

History

Originally the village name was Blanche Roung but at a later date became White Roding. According to the 1841 census return, the village of White

Roding, had 94 inhabited houses and 4 uninhabited units, with a population of 488. The 1901 census showed that the number of households had reduced to 84 with a lesser population of 375. Today the number of properties shown on the electoral roll is higher at 136 but the population is only in the order of 255 adults plus children.

During the 400 year Roman occupation of Britain many roads were constructed and three of these intersected near Great Dunmow; one travelled north east from Romford, one approximately north from Chelmsford and one travelling east-west from Colchester to Dunstable. As a consequence Roman coins and artefacts have been found in the fields surrounding the village. The coins are mainly bronze denarii and were minted during the period 21 I BC to 270 AD under the orders of the relevant Roman emperors.

The Parish Church of St Martin is of Norman origin with later additions. St Martin's Church was constructed circa I 100 AD of flint rubble, some stone and Roman brick. It has a large embattled tower, originally surmounted by a spire, which contained five bells, all of which are still in situ although they cannot be used. The white part of the village name has always been attributed to the light colour of the rubble of which St Martin's church tower was built.

Summarised, the church details are as follows: walls have Roman bricks at corners of nave, 11th century arches and tiny windows, 12th century carved font and consecration crosses on altar stone, 13th century iron work on South door, 14th





century two carved figures in sanctuary, 15th century roof and stained roundel glass, 16th century tower with battlements, 17th century porch and new bells, 18th century chest and altar table, 19th century vestry when church was restored; 20th century memorials to Queen Victoria and King Edward VII; 21st century servery and toilet at the base of the tower.

It is recorded that William the Conqueror held land as part of his royal demise, but no further monarch appears in records as Lord of the Manor until the reign of King Henry III. The first time White Roding is separately named is in the Westminster Domesday of 1120.

One of the most interesting features of White Roding is the number of houses, themselves old or built on the site of older dwellings with moats. There are ten within this village. Although they cannot be dated, moats were generally made between the 13th and 15th centuries at a time when those who had any property to safeguard adopted this means of protection. The houses that were so protected were The Rectory, Colville Hall, Marks Hall, Mascallsbury, Gatehouse, Elms, Snows, Lucas Farm, Cammas Hall and Pottings.



The village has many fine listed buildings including Mascallsbury, Marks Hall, Cammas Hall and the most attractive inner court-yarded Colville Hall.

To the eastern edge of the village lies Warwicks. Built circa 1500 as a Hall House (or Hunting Lodge), the whole building is constructed of heavy timber framing, lathe and plaster with some pargetting. There are also two thatched barns in the grounds, one built around 1700 with the second built in the early 1800's. It seems the original occupiers of Warwicks may have had to hold ready for the use of the King, a hawk for hunting.

The Old Mill was the last tower mill to be built in Essex and ceased to be used in the 1930's. One eminent owner of this mill was the actor Sir Michael Redgrave during the early 1940's.

In 1943 construction of an airfield commenced, known as USAAF Matching, mainly sited in Abbess Roding but also partly in White Roding. This airfield became the base for the B-26 Martin Marauders, under the control of the 9th Air Force, 391st Bomb Group, moving in on the 25th January 1944. During their stay until 1st October 1944 they flew 6,000 sorties, with the loss of 197 men killed, wounded or missing in action. On D-Day the group flew two missions against enemy gun positions and two German fighter aircraft were shot down.

It has now been returned to agricultural and commercial use, but much remains to be seen today: the control tower is used for radar testing, the tall water tower still stands amongst various Nissen and Romney huts. Not far away, and near to the former ambulance station, is the memorial to the 391st Bomb Group (Medium).

Schooling came to White Roding with the construction of a school house in 1812, the money for the building raised by public subscription. Known as School House, the centre portion was the teacher's cottage and either side were schoolrooms, one for boys and one for girls. The school remained in use until 1875, although a Sunday school was still being run as late as 1907. This building is now known as Church Cottage. A new school was constructed, again in Church Lane, but on the opposite side of the road and further north. Closed in the 1960's, when all pupils were transferred to Leaden Roding, this property is now known as School House, which is most appropriate.





