What's on in Willingale

Autumn 2024



Information, news and events in our village

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Upcoming Events

Friday 6th September	**Pizza Night**
Friday 13th September	**AGM**
Friday 18th October	**Ceilidh**
Friday 6th December	**Wreath Making**
Friday 20th December	**Christmas Celebration**
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A word from the Editors

Welcome to the autumn edition of What's On, after a summer of mixed weather. As you will see from the rainfall figures, a dry June was followed by a very wet start to July. Fortunately the sun had been shining for Village Day on 29th June, which contributed to the enjoyment of the day.

August has been busy with the hum of combine harvesters in the fields, their lights often visible long after dark, as our hard working farming community bring in the harvest. On a smaller scale, allotment holders and vegetable gardeners have been enjoying the fruits of their labours, often able to share excess produce with friends, neighbours and family.

This cycle of growing and harvesting will be celebrated as usual in the church during the harvest festival weekend on 14th and 15th September. This year, Willingale is also hosting the annual Ongar Ploughing Match on 21st September at Spains Hall.

As the days shorten towards autumn there are often opportunities to enjoy our fabulous sunsets, look out for shared photos on Village What's App!



Shellow Bowells, August 2024

Lesley Clough and Tom Young

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I am delighted to be writing this article as Chair of the Parish Council, having been elected at the Council's AGM in May.

We've had a fantastic summer, and the Council was pleased to support an Epping Forest Council initiative during the school holidays to provide outdoor fun activities for young children called "Play in the Park", which took place on the village green on 2nd August with a number of children taking part.

Discussions regarding "Affordable Housing" provision in the village in partnership with Hastoe Housing association continue, and there will hopefully be more news on this next time.



The Beech Road fingerpost sign was finally installed on the 18th June with former Chair David Stokes pictured . I should mention that the post was installed by the EFDC Highway Rangers not David, so you can safely walk past it ! Elsewhere, Joe & David re-installed a fallen sign and Joe is pictured here re-attaching a finger to the sign at Millers Green!



As always, you are very welcome to attend any of our meetings, so look out for the agendas which are posted on our website and the village noticeboard.

Next Meetings:

10th September & 12th November

All meetings 8pm at Willingale Village Hall unless otherwise advised. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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2nd Sunday	**6 pm**	**Evensong**
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Want to get all the church news?

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St. Christopher's Church News



On 23rd June at the Hymns and Pimms evening the folks of Willingale filled the church with song. The top three hymns had themes of; seeking forgiveness, peace, and faith, that might reflect how we collectively feel about the state of world affairs nowadays. During the summer the churchyard was spruced-up and church given a good clean to look its best for two village weddings.

We invite you to drop in to St. Christopher's on 14th and 15th September when the church will be resplendent with floral arrangements and produce for harvest festival weekend. Then the jazz concert on afternoon of Sunday 15th , a chance to try the comfy new cushions, front two blocks of pews only so arrive early. The church quiz will be on Saturday 5th October, get your team lined up for an evening of fun. A big event in the church's calendar is the carol service on Sunday 15th December when the community comes together for the real start of Christmas. Look out for flyers and on WhatsApp.

Regular monthly services are first Sunday 9.30 Holy Communion, second Sunday 6.00 Evensong and fourth Sunday 9.30 Family Service. Coffee and biscuits after morning services, wine and sherry after evening services do come along and join the friendly gathering.

The church is there for your private quite time, life cycle events and regular services. There is lots going on, keep up to date by joining the church WhatsApp group ask Jacqui - 07867 971641.

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Ringing during the summer has been busy with going on ringing tours and courses. The band is progressing well in its ability to ring more advanced methods and helping others to move on with us, this has attracted visiting ringers on a Wednesday as there are fewer towers in the area which can offer this level of ringing.

Friday's ringing is on the simulator so you won't hear us, but as we are an Art hub (Association of Ringing Teachers) we attract visitors from around the area. We teach and concentrate on foundation skills which allows ringers to practice the necessary skills to move on in their ringing career.

