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Autumn 2023



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A word from the editor

Dear Readers,

There has been a lot going on since the summer edition was produced back in June and its hard to believe we are at the end of August!

The harvest is in, we had a terrific Village Day, and Willingale Cricket Club are at the top of the league!

I am always on the look out for interesting articles for “What’s On” so if you think you have something that the village would enjoy reading do get in touch with me.

I’d like to say a sincere thank you as always, to Steve Arnold/UTL for printing the magazine and also to all our advertisers for your continued support, which is so vital to the magazine. Welcome too, to new advertisers, Chelmsford Plumbing & Heating!

I hope you enjoy the Autumn edition and next time it will be the Christmas edition !

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Editor

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I'm delighted to report that the Airfield Memorial Information Board is now installed, and the ivy plants protected by the netting are starting to get established. Hopefully it won't be too long before the netting can be removed. Thanks to David Fresco and Joe Bianchi for installing the Board with me—do stop when you are passing and take a look if you haven't already done so.

As you will know, we have been lobbying Essex County Council and EFDC for action on our fingerpost signs and I'm delighted that the post at Radley Green is being refurbished by the EFDC "Highway Ranger" - so one small step in the right direction!

At the Council's July meeting we had a presentation from the Rural Community Council of Essex on affordable housing and there was a good turnout to hear the results of the survey—we will be publishing the results on the Council's website, but I can report that there was a clear need for around 5 affordable homes and we have commenced talks with Hastoe Housing Association about what might be possible.

We said farewell to our Clerk Steff Smith who had to step back for family reasons, but we are delighted that Clare Milligan is clerking for us—she is highly experienced, being the Clerk for Great Baddow, and lives close by in Writtle.

As always, you are very welcome to attend any of our meetings, and if you have any local concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the Team (details on the back page)

David Stokes,
Chair of the Parish Council
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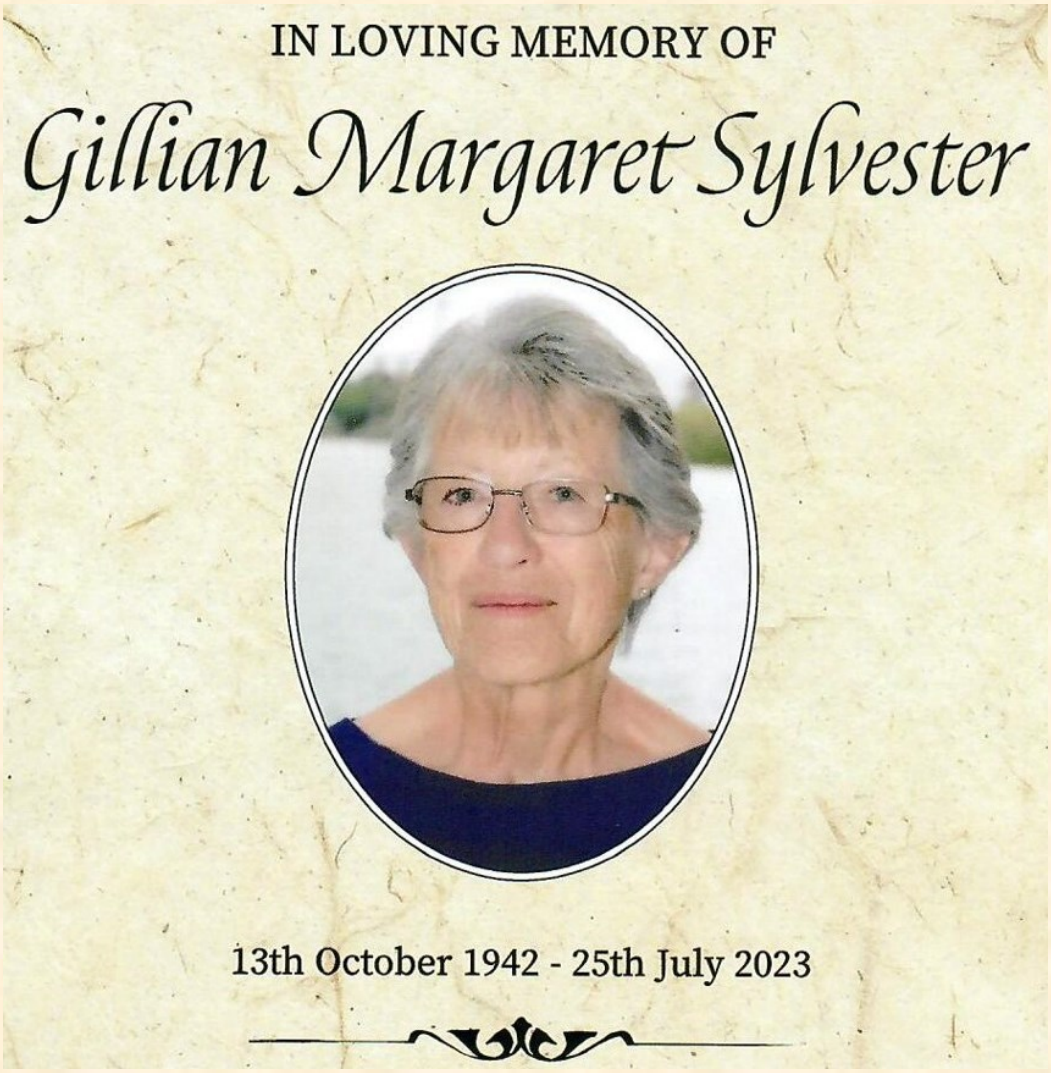
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Gill was born to Millie & John Blowes in 1942 in Fyfield, where she attended the local primary school before going to Chelmsford County High for Girls. With her talent for numbers, she joined NatWest Bank, and used to keep score for the local cricket team where she met the “sports-mad young man” Roy Sylvester. They were married in 1962 at St Nicholas, Fyfield starting their married life renting property in Beauchamp Roding, where their two sons Gary and Melvin were born. When the boys grew up, Gill returned to the workplace, joining Doe’s of Fyfield in the accounts department. They moved to Willingale in 1981, living in a static caravan while Roy extended and modernised the little bungalow. Later, with their sons being independent, Roy & Gill travelled extensively of which Roy has fond memories. Gill loved her music with the Everly Brothers being a firm favourite! Gill passed away peacefully in July after a brief battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed.