White Roding today

White Roding is a straggling village pleasantly situated on the western side of the vale of the River Roding and comprises an area of some 1,853 acres. The parish straddles the A1060 within easy travelling proximity to Bishop's Stortford, Chelmsford, Harlow and Great Dunmow.

Stansted Airport is sited some 6.3 miles from White Roding.

The parish has a landscape that is dominated by picturesque farmland and open countryside managed by the parish's farmers.

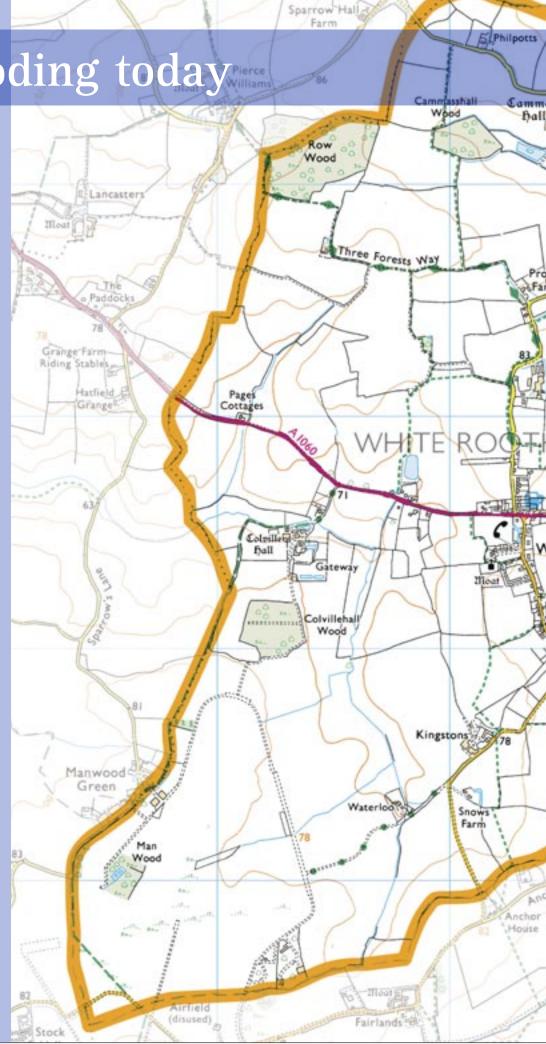
The village lies on a road route that links larger towns with the MII and other large areas of commerce.

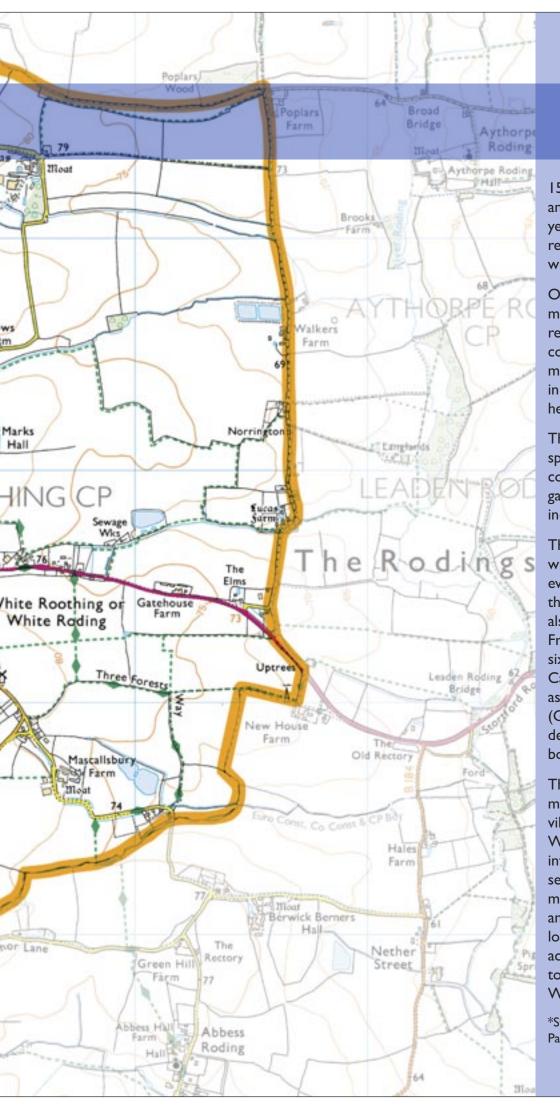
Today the Parish of White Roding extends to 140 households, covering the area of Church Lane/Matching Lane, Walkers Lane, Marks Hall Lane and the A1060.

