and yes, we're still waiting) we'll be ordering that long-awaited speed indicator sign...

In the meantime we're delighted that our team has been given a Community Award by the High Sheriff of Suffolk. Thanks to them, and to co-ordinator Paul Marshall, for their contribution to our community – just what so many of you have asked for.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

- 5 7.30pm After Sevens: *A Turkish Shirley Valentine*
- 9 All Saints' Church: Gift Day and sponsored bike ride
- 12 2.00 pm Keep Fit Sessions begin in the Hall
7.30 pm Village Hall Meeting
- 15 7.30 pm Pub Night in the Hall
- 16 10.00-11.30am Coffee Morning in the Hall
- 19 7.30pm After Sevens: Larf Your Head Off.
- 26 7.30pm Bingo in the Hall

October

- 1 3.00pm All Saints' Church Harvest Festival.
- 3 After Sevens: *Grease* at the Regent
- 17 7.30pm After Sevens: Chocolate Lady Theatre
- 20 7.30pm Pub Night in the Hall
- 21 10.00-11.30am Coffee Morning in the Hall
- 28-29 Craft Fayre in the Hall
- 31 7.30pm After Sevens: Fashion Show by Style@Stow – all welcome

November

- 7 7.30pm Village Hall Meeting
- 14 7.30pm After Sevens: A Life in Textiles
- 17 7.30pm Pub Night in the Hall
- 18 10.00-11.30am Coffee Morning in the Hall
- 18 7.00pm Parish Church: The History of All Saints' Church and its Bells
- 19 Songs of Praise in the Village Hall with the Free Church and the Parish Church
- 21 7.30pm Bingo in the Hall
- 28 7.30pm After Sevens: Decorating a Christmas Cake

December

- 2 Church Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall
- 9 Jubilee Ladies' Concert in All Saints' Church
- 10 Salvation Army in the Hall with Christmas Lunch or Tea (to be decided)

Please send items for our next edition to news@hitchamsuffolk.org.uk by 24 November

HITCHAM VILLAGE HALL HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 30th September, 7.00 for 7.30pm

**Two-course supper with entertainment
Licensed bar and raffle**

*Tickets: Adult £10.00, Child (under 12) £5.00
from Hitcham Post Office or any committee
member: first come first served!*

01449 740224

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 1st October at 3.00 pm

Everyone is very welcome to join us. Come and sing the traditional harvest hymns and stay for a cup of tea.

We will be collecting items for the Stowmarket Foodbank once again. They need tins and packets of food please. These can be brought to the service or left in the church if you are unable to come.

ALL SAINTS HITCHAM F R I E N D S

Saturday 18 November at 7pm

Find out how Hitcham schoolchildren helped Charles Darwin and much more of the history of Hitcham church and Henslow, its former rector. Why is our church so large and how come a remote rural village church has a special C15th painted rood screen and magnificent double hammer beam roof? The bells date from 1697 – what is their history? Have a go at hand bell ringing and learn about the science of church bell music.

Edward Martin and Dave Ward will provide a compelling evening in the church starting at 7pm. Note the date in your diary! Contact Nicola Currie on 01449 741265 for more information