Roy & Family wish to thank their friends and neighbours for their kind messages of condolence for their sad loss.

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The latest police report from Warren included statistics for the last quarter which show that whilst there was a slight increase in the number of calls to police, there was actually a 75% reduction in reported crime in Willingale. The statistics also show no Burglaries, theft of motor vehicles or hare coursings in the quarter which is encouraging.





St. Christopher's Church Services

1st Sunday	**9.30 am**	**Holy communion**
2nd Sunday	**6 pm**	**Evensong**
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Allotment Vacancy

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St. Christopher's Church News



St. Christopher's Day was celebrated on Sunday 23rd July with a joint service with St. Mary's, High Ongar and the High Ongar musicians. It was good to see and experience the friendship between our two adjoining parishes. Our parish church is special in many ways.

It has been good to see some new faces in the congregation, and more children are coming along so why not attend a family service on the 4th Sunday of the month – the more children the more fun they have, and parents get social time enjoying a tea or coffee after the service. Other services - 1st Sunday 9.30 Holy Communion, 2nd Sunday 6.00 evening prayer.

There is much to look forward to in the life of our church; Heritage Open Days will be on 15, 16 & 17th September, with Harvest Festival at 9.30 on 17th when Revd Janet Nicholls, Agricultural Chaplain will join us, and a jazz concert in the afternoon, full details elsewhere. Be sure to get your teams together for the Autumn Church Quiz on Saturday 30th September. The 2022 quiz was thoroughly enjoyed so we expect a sell-out for the 2023 quiz. Bring your pets along to the Pets' Service 9.30 on 22nd October, all breeds and sizes welcome! As war continues in Ukraine, we are reminded of the freedom we enjoy here in UK. With the Act of Remembrance at 10.45 on Sunday 12th November we'll remember those who gave their lives so that we have that freedom. A little further ahead the Carol Service will be on 17th December at 4.00 pm. There is lots going on, keep up to date by joining the church WhatsApp group ask Jacqui - 07867 971641.

This opportunity is taken record special thanks to Jane Cass who, after many years of dedicated service as Churchwarden, has stood down from the PCC. We send best wishes to Jane.