The population is in excess of 230 persons.

The properties in the parish are made up of mainly detached houses (55%) with semidetached at 24% the next largest group. Of these properties 87% are owner occupied, with a further 10% rented.

The vast majority of residents have lived in the village and surrounds for more than 6 years. 25% have lived here for 6-





15 years, 20% for 16-25 years, and a further 22% for over 26 years. Interestingly 13% of residents have lived here for the whole of their lives.

Of those residents that have moved here the most common reason for doing so was "love of country life" (29%). The second most common reason for living in White Roding is being born here. *

The village a thriving social and sports club, a farm shop complex, and vehicle repair garages along with other light industry.

The club runs regular crib and whist drives, and other special events such as Quiz nights and themed social evenings. There is also a Horticultural Society, a Friendship Club for the over sixties, two reading groups and Cameo for local women as well as a social group for local men (GWR). All of these are described in more detail in this book.

The Parish News, a monthly magazine servicing ten local villages, has a section devoted to White Roding news. It includes information about church services, Parish Council meetings, reports on local clubs and societies and advertises local businesses, services and activities. It is currently delivered to about 90 households in White Roding.

*Stats were compiled from part of the Parish Plan in 2007.

St Martin's Church

Part of the Parish of the South Rodings

SERVICES

1st Sunday in month Holy Communion 9.30am

2nd Sunday in month No service at St Martin's Church

3rd Sunday in monthAll age worshipI 1.00am4th Sunday in monthHoly Communion9.30am

Services are also held at other times in Abbess Roding, Beauchamp Roding and Leaden Roding Churches who are also part of the South Rodings Parish.

Full details are published in the Monthly Parish News (check for variations on the above)

All information is available from:

Mrs Heather Reid – Telephone 01279 876977







White Roding Sports & Social Club

For further details or for hire of the Clubhouse contact David Bardell on 07711 130424, Fred Bardell on 01279 876471 or Jenny Spalding on 01279 876649.

The club has an excellent clubhouse and large sports ground which is situated behind Bretts
Farm and is reached from a turning off Marks Hall
Lane. The clubhouse contains a main hall, separate bar and kitchen together with changing rooms complete with shower facilities. The clubhouse has disabled access and toilet facilities. A self contained children's play area with climbing frame, swings, slide ands see-saw is situated in one corner of the sports ground. Ample seating is available for parents and carers within this dedicated recreation area.

The club runs two Saturday veterans and one Sunday men's football teams. It also runs regular Wednesday evening Crib Drives, Thursday evening Whist drives. With other fund raising events such as Quiz Nights and Social evenings, Christmas Draw and other special events. The Club bar is open to all members and guests for the above events and also every Friday evening.

The Clubhouse can be hired by members and villagers, subject to availability, and is regularly used by other local organisations such as the Parish Council and The Rodings Horticultural Society. Birthday and Anniversary Parties can be accommodated with the club facilities utilised.

Recreation

The membership fee is £15.00 per annum (in 2019) and provides entry to a quarterly £100.00 and £25.00 draw.

This is your Social and Sports Club, the membership of which is open to all villagers.



Rodings Horticultural Society

If you would like to know more, or for further details just pop along or phone Fred Bardell 01279 876471 or Derek Saville 01245 231701.



