

Witnesham Village Recorder Report by Erica Burrows

2026

April 2025 Ann Judd died

Ann ran the village shop and was the postmistress for many years. When younger, she would deliver the post at busy times or when the permanent postman, Buster, was on holiday. The post was sorted in the village and Buster would take it out on his bike. Sadly the post office closed in the 1990s.

June 2025 Granville Havard died.

Mr Havard was one of two brothers, who with their father, bought Manor Farm in the 1950s. They worked with their Suffolk Punches up until the 1970s and were the last farm in Suffolk to work with horses.

Summer 2025 The new estate of 37 houses called Wittens Meadow is now fully occupied.

Planning permission has been given for up to 20 new houses at Street Farm.

The woodyard was closed a few years ago and the site has been tidied up but no business has yet opened there.

January 2026: New telecoms purple cables laid through main street. Road closed.

Resurfacing of village hall car park and repairs to damp corner and floor

Wettest month of January since records began

Church records:

Baptisms: Album Harvey, Mats William Dale, Lewis James Smith, Joanne Newson.

Marriages: Cross, Pratt, Glover, Smith.

Burials: Ann Keeble, Brian Bysouth. David Warne, Granville Havard, Ann Judd