Ian Kerwin, Churchwarden



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An important event for the Willingale ringers in the first half of the year was ringing for the Coronation. The band of Willingale ringers who rang to mark the Coronation were featured centre-page of a photo-montage on the Ringing World, ringers' magazine, front cover. Within the magazine was a write-up of Willingale's ringing and the rowan tree. Was good to see our small village included in the national, in fact worldwide, coverage.

Over the summer we have settled into our routine of Wednesday practices and afterwards the enjoyment of sharing a drink at the back of church tower with that stunning view. On Sunday 13th August a quarter peal was achieved prior to the evening prayer service, this was the 1st quarter peal since March 2020.

We continue to seek new ringers, so after your summer holidays why not join us either to have a go at ringing or just for the social time after 9.00 on Wednesdays when we share a glass of wine or beer. Ringing is good light physical exercise and a brain workout. Contact Gemma – 07850 487878.

There will be ringing demonstrations as part of the St. Christopher's Heritage Open Days. If you have wondered what happens when we pull the rope, how the bells rotate, and how we manage to control the 400 kg tenor*, just drop by on 15th, 16th or 17th September. *St. Christopher's tenor is of modest weight, imagine ringing a bell weighing 1,700 kg, e.g. the tenor in Chelmsford cathedral. It is about skill not brute force.

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The Reverend writes……..

Dear All,

The year has certainly turned into Autumn now. Although most of the summer seemed like Autumn as well, (!) especially after all the heat and lack of rainfall in summer 2022.

Autumn is a season of reflection on time passing, adopting new rhythms, and maybe hunkering down or cuddling up!

In the Bible Autumn starts with the great Harvest festival of Sukkot (still celebrated by Jewish people now). The people of that day were encouraged to bring offerings of produce to their place of worship and distribute it to people in need. This is of course similar to what we do in church - although donations of money to support our local foodbanks are also very welcome.

The people of the Bible were also encouraged to build small structures next to their houses during the festival, and to sleep in them for a few nights. Maybe a bit like a young family putting a tent up in the garden for the kids to pretend they are camping. The Jewish word for the festival Sukkot means a small dwelling or a "booth". This reminds as of the importance of "Home", and how we should look after ourselves and our family - whether our actual house is big or small. It also reminds us that we have a "Heavenly Home" elsewhere, and that God will provide for us in all the ups and downs of life.

Time is passing - in this year 2023 and through all the seasons of life, but I believe God is always guiding us as we take new directions, new ways of being "Homely" and enter new stages of our journey. May God bless us in them all.

Rev. Stewart

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To start off our new season we are going to have a very special evening of Traditional Jazz. If you remember dancing the night away to Acker Bilk, Kenny Ball, Humphrey Littleton and Chris Barber then this is a night not to be missed.

Since Acker Bilk and his Paramount Jazz Band stopped doing concerts in 2013, Acker's trombonist, Ian Bateman has been flying the flag for British traditional jazz with a series of jazz productions. Ian's 'Kenny Ball's Greatest Hits' show (the 'official' Kenny Ball tribute show) is being received very well around the country.

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Willingale Village Hall

Willingale Village Hall is administered by a committee of volunteer trustees from the village.

Over the past year, like all households and businesses, the committee has experienced significant financial challenges as the price of heating oil and electricity has risen considerably. To meet those challenges at an early stage we conducted an 'energy audit' of the village hall making use of the information available from our electricity smart meter. Following the audit we made some significant changes to the halls use of energy, for instance older energy hungry halogen bulbs were replaced with LED bulbs which use one tenth of the energy previously used. The main hall heating/air con units have also been switched off until autumn. Regrettably we have also had to raise the hire fees for the hall to keep pace with our increased running costs.

This year has also seen two large maintenance projects completed. Collapsed underground sewage pipes were replaced under the car park as well as repairs and improvements to a section of the halls roof. Despite our rising fuel costs and capital expenditure on maintenance projects, the village hall remains in a good position financially.

In the near future we will be asking villagers and regular users to volunteer for some maintenance projects such as hedge cutting around the hall to keep our costs down.

A longer ten year project will see the committee kick starting a campaign to raise money to replace the village hall roof. The current roof will be close to a hundred years old in a decade and it is now showing signs of wear and tear. At current prices it would cost about £150k to replace and insulate the roof space and so it is important we start to fund raise soon which will also enable us to apply for grants. A meeting at the village hall will be arranged for the autumn inviting villagers and regular hall users to suggest ways of fund raising for this project.