The Rodings Horticultural Society welcomes all who enjoy gardening, indoor plants, growing vegetables or flowers. We are a gardener's club, catering for all interests from decorative flowers and their arrangements to the cultivation of a year's needs in vegetables.

Our monthly meetings usually have a guest speaker on a specific subject, mostly illustrated with slides, and almost always with specimens and examples displaying the speaker's interest.

During the course of the year several shows are held including a Bulb Show in March, a Rose Show in June and a Potato Weighing Competition in conjunction with a Photographic and Art show in October.

During August we hold our Annual Show that culminates in an evening buffet, presentation of awards and auction of produce. In July we visit a well known garden or similar by coach and in September we hold a garden party in one of our member's properties

We are affiliated members of the Royal Horticultural Society and enjoy the benefits derived from same, i.e. Chelsea Flower Show. Outings are arranged to famous gardens such as Wisley, Cambridge University Botanical Gardens, etc.

There is a social aspect to our meetings with a licensed bar open or alternatively hot drinks available. We meet on the second Monday of most months at the Social & Sports Club with most meetings starting at 8.00pm. All this and more is available for only £5.00 per annum membership fee. For a calendar of events refer to the Parish News or to the noticeboard at the Social and Sports Club.

Rodings Friendship Club

For further details contact Jackie Eldridge 01279 876350

The club caters for people over 60 years of age who reside in any of the Rodings villages.

We meet at Leaden Roding Village Hall at 2.00pm on the fourth Wednesday in the month.

Usually we have outings during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September. The local children from Rodings Primary School invite us to their Christmas play each year. The Brownies also invite us in December as part of their being awarded Hostess badge.

The programme of events is available in February and there is a small membership fee.

Refuse

Household refuse is collected every Friday from wheelie-bins and other approved containers. **Kitchen waste** is collected on a weekly basis with **recyclable** and **non-recyclable waste** collected on an alternate weekly basis.

Garden refuse (green waste) can be disposed of by taking it to the refuse collection vehicle that is parked in the car parking area of the Social & Sports Club each weekend from April until November. Details are published on the notice boards and the Uttlesford District Council website.

A bottle bank is sited together with a container for clothes, shoes and textiles at the Social Club car park.



Please check actual dates in the Parish News, on the Public notice board or with Uttlesford District Council making allowances for Public / Bank Holidays.



Come and Meet Every One

CAMEO - A local club for local women

Contact Jane Malyon on 01279 876661 or jane@englishcreamtea.com

We meet once a month, usually in the evening for the last Tuesday in the month, at a variety of locations in this area; often the house and/or garden of one of the members.

Our annual agenda includes a summer BBQ, a country walk, a meal out, something crafty, a DVD and Pizza evening, and so on. The topics change but what stays the same is the camaraderie, chatter and warmth. **Relaxed and informal, friendly and fun.**

There's a small annual subscription, first meeting free. See the Parish magazine or ring/e-mail Jane for details of the next meeting.

Gents of White Roding

Further details can be obtained from Martin Figg on 01279 876169 or martin_figg@icloud.com

Formed several years ago, the Gentlemen of White Roding (henceforth known as the GWR) provides a variety of activities welcome by most males after a days hard endeavours.

Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month with a start time of around 7.30 pm - 8.00 pm. The venues are varied, often dependant on the recreational activity planned and usually well organised.

Our records show that we have visited microbreweries (sampled a little of their products), undertaken walks to differing destinations, participated in table games, held the annual Dick Plank Trivia Quiz, Golf competitions, held BBQ's, tried cheese and wine, sampled epicure meals at local restaurants, held darts tournaments, fish and chip suppers, had pub meals, played croquet, et al; in fact we undertake most activities that would be of interest to Man.

The cost for each evening is calculated and members are advised prior to booking, settling up on the same evening; thus no membership fee.

The Rodings U3A

Contact Louise Searle on 01277 362043 or ru3ainfo@yahoo.co.uk

Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, in the afternoon, at The Room In The Rodings. For further details Google The Rodings U3A.