We have two competitions coming up in October. The Stan Clark memorial 6 bell call change striking competition, which is being held at Ashdon. We have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the competition nearly every year since we started the Willingale band so we will be practicing hard to retain this. The 2nd is an 8-bell call change striking competition being held at Harlow Common. Whilst we haven't got 8 bells at Willingale we still ring on 8 bells occasionally so we are going to give it ago and who knows we might surprise ourselves. We also qualified to ring in the Essex association 6 bell final but because it clashed with Village Day regrettably, we had to decline to ring, but to get through as one of the top 12 bands in Essex was an achievement anyway.

So whilst Willingale is a busy tower it's on the down turn, we have less local ringers and I hope they don't mind me saying but we are all getting older. We had a good youth group going when we first started 10 plus years ago, I won't embarrass them by attaching the photos (you know who you are). But it would be good to see you back ringing, it wouldn't take long for you to get back up to speed.

If anyone else would like to have ago or even just have a look at what it's all about contact me and we can arrange a time for you. On a Wednesday we have a drink in the church, talk bells and put the world to right and on a Friday, we go down the WSSC. We really do need some local interest otherwise I fear Willingale bell ringing will become unsustainable which will be a real shame after all the effort the community put into it in 2010 / 2012.



Message from Alex Burghart MP

I have said before that Willingale is one of my favourite villages in the constituency, and it is always a pleasure to spend time with local residents.

I spent some time in the villages in the north of the Brentwood and Ongar constituency during the General Election campaign, and it's always good to get to Willingale as a place of friendly faces. I was also in the village a few months ago to meet local people and find out what issues are causing concern in the area.

As a result of that meeting, I have been in touch with Essex County Council about the condition of the roads around the village, and flooding which can leave villagers marooned unless their vehicles can make a journey through surprisingly deep puddles in and out of Willingale. I know some work has been done, but if the issues persist, please contact Essex County Council's Highways team to report them and let me know too so I can chase up any concerns raised.

The fight against rural crime is ongoing too, and Essex Police, with the assistance of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Roger Hirst, has a clear mandate to prevent crime and reduce vulnerability in rural communities.

I know response times are sometimes not all you might expect, and I was able to raise concerns about funding and resources with the Home Secretary and Minister for Farming at a meeting in April.

You live in a beautiful and, on the whole, safe village but I am always keen to hear about what is good and what is not in your lives. Please keep in touch.

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JAZZ in the NAVE

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Footpaths - Autumn 2024

It was mentioned to me a recently that some of the footpaths around Willingale are becoming difficult to negotiate due to the amount of vegetation growth this summer. This is a common issue during late summer in Essex because there is a general reluctance and lack of availability to carry out this work during the Summer months. Farmers are busy with the harvest and Essex County Council use their manpower to carry out major repairs to our Rights of Way network whilst the weather is dry.

September is the usual month when hedges and verges start to get their annual haircut, nesting birds have completed rearing their offspring (well, except pigeons off course) and most insects will be less affected. The bulk of this work is done by landowners and/or occupiers of the land. They are responsible for the side growth and overgrowth which means keeping the sides trimmed and overhead branches cut back. In general the surface is the responsibility of the local authority but this does not generally apply to paths across or around fields.

Cross field paths remain the responsibility of the land owner which means the path should be reinstated if work is done or crops have grown too much. If this does not happen the issue can be reported to Essex County Council.

Essex County Council have their own Winter Cutting Program which applies to mainly Promoted Routes. A Promoted Route is a longer set of footpaths which are given a collective name and advertised as a tourist attraction. In Willingale we are lucky to have the Essex Way running through the heart of the village and should always be in a good state of repair.

Ray Booty, Member of the Essex Local Access Forum

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The Reverend writes.....

Dear Willingale Residents

As we move into September I always feel that Autumn is a time for remembering. It is a time for remembering the summer past - wet or dry weather, burnt sausages on the BBQ or delicious cream teas. But is a also a time for remembering all the years past, and the natural running of the years and of our lives.

Harvest is a big festival of the year in our rural community. The very first day I spent in Willingale several years ago ended with a drink on the terrace at the Sports and Social Club, watching all the combines harvesting on the fields as the sun set. St Christopher's will be celebrating Harvest with a special service on Sunday 15th September at 9.30am. All are welcome to this community service. There will also be displays and teas in church.

