

## Witnesham/Swilland/Ashbocking Parish Meeting 2018

There have been several matters of historical interest crop up during the past year to add to the stories that have been literally dug up in the past few years.

1. The Cable – EDF have dug up 57 miles of Suffolk employing over 100 archaeologists. I'm not sure it is actually in our parish but I have attended one of their open days and recorded what they found on the bit that runs alongside the golf course – I think it nibbles the edge of our parish and in any case it has impacted on us all one way or another. Some of us even had people scouring our properties for rare critters like great crested newts and such before they started to dig.
2. A few months ago a friend phoned me on behalf of Don Chambers who was a carpenter at the saw mill for Titchmarsh and Goodwyns. He has a super collection of old photographs which should be saved and a store of stories about the way a craftsman used to do things.
3. One hundred years ago parliament gave the vote to most men and a few women. We had a very well known Suffragette here in Witnesham, Hortense Lane. I have been researching her dramatic story.  
If anybody has any early photographs of Cowslip Farm or Hortense I would be very grateful. I know there is one in existence of the Cowslip Farm Wagon in use as a platform for Emmaline Pankhurst but I can't find it.
4. Jerry Hindle wrote about the ancient Tracks and Byways of our villages in 1979. We have updated the piece together and it makes an interesting record which goes back several hundred years.
5. Buckthorns. I have the record of one of the 15<sup>th</sup> century cottages in the villages and the people who have lived there researched by Keith Jillings. It illustrates the story of many other dwellings that have been loved and preserved by our residents, not all of which are listed buildings.