Roothing Valley Quilters

Contact Sue Shanley on 01245 421415 or Hilary Freeman on 01279 876638

Regular meetings and workshops for both members and non-members bringing together quilters in a spirit of friendship and learning and promoting quilt-making in all its forms.

Roothings Art Group

Contact Heather Gooday on 01277 896342

A group for local residents interested in painting and drawing and exhibiting their work. Regular meetings include talks, demonstrations and workshops including painting and drawing sessions.

Rodings Walking Group

Contact Phil Sutterby on 01279 876274

Regular guided walks local residents (and their dogs).



Transport

BUS SERVICE 59:

HARLOW – HATFIELD HEATH – WHITE RODING – CHELMSFORD Operated by Arriva

Timetables are published on the notice boards and on-line at www.arrivabus.co.uk

TRAINS

There are no direct links from White Roding but railway stations are sited at the following locations giving good connections into London, Cambridge and beyond, and via Stansted Airport Railway Station to the Midlands and the North.

Bishop's Stortford 6.4 miles Chelmsford I I.4 miles Harlow Mill 5.8 miles
Harlow Town 7.4 miles Sawbridgeworth 4.7 miles Stansted Airport 6.3 miles.

COACH SERVICES: Operated by National Express

STANSTED AIRPORT - LONDON

A6 Stansted to Golder's Green, London operates up to 43 journeys a day

A7 Stansted to Victoria Coach Station, London operates up to 60 journeys a day

A8 Stansted to Kings Cross, London operates up to 46 journeys a day

A9 Stansted to London Stratford operates up to 92 services a day

Many other services/destinations are available that stop at Stansted including Cambridge, Colchester, Ipswich, Norwich, Oxford, Birmingham and Manchester/Liverpool as well as other airport transfers.

The best and cheapest way to purchase tickets is on-line at www.nationalexpress.com. Contact: National Express 08717 818181

AIR TRAVEL

Stansted Airport is only 6.3 miles from White Roding where many domestic and European destinations can be reached using Ryanair, Easyjet and many others.

TAXIS

No taxi firms operate from White Roding but there are several that operate in this area. They can be located in Fyfield, Bishop's Stortford, Great Dunmow, Harlow and Sawbridgeworth: please refer to your telephone directory.

Women's Institute

Contact Mrs Margaret Stevenson 01371 872206

The W.I. offers opportunities for all women to enjoy friendship, to learn to widen their horizons and together to influence local, national and international affairs. The meeting point closest to White Roding is the **HIGH RODING & GREAT CANFIELD W.I.**

Meet on 1st Wednesday of each month at 2.15 p.m.

Country/Farmer's Markets

Country Markets

Formally known as WI Markets, these markets sell home baking, preserves, eggs, garden produce and crafts – all made or supplied by local people to an agreed high standard.

Bishop's Stortford	Thurs & Friday	Rear of Half Moon PH, North Street	8am – 12 noon
Great Dunmow	Thursday	Catholic Church Hall	9.30am – 11.30am
Rayleigh	Wednesday	Mill Hall, Bellingham Lane	8.30am – 12 noon
Saffron Walden	Tues & Friday	Town Hall	8.30am - 11.30am
Shenfield	Friday	Parish Hall, Shenfield	9am – 11.15am

Do pay a visit to Dunmow's Market. You'll always find a smiling face and a friendly welcome. Go to buy or talk to someone about selling your produce, your baking or your crafts.

Call 01245 323599 or 01268 775321 - Jean Kebbell

Matching Charity Farmer's Market - www.matchingvillagehall.org

Held at Matching Village Hall on the third Saturday of every month, 10am - midday.

We concentrate on locally produced fresh food and drink which supports the local economy and the local community. Quality craft and plant stalls add variety. Buying free range, locally reared meat and, where possible, other freshly prepared food from local producers at reasonable prices, reducing food miles and food packaging, is what it is all about. Refreshments are also available.