Andy Mellows.
On behalf of Willingale Village Hall Committee.

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Currently top of the table, the team needs two wins from the final three games to confirm the title, and rejoin the big guns in the Premier Division for 2024. Skipper Paul Dawson has lead the way with a club record 39 league wickets already, ably supported by new speedster Shashi Shekhar and the veteran bowlers Mark Hawkes, Jon Read and Sunny Qudeer. Hawksey has also been in the runs too, and twice in the space of a week broke club opening wicket partnerships alongside firstly Roo Crouse, then evergreen Dave Mundell.

Our last home game in the league is Saturday 26th August when we host Stansted so the cheap Hungarian cava could be on ice for that one.

Sunday's have been a little more challenging due to the calibre of opposition we've had to play against. Some tough games have resulted in defeats but the new-look Sunday social team has stuck manfully to the task, with Hawksey again excelling with the bat.

Crowds up at The Glebe again continue to swell, especially the fast fun and games of a T20 game. It's wonderful seeing the villagers and supporters supping a cold one and keeping our aging limbs defying gravity.

It was also a treat to play in the recent return of Adrian Robinson to the team after a five-year hiatus. In typical Robbo style, he weighed in with a classy 43 as we won comfortably.

The future is bright – we have good squads available for games and a few ideas for 2024, not least the return of the Brighton tour – likely to be w/c 5th August – so if any supporters would like to join us for this fun few days, we'd love to have you.

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In August, we had a visit from Epping Council's Community Engagement Officers, Wendy and Michelle. A few years ago I was "encouraged" to become a "community champion" representing Willingale.

In reality this means I attend meetings and get emails and access to advice and support. Any relevant information I post on the WhatsApp group but most are a bit further afield such as Loughton and Waltham Abbey.

One of the reasons Wendy and Michelle came was to gather evidence of volunteer community activities to present to the District Council's communities scrutiny committee. As well as taking photographs, Jacqui was filmed talking about catch-up, and then I talked about my role as a community champion.

We are not sure what will be included in their presentation, but it was really nice for us to get positive feedback from Wendy and Michelle who visit many groups in the district.

Dawn Stokes

Save the Chequers Inn Roxwell

Help us secure its future as a community owned pub

The Chequers in Roxwell is in danger of being lost forever. It was a successful village pub run by David and Carol Lake for over 20 years until their retirement in 2021, but its new owner has never attempted to reopen it, and it is now back up for sale.



As a rare social centre in the area around Roxwell and Willingale, the permanent loss of another local pub would be felt by many, both now and for generations to come.

Action is required urgently to save The Chequers, which has served the community for hundreds of years and is one of the last traditional country pubs locally.

A group of residents are proposing to establish a community owned pub at The Chequers. It would be owned by community shareholders, with limited liability, and be let to a tenant to run. This is a tried and tested model that has saved many other pubs across the country, including at least 11 in Essex. Evidence published by CAMRA shows that virtually 100% of community owned pubs succeed once established.

The Roxwell Chequers Community Benefit Society Ltd was formed earlier this year as the legal entity that can secure a community buy out and an appeal for local shareholders has been launched. Pledges of support are now invited from the community, with the minimum investment set at £250 per person. The deadline for pledges is **17th September** but money will only change hands once all the required funding is confirmed.

A prospectus for potential shareholders is available online at www.savethechequersroxwell.co.uk Please consider pledging to become a shareholder in this project to secure the future of The Chequers (and become a co-owner of it) before it is too late.

Sam Metson, Steering Group Chair, Roxwell Chequers Community Benefit Society (07918 632483 / sammetson@hotmail.com).

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We are so familiar with our street and the two churches side by side, we can forget that St Andrews and All Saints is a notable historic monument. We have visitors from all over the world who intentionally visit the church and we do tours for interested groups. One web page gave it 4/5 heritage rating. In a series of articles in "What's On" I will let you know some of the salient points from the guided tours I give.

We usually start the tour by looking at the outside and talk about the church's construction. St. Andrews is the older of the two churches. Whilst the shell appears to have been built in the Saxon style it is impossible to date and it may be that the nave is one of the oldest in the country, but generally it is quoted that St Andrews was built during the reign of Henry 11 in the 12th century (1154 to 1187) and possibly on the site of an older wooden building.