As we move into the second half of Autumn, many people's thoughts turn to the season of Remembrance. I have had the privilege of spending two recent holidays in Belgium and France following the path taken by my great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather in the First World War. Standing in a field in the middle of the Somme Valley in France where my great-great-grandfather trained new recruits for the Royal Borderers Regiment, I was moved by the modern beauty of the place and the contrast with the past. I was also struck by the reflection that the landscape didn't look too different to parts of Willingale parish.

Across our communities and our world we are united by far more than what divides us. We are also united by our memories. We have all have joyful memories – perhaps a wedding, the birth of a child, or success at work or in sport. But we also all have sad memories. We might call those regrets or even perhaps traumas. Often memories can be a bit or both – we call them "bittersweet".

In the Bible in one of the most famous of the Psalms – "By the Waters of Babylon" - God's people are in exile, oppressed by foreign rule, and they are asked to sing spiritual songs. They start by saying "How can we sing God's songs in a strange land!". The future is always a strange land for all of us, different to our memories of the past.

Rev. Stewart

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Willingale Village Hall

Summer is certainly here and Village life is busy as ever. Village day, organized by the village hall, together with St Christopher's Church, was a welcome opportunity to gather and enjoy many activities as a community on a wonderful summer's day. Thank you Val Thomas for being the main organizer!

The Committee is planning further events for this year:

Volunteer's day on Saturday 19th October at 9am for hedge cutting

Craft fair: 9th November 2024. Please see advert on p28. **If you are interested in a stall, please contact Llyris** at: willingalevillagehallbookings@gmail.com

Children's Christmas Party: 7th December 2024

This autumn the Village Hall committee is working towards some improvements on the bookings system.

We have spent the last few months exploring better options for booking the hall. We have chosen a system called '*Hallmaster'* which is used by many village halls and the reviews on it are excellent. We are setting up our account over the summer and when it is ready to go live we will be in touch with current hirers to explain what is happening and provide support as we switch.

If you are looking to hire the hall, check out the new-look web page which will be available shortly. It will have full instructions on how to view the Hallmaster calendar and book the hall.

You will also see that we have been busy updating all our policies, terms and conditions and adding useful extra information for hirers which will now all be readily available on our new web page.

You will also see on the Friday catch-up article that we won a 'highly commended' in the community and voluntary award.

Friday catch up, along with Tea rooms, are part of the Village hall committee community action to support our local residents.

Maintenance of the building is one of the key tasks of the committee and the Committee is always busy in keeping the Village Hall and premises in good condition. After last year's success, the committee is planning another volunteer's day on Saturday 19th October for hedge cutting in particular. Please come along and join us.

Willingale Village Hall is run by a friendly group of volunteer trustees from the village. The committee would be delighted to welcome potential new members to any of its monthly meetings, which are held every 3rd Tuesday of each month. Please contact the secretary at secretary.wvhc@gmail.com if you are interested.

WILLINGALE VILLAGE DAY



This year had perfect weather for Village Day, not too hot but fine and sunny and this helped make it another good year.

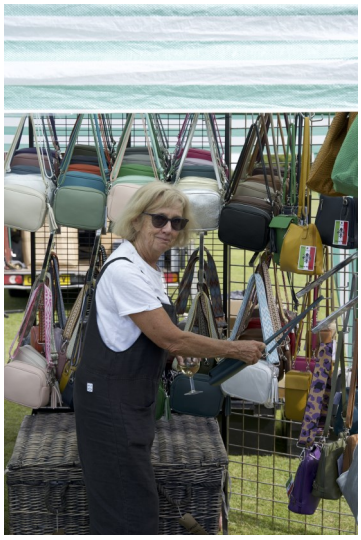
Over the past few years Village Day has changed in some ways. The new layout has proved to be very popular and this year we had many comments again, about how being closer together created a good atmosphere and everyone including stall holders were able to see the games. The traditional “catering offer” of a barbecue along with a tea and cake option returned and was very popular but “Mena’s” Indian food stall was a must with many as well. The Cricket Club Bar was open and was visited by many!