Contact Don Cramphorn, Market Co-Ordinator 01279 731312 or by email on matchingvillagehall@gmail.com



Information

White Roding Parish Council

The Parish of White Roding is part of Uttlesford District Council and the Parish Council functions with five elected councillors and a Parish Clerk. The Parish Council meets bi-monthly on the third Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November in the Sports and Social Club. An open public forum precedes each meeting from 19.30 – 19.45 which is followed by the formal council meeting. All residents are welcome to attend the council meetings but may only participate with the consent of the Chairman.

The council's main task is to work within the structure of Local Government Acts and its designated duties are really quite small: appointing the chair, councillors, clerk, finance officer, auditors; consulting with all White Roding parishioners to ensure understanding of local needs while managing any arising conflicts of interests in the different groups — the young and elderly, mothers with young children, walkers, drivers, farmers; and armed with local knowledge make informed and sound decisions about issues that have impact on the local environment.

Parish Councillors

David Bardell	Chairman	01279 877969
Val Kelly		01279 876705
Jenny Spalding		01279 876649
David Edwards		01279 876705
Helen Chaston		01279 876364

Parish Clerk

Pat Roberts 07983 455211

pat.roberts | 4@btinternet.com

Parish council web site address

www.whiterodingparishcouncil.co.uk

Parish council email address whiteroding-pc@hotmail.co.uk

Uttlesford District Council

Essex County Councillor

Susan Barker 01245 231250 cllr.susan.barker@essex.gov.uk

District councillor

Mark Lemon 01279 730581 cllrlemon@uttlesford.gov.uk

District council offices at Saffron Walden 01799 510510

Police

Telephone numbers: Emergency 999
Non-emergency 101

Hospitals

Accident & Emergency

The Princess Alexandra, Harlow 01279 444455
Broomfield, Chelmsford 01245 362000
Addenbrooke's, Cambridge 01223 245151

Community Hospitals

Herts & Essex, Bishop's Stortford 01279 655191 St Margaret's, Epping 01992 561666

Doctors Surgery - Eden Surgery

Hatfield Heath – Broomfields, Hatfield Heath, CM22 7EH Tel: 01279 730616

Hatfield Broad Oak – 17 Cannons Lane, Hatfield Broad Oak, CM22 7HX Tel: 01279 718245

Out of hours Telephone: 111

Defibrillators

Defibrillators are located at:

White Roding Social & Sports Club Marks Hall Lane, White Roding Brett's Farm Chelmsford Road, White Roding Room at The Rodings Ongar Road (B184), Beauchamp Roding

Emergency Helplines

 Alcoholics Anonymous
 0845 769 7555

 Citizens Advice
 01371 875593

 Crimestoppers
 0800 555 111

 Samaritans
 0845 790 9090

 Childline
 0800 11 11



Primary School

Rodings Primary School

Dunmow Road, Leaden Roding, Essex CM6 IPZ Tel: 01279 876288

Activities for youngsters

Scouts, Cubs & Beavers

All enquiries Phil Bosworth 01279 870884

Rainbows

Meet every Monday afternoon at Leaden Roding, Village Hall Contacts: Steph Green 01245 231229

Brownies

Meet every Monday at Leaden Roding Village Hall after the Rainbows Contact: Hillary Freeman 01279 876638

Activities for the very young

Good Easter Toddlers group

Babies to 4 years.

Meets every Wednesday morning term-time in the Good Easter Village Hall, 10am – 12 noon. Contact: Kate George 01245 230593

High Roding Parent & Toddler Group

Babies to 4 years.

Meets every Friday morning 10.00-12 noon. Contact: Laura O'Keefe 07514 666811

Rodings & Easters Pre-school

Children may be registered at any age to begin at pre-school from 2 years old. Meets at Leaden Roding Village Hall every weekday morning 9.30am – 12 noon also at High Easter Village hall every weekday morning 9.30am – 2.30pm. Please contact Rowena Hayward 01245 231561 or Paulene Pavitt 01371 875162

Social Media



Follow the White Roding facebook page WhiteRodingVillage



A White Roding Community WhatsApp group is administered by Kath King. You can ask her to join the group on 07775 727863.

Spotted a Pothole?

