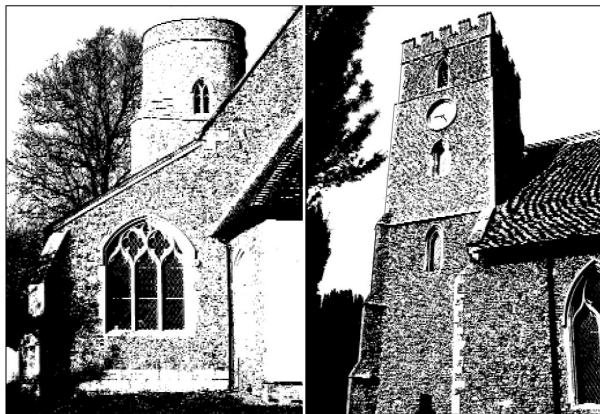


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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

On our country walks recently we have been fortunate to see some local deer crossing the road in front of us.



And on the road up to Beazley End, just past the ford, we saw the numbered sheep below with their lambs - a reminder that spring is here.

Of course, with the COVID-19 restrictions, there are fewer events taking place, and we are sorry to say that there will be no Plant Sale on the early May bank holiday this year. We are also not planning to do the Fete and Car Show at the end of June, although we do hope that a village picnic or something similar can be organised to cheer us all up.

As lockdown restrictions are eased, and more of us are 'jabbed', we will however be able to do more church services. On Easter Sunday there will be one at Little Saling at 11am, but you will need to pre-register with Lydia Roe if you want to go (lydia.bucknell@btinternet.com).

And we will be recording a Good Friday service for our YouTube channel - search for Pilgrim Parishes Contingency Church. We had over 150 views for our Remembrance and Carol Services, so they are clearly popular.



For our younger readers there is some colouring to do on p12, and for the nature lovers some puzzles on pages 13 and 16.

Contributions to the next edition by the 15th of April to:
SalingsMagazine@gmail.com

Dear Friends,

For many of us 2021 has, so far, been a time of mixed emotions. Many of the written messages in the Christmas cards Philip and I received last year were heartfelt expressions of hope for a kinder year than the one we were on the point of leaving behind. Then, as you will remember, our hopes were dashed by the promised easing of restrictions being abandoned, and the news grew gloomier and gloomier as the numbers of Corona virus infections and deaths grew to numbers we never anticipated. So it looked as though 2021 was not going to allow us to realise our hopes and dreams for a kinder year – yet, as in many times of gloom, there is always a glimmer of hope and light.

The continued lock down **has** been shown to be worth the restrictions and frustrations, but this continuation does call for maximum perseverance maintaining the corona virus restrictions