It was a quieter event than some previous years but no less fun. We erected the Maypole or perhaps it should be called the Junepole, which led to humorous tangles of people and pole. No one minded and many people “had a go.”



The Dog Show as usual brought out many proud pet parents who competed hard for a rosette. It was also perfect weather for the dogs and most of them seemed to be enjoying the limelight!!!

Most Obedient



We had a number of stalls whose owners were not from the Village, selling a range of products. The stallholders were pleased with their sales, but as they say every year, they come for the lovely Willingale atmosphere and friendliness.

The finale was the unexpected Tug of War which provided a wonderful end to the afternoon, with everyone having an opportunity to "Tug" and the children loved pulling against mums and dads. The last Tug was against the tractor and what a battle that was!!! This event will certainly be back next year.



This year Forest Radio "compered" the event, it was humorous and provided a commentary that engaged everyone.

As usual a huge thanks to all the volunteers from those who helped erect and take down the marquee/bunting which includes transporting equipment from the Church Store and Village Hall along with those who provided the catering and ran stalls. It takes lot of effort, but everyone said it was enjoyable.

Then of course thanks to everyone who came along and made it a wonderful Village Day

Val Thomas

Photos added by the Editors

WILLINGALE CRICKET CLUB have endured a challenging season, as we knew it would be. Promotion from Division 1 of the HERTS & ESSEX BORDER LEAGUE to the Premier Division has been a step too far, not aided by a number of key players being unavailable for much of the season. An early victory and reasonable performances in the formative few weeks suggested we may be able to scrap our way to safety, but heavy defeats over the past two months have reiterated how difficult a division the top league is. With a side, its fair to say, that could be described as 'veteran', we've given it our all but accept that a bit of a rebuild and reset is required. The emergence and regular contributions of Danny, Vinny, Simon Bailey and Jamie Johnson show that people still want to play cricket, and their enthusiasm to learn and improve has kept us afloat really. We are battling on to unearth emerging lads like these guys, who we need to carry us forward together with a few of us old boys that can still just about move.

Dave Kay has excelled in all forms of our games, fast approaching 1000 runs over the season, Dave Mundell has again provided an air of stability and professionalism at the top of our batting order and Skipper Paul Dawson, Mark Hawkes and Jon Read have tried their hardest to carry the bowling attack.

Sundays have been, on the whole, very enjoyable and its there that we've seen the Bailey boys and Jamie take huge steps in their cricketing education. Dave Kay has notched two hundreds, and Danny Bailey leads the charts for Sunday wickets. A fantastic, competitive but well-observed game versus South Weald took place recently, with two teams both posting high scores, the opposition just prevailing, but beers drunk after and the opposition captain fulsome in his praise for the club. Days like that make it all worthwhile, as does the continued support we get from Em, Kara and Chloe who literally bust everything to provide tea, complete the scoring, work the bar and keep us all on the straight and narrow. They really are the best of the cricket club.

We recently had the pleasure to host the family of a former player from the late fifties to 1989, Eddie Wright. Eddie sadly passed away recently, but his family were keen to come down, reminisce and take in where Eddie spent so much happy time. It was lovely seeing them chatting to The Butlers, Jean and Brian – as Brian and Eddie had been teammates for quite a while. Eddie played and worked for the club for 32 years, and it brings home what cricket can mean to many people, the friendships made, the bonds forged and the spirit it can instil in a person for life.

Our season is nearly at an end, but cricket will be continuing at The Glebe until our final game on September 22nd when we host our annual village challenge game. Again, all spectators, hecklers, players, social drinkers and friendly faces are welcome!

Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy

More than ever, wildlife and their habitats are under threat for survival. The Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy provides a new vision for our natural spaces and the draft strategy is currently being prepared for public consultation.

Made mandatory in the Environment Act of 2021, the Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) presents a pivotal opportunity for us all to contribute towards a sustainable future for our wildlife and the landscapes they inhabit.

Essex County Council, in collaboration with the Essex Local Nature Partnership, has created the draft Essex LNRS, alongside a range of key local stakeholders, including Supporting Authorities, farmers, landowners, environmental organisations and charities, community groups, parish and town councils and the public.