Essex County Council is the local authority responsible for fixing potholes and all other aspects of road maintenance (with the exception of the A12, the A120, the M11 and the M25, which are maintained by the Highways Agency). Report potholes in road surfaces through the web site **www.essex.gov.uk** and complete the details as required.

Highway Rangers

The Rangers are run by Uttlesford District Council and undertake the following minor maintenance works:

• Cleaning and minor repairs to non-electrical road signs • Cleaning and minor repairs to street furniture • Reinstatement of posts and bollards (minimal excavation) • Trimming of vegetation and removal of arisings • Ad hoc grass cutting and strimming • Localised cleaning and minor excavation of roadside grips • Removal of weeds or vegetation from pavements • Scavenging and removal of deposits and small fly tips from highway land • Removal of illegal signs and fly posting • Minor block/flag paving repairs.

Report any of the abovementioned problems to any White Roding Parish Councillor either by letter or e-mail.

Rodings Right of Way Conservation Group

Contact: Phil Sutterby 01279 876274

For a full programme of scheduled walks and associated events.

Roding's Oil Syndicate

Contact: Gilly Sissens gillian@sissens.com

Local heating oil purchasing syndicate offering cheaper oil prices at the beginning of every month. Annual membership £10.



White Roding Village Hall

Following the 1914/18 War the village was fortunate to have two farmers, namely a Mr Broad and a Mr Haigh serving as Parish Councillors. These two gentlemen decided to donate land in Dunmow Road, White Roding. This was for the purpose of providing a Memorial to those who lost their lives in the War. It was agreed the land was to be used as a sports field and for a village hall.

A hall was constructed and the village people enjoyed both the playing field and the village hall for many years. Unfortunately, it seems the building fell into disrepair and towards the end of the second World War it was decided to pull the village hall down and to apply for planning consent to erect two dwellings, now known as Mill Cottages, in Church Lane. The sale proceeds enabled the present five acre site to be purchased by the Charity. A planning application for the erection of a new village hall was made to Dunmow Rural District Council, and upon planning consent being obtained, a Grant was received from Essex County Council.

Two men in particular, Mr John Lukies (as President) and Mr Percy Lester (as Chairman) worked tirelessly, setting up the new hall and playing field, and will be long remembered by the village community.

Under the rules of the Charity every resident of the Parish of age 18 years or more is entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and to vote on all matters, including the election of Trustees. Each organisation which uses the hall or land is entitled to nominate a Trustee to represent that association membership alongside of Parish Councillors who serve as Trustees. For the purpose of good management and hall booking, the Social and Sports Club is annually appointed by the Trustees as Manager for the Village Hall Charity. The Parish Clerk for the time being acts as Secretary to the Trustees.

White Roding Commerce & Industry

BUILDERS Butler West Builders and electricians

01279 876361

KSB Builders Builders and decorators

01279 876446

BUTCHERS Meat & Cleaver Delicious, quality produce

01279 876575 www.meatandcleaver.co.uk

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FRUIT FARM Cammas Hall Fruit Farm. Pick Your Own.

01279 718777 Tea Barn, Farm Shop.

GARAGES S.L. Fields Car servicing and repairs

01279 876106

Virdee Auto Centre Car servicing, MOT and repairs

01279 877822 Used car sales

GARDEN CENTRE Little Art Garden Wide range of plants, shrubs,

Centre bulbs,fertilisers, bedding compost.
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tablets. Tools, seeds and more!

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GROCERY Fuller's Food Hall Delicatessen, bread and fresh produce.

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LANDSCAPING J Kenny Services Landscape & forestry contractor

& LOGS 01279 876409



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Fresh milk to your doorstep.
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PRINTERS / DESIGNERS
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01279 876169
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PUBLIC HOUSE The Black Horse Inn Currently closed.

RESTAURANT & BAR

Bretts Bar & Bistro

01279 876571

Fully licensed restaurant

Open daily 9am – 4pm.

Please keep in touch with all local activities by subscribing to the **Parish News**Contact Heather Reid 01279 876977 or Katrina Gemmill 01279 876246

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