The chancel was rebuilt in the 15th century and in the 19th century some restoration took place which included the addition of the vestry and porch. The materials used for the construction would have been what was found locally and hence the walls are of flint rubble if you look you will see some rubble appears to be in rows whilst some areas where windows were replaced the flint is more random.

You can also see "pudding stone" possibly found in the local river bed. Pudding stone looks a bit like stones in concrete but is in fact flint in a silicate and is very interesting to geologists. So named because it looked like plum pudding. There are also Roman tiles which were likely to have been salvaged from Roman buildings in the village. More next time….!

Thank you to Jill and Amanda for their hard work at knitting & designing the wonderful displays in St Andrews. They are much appreciated.

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WILLINGALE VILLAGE DAY 2023

This year's Village Day had good weather and saw a good turnout. As usual the Dog Show and games were popular with all ages.



Overall, it was a little quieter than usual and the takings, which are very important to the running costs of the Village Hall and Church were less than usual, but the external stall holders said that currently this is the case for many village events they attend due to the cost of living crisis.



However, at the heart of Village Day is that so many villagers and people from outside come along and catch up with each other, have a chat over a drink and something to eat. Having good weather made it a very relaxing and enjoyable day.



In closing, I'd like to say thank you to all who came along to support the event and a huge thanks to all those who helped either with setting up the Marquees, running stalls, cooking, or just as importantly clearing up afterwards!

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Three of our volunteers pictured, ready to serve up some delicious fare at our July coffee morning. The polenta, orange and honey cake went down well as did the bread pudding, mini quiches, banana cake and other treats. We had a small but lively crowd in; most of our regulars, plus a couple of 'newbies'.

Everyone had a very pleasant morning, a good relaxing chat and one or two went home with 'doggy bags'!

Do come and join us on the third Monday of each month from 10.00 to 12.00 in the Cleminson room at the village hall. For the low cost of just £2 you can have as much delicious home-made cake or savoury delights as you can eat, washed down with tea or freshly brewed coffee! All are welcome – all ages; and if you want to bring along a friend or family member from outside the village, they are most welcome too.

If you don't drive and need a lift please get in touch with Julia on 899917. We will try to sort something out for you.

We can always do with more volunteers, so if you have a few hours to spare once a month and would like to join our small, friendly band of helpers, please get in touch with Julia or Llyris on 896490.

Here are the autumn dates for your diary:

Monday, 18 September;

Monday, 16 October;

Monday, 20 November.



Essex BUS

Bus timetable

TOWARDS CHELMSFORD	Mondays to Fridays					
Ongar Two Brewers	7.20	9.20	11.10	13.35	15.25	17.15
Bansons Lane	7.22	9.22	11.12	13.37	15.27	17.17
Ongar Four Wantz	7.25	9.25	11.15	13.40	15.30	17.20
Fyfield Queens Head	7.30	9.29	11.19	13.44	15.34	17.24
Willingale Malsters	**7.37**	**9.36**	**11.26**	**13.51**	**15.41**	**17.31**
Roxwell Village Hall	7.49	9.48	11.38	14.03	15.53	17.42
Roxwell The Hare	7.52	9.51	11.41	14.06	15.56	17.45
Writtle Lordship Lne	7.57	9.56	11.46	14.11	16.01	17.50
Chelmsford Bus Stn	8.19	10.09	11.59	14.24	16.14	18.05
TOWARDS ONGAR	**Mondays to Fridays**					
Chelmsford Bus Stn	8.25	10.15	12.40	14.30	16.20	18.10
Writtle Lordship Lane	8.41	10.28	12.53	14.43	16.35	18.24
Roxwell The Hare	8.46	10.33	12.58	14.48	16.40	18.29
Roxwell Village Hall	8.49	10.36	13.01	14.51	16.43	18.32
Willingale Malsters	**9.01**	**10.48**	**13.13**	**15.03**	**16.55**	**18.43**
Fyfield Queens Head	9.08	10.55	13.20	15.10	1702	18.50
Ongar Four Wantz	9.12	10.59	13.24	15.14	17.06	18.54
Bansons Lane	9.15	11.02	13.27	15.17	17.09	18.57
Ongar Two Brewers	9.17	11.04	13.29	15.19	17.12	18.59