Covering the whole of Greater Essex, the document aims to identify key locations for the creation and enhancement of habitats, focusing on areas that will provide the most significant benefits for nature and the wider environment. By outlining key biodiversity priorities and proposed actions, the aim is to achieve a more connected, collaborative approach to nature recovery. The draft strategy is expected to go to public consultation later this summer.

Sign up to receive updates when the public consultation is live by scanning the QR code below or visiting: https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/c-e/lnrs-public-consultation

For more information of the Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy visit www.essexnaturepartnership.co.uk



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Willingale Tea Rooms



Word must be spreading in the village about our delicious home-made cakes and pastries, our warm welcome, good company and as much tea and coffee as you can drink all for £2.00; as numbers at Tea Rooms are increasing!

They say: 'The more the merrier' and 'It's good to talk'. Well, we certainly had plenty of merry chatter going on at our August session. It did get a bit confusing though having 4 'Jeans' sitting around the table! We have a nice selection of cakes and savouries on offer, some with fewer calories than others!

A big thanks to our regulars who support our efforts. We do believe that we are providing a worthwhile community gathering, even if it's only once a month and it's good to see everyone enjoying themselves.

If you have recently moved to the village, please do come along to tea rooms which is held **on the third Monday of each month from 10.00 am – 12.00.** It's a great way to make friends and find out more about what's going on in our lovely village.

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're less able or don't drive and fancy some company for an hour or so, just give us a call and I'm sure we can sort out a lift. (899917 – Julia).

Here are the Autumn dates for your diary:

Monday, 16 September 2024

Monday, 21 October 2024

Monday, 18 November 2024

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Willingale High Sheriffs

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I recently met the High Sheriff of Essex (See "Catch Up" article) which made me think about Willingale and I was interested to find that we have had two High Sherriffs in the records.

Thomas Torrell, High Sherriff 1427-8

Thomas Torrell born in 1396 in Little Thurrock was only child of Richard and Alice. They moved to Willingale at the end of the 14th century when Thomas was an infant. It is thought they built the original Torrell's hall on the same site that the current one was built in the 16th century. His father died when he was 8 years old and as he was so young, was made a ward of the king until at 21 he could inherit. His inheritance included a duty that had been held by the family since 1130 - overseeing the royal table linen on the occasion of the coronation. Who knew these duties existed?!

He married Catherine Beauchamp and had a daughter Agnes and a son John. He died age 46 in 1442 and was buried beside his father and wife, Catherine in St Christophers, believed to be in the nave near the statue of Mary holding the baby Jesus.

He has a brass effigy which is now in the chancel. In 1845 in article describes its location as in the nave on the floor. We do not know when it was moved but in a 1901 article, they used a brass rubbing taken some years previous, as it had been partly covered by a stove. It did not give any suggestion of the stove location but I would guess it was in the nave still. I need to review some more records to ascertain exactly when it was moved.

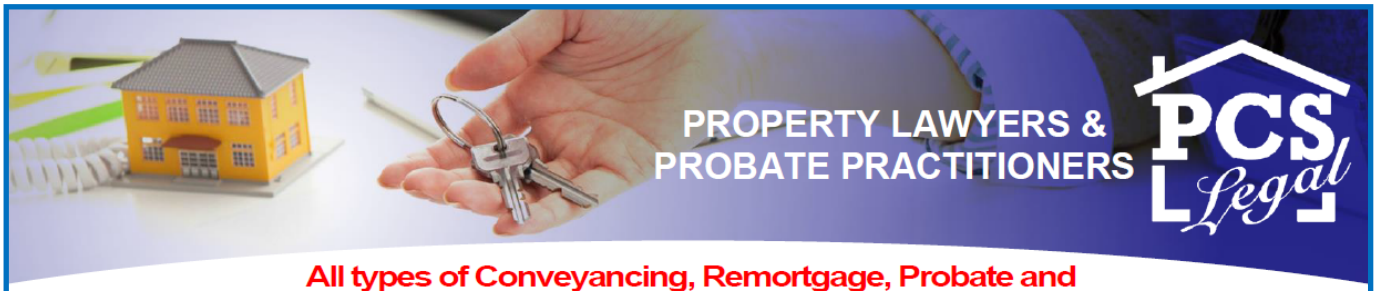




In this edition's "Friends of St Andrews" articel I discuss the Brocket Family and why Stanes was a Brocket Brocket it is not a typo!

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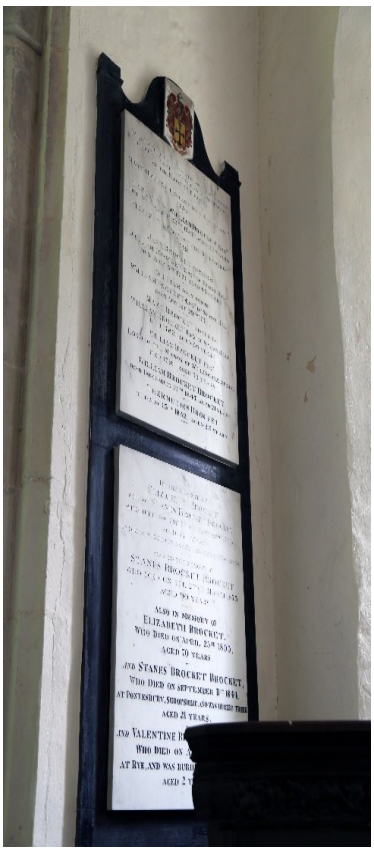
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The complicated story of Brocket Brocket!

There were two Brocket clans who lived in Willingale. The 1st Clan bought Wardens Hall, the manor house of Willingale Doe in 1586/7 before acquiring Spains Hall which they owned for 91 years when they sold their Essex property. It was from the 2nd clan that the High Sheriff came.



In 1688 the Brocket clan returned to Willingale from Herts when they bought Torrells Hall and then in 1698 Spains Hall, again. They then lived in the Village for over 200 years until 1907 when Mrs. Brocket, the last of the line, died.

Several Brocket memorials can be found in St Andrews church .

In 1754 William Brocket married Mary Markham whose father John Markham also has a memorial in St Andrews. They had three children; their first called Mary was born in 1755 and died the same year. They then had a son called William and finally another daughter who they again called Mary. Tragically William's wife died during childbirth. William was struck by another tragedy when his son died aged 18 years. His only remaining dependent Mary, married Stanes Chamberlayne who William probably knew as they were both lawyers at Middle Temple. Their eldest son was also called Stanes. As William had no direct male line, when William died he left his estate to his Grandson Stanes Brocket Chamberlayne on condition that he and his heirs take the surname of Brocket and use the Brocket coat of arms.

Stanes Brocket Brocket was an army captain for 9 years but reportedly was hot tempered and discharged after a court martial. This didn't seem to affect his career pathway and he also became a lawyer at Middle Temple. He became High Sheriff in 1844. He had several children, the eldest to carry on the name confusion was called Stanes who sadly died aged 21 years and one of his daughters was called Mary! He lived until he was 90 years of age. His daughter Mary changed her name by Royal licence to Brocket in order to inherit according to her father's will and died without insisting her daughter take the Brocket name in order to inherit and thus the line ended.

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The Roxwell Chequers Update

Project News



Firstly, an update on our "ad-hoc moat" we seem to have cultivated outside the pub. It was revealed that a mass of tree roots was the cause of the 'moat' and this has been removed, following visits from ES Water, the Highways agency and the council. Fingers crossed, this means we won't have a re-appearance of the flood we have endured on and off for the last few months.

Secondly, we are seeing more transformations outside the pub; new doors, windows and paintwork in progress. We still have a lot of work to do indoors, but the first stage of rewiring the pub is almost finished and we have replaced the boiler which was over 25 years old. For those of you who previously visited, we have also completed an alteration to the layout, building a doorway into what was the resident lounge for use by the public in future and renamed "the Alcove".



The garden is also finished with the turf down (thank you to Northwood Chelmsford Estate and Letting Agents for your donation), flower beds planted and the gate and fence up!

Results of the 2nd Share Offer

Thank you to all who joined the society. We are happy to announce we raised £18,800 through a second share offer which is fantastic.

It's interesting to dissect some key facts about the share offer:

- Over a third of the shareholding value raised came from companies who decided to invest in our society
- 70% of the shareholding value raised came from new shareholders

We have extended our worldwide reach, adding Germany to the list which includes USA, Ecuador, Australia, New Zealand and Singapore.

Future Events:

We are planning an evening in the Memorial Hall, Roxwell on **Saturday 5th October** to celebrate the history of the pub – so please save the date, come along and join us!



If you have any questions, please contact us on contactus@savethechequersroxwell.co.uk

ongar jazz club

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The 39th Season of Jazz Concerts in Ongar starts in September 2024 through to June 2025



2024:

Sept 20th - Ticket only
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Oct 25th
JIVING MISS DAISY

Nov 15th
THE PETE ALLEN JAZZ BAND

Dec 13th
RICHARD EXALL'S SHOOTING STARS

2025:

Feb 28th
THE DJANGOLIERS

March 28th
PAULA JACKMAN'S JAZZ MASTERS

April 25th
THE JAKE LEG JUG BAND

May 23rd
JOOLS & THE JAZZAHOLICS

June 20th
THE BEN HOLDER QUARTET

Tickets for all our concerts are £15.00
Concerts start at 8.00pm. Budworth Hall open from 7.00pm
Tickets and further information at www.ongarjazzclub.co.uk

About the Ongar Jazz Club

Following a very successful 38th year of presenting jazz music in Ongar , Ongar Jazz Club will be starting its 39TH series of jazz concerts on 20th September .

Since the pandemic we have abolished the membership requirement in an effort to rebuild the audiences attending our concerts and this has proven to work well; our last two years have seen the number of people attending our concerts steadily grow , resulting in us being able to offer a wider variety of music and to be able to maintain the very high standard.

Check out the bands we have coming up on the internet and see what you could come and enjoy.

The programme of concerts is included here. Tickets are available on the door at a price of £15.00 , although for the first special Gala Concert tickets have to be purchased in advance.

All the concerts are held in the Budworth Hall and start at 20.00. Each concert comprises two 1 hour sets with a half hour interval, finishing at 22.30.

Car parking at the Budworth Hall is easy and food is available on site . The bar is also open.

For any further information or to book tickets for the Gala Concert on 20th September , please call me on 0777 556 3541.

Alistair Allan , Chairman , Ongar Jazz Club.

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Friday catch up

Open to all Willingale residents
Every Friday
At Willingale village hall
Anytime between
10am and 1pm.



The Rural Community Council of Essex ran a competition recently with one of the categories being a **Community and Voluntary Group Award.** Friday Catch-Up entered and we were "highly commended". The awards ceremony was held at Rivenhall Oaks Golf Centre in Witham. Five of us were allowed to attend and the awards were presented to us by the High Sheriff of Essex, David Hurst in all his finery. As one of the longest Catch-Up attendees Keith Soutter came and had a lovely conversation with the High Sheriff.



Catch-Up continues every Friday so do pop in for a quick cuppa and chat or stay longer for a healthy brunch or less healthy but yummy bacon, sausages etc.

It is informal and relaxed and open to all Willingale residents. We usually have between 15 and 20 people pop in at various times throughout the morning.





www.willingalevillage.uk

The village website was developed to create a platform for all organisations within the village to be viewed in one place. Each organisation had full control over what they needed on their page. Detailing all sorts of information.
For example;

- The archive page includes all the great history of our village. with many images.
- The events calendar is a great source to see what is happening throughout the year.
- There is also an online booking form supplied, should you wish to hire the hall (the booking process is being updated at the time of publication).

Willingale WhatsApp group

If you are a Willingale resident and would like to find out more and how to join

please contact Jacqui 07867 971641 or Dawn 07906 053754

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**
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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

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

Gardening
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Handyman
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Rainfall in Silver Lane, Willingale



May 24 2.84 inches (2023 - 1.98 inches)

Jun 24 0.60 inches (2023 - 0.75 inches)

Jul 24 4.29 inches (2023 - 2.45 inches)

Thank you to Jonathan Gingell for this information

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