TOWARDS CHELMSFORD	Saturdays					
Ongar Two Brewers	7.30	9.20	11.08	13.33	15.23	17.10
Bansons Lane	7.32	9.22	11.10	13.35	15.25	17.12
Ongar Four Wantz	7.35	9.25	11.13	13.38	15.28	17.15
Fyfield Queens Head	7.39	9.29	11.17	13.42	15.32	17.19
Willingale Malsters	**7.46**	**9.36**	**11.24**	**13.49**	**15.39**	**17.26**
Roxwell Village Hall	7.58	9.48	11.36	14.01	15.51	17.38
Roxwell The Hare	8.01	9.51	11.39	14.04	15.54	17.41
Writtle Lordship Lne	8.06	9.56	11.44	14.09	15.59	17.46
Chelmsford Bus Stn	8.20	10.09	11.57	14.22	16.12	17.59
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Ongar Two Brewers	9.17	11.04	13.29	15.19	17.05	18.53

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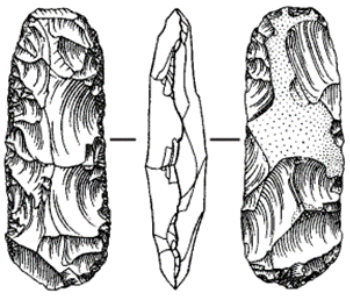
Community Archive

Over the next few years I am going to use these magazine articles to unpick aspects of the history of Willingale which I hope some of you will find interesting. I have written a list of topics and it will take at least 5 years with 4 articles a year! If you have anything you would like me to cover please contact me on willingalearchive@gmail.com. Do bear with me as I am no historian, just an interested bystander.

Lets start at the beginning: Early records are very sparse and consequently it is unknown when our village was first inhabited. So we look for evidence that people probably lived here.

One way to look at the archaeological background of an area is by using aerial photography. Thankfully in 2005 Essex County Council has published 'Epping Forest Historical Characterisation Project' which includes Willingale and it reports that there is Crop mark evidence from aerial photographs to indicate prehistoric occupation across the this area. The report also remarks that as there has been limited development in the village, there has been 'little archaeological fieldwork'.

We often see metal detectorists out and they have further confirmed early settlements in the area. For example as reported in 'Essex Archaeology and History: Volume 36 (2005), a Mesolithic tranchet axe dated to 9,000- 4000 BC was found in September 2000 by a Mr J Hatt. They included a figure in their article. We should probably all keep an eye out for artefacts when gardening or walking our dogs. But I am not sure I would recognise an axe head as different from any other rock - see opposite!



Next quarter I will attempt to look at what we know about the Romans in Willingale.

Contact Dawn on 01277896533, 07906053754 willingalearchive@gmail.com

WILLINGALE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Register of Members who can offer services

WSSC is pleased to publish this list of services made available locally by Members of the Club. Please note, however, that the Club does not suggest that the providers of services or goods listed have been vetted for quality or value for money. It is for individuals to make their own judgement, but it is our opinion that an extra dimension of security is probable in dealing with local people known to you, rather than taking a chance.

Contact Clare McFaul for all advertising enquiries on 07403 069278

Car/ Motorbike Repairs & MOT
Jacksons Garage Ongar. Will pick up and deliver back to village if required. Chris Jackson 01277 363707

Carpentry/ Joinery Cabinet making/ fine woodworking.
Small individually designed and crafted pieces of occasional furniture etc. and fine woodwork projects. Peter Tottman 01277 896340.

Events
Cafe 2 U eliminate the worry and hassle for you supplying great espresso coffee, drinks and snacks for your event or promotion. We can also help with fund raising at your event. Iain Ballantyne 01277 896073.

Free Range Eggs
Peacehaven Eggs – self service egg dispenser at Peacehaven, Fyfield Road. Phil Campen 07831 508078

Gardening
Home and garden handyman service. Terry Barton 01277 896354

Handyman
Former General Builder/ Master Carpenter. Any handyman work undertaken. No job too Small. Alan Fennell 07565 835036.

Honey for Sale
Produced from the bee hives in our own garden. You can text/WhatsApp and we'll leave a jar out, or just knock.
Dave Stokes 07584 328068/Dawn Stokes 07906 03754

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Rainfall in Silver Lane, Willingale autumn 2023

Thank you to Jonathan Gingell for this information.

May 1.98 inches (2022 1.56 inches)

June 0.75 inches (2022 1.07 inches)

July 2.45 inches (2022 0.00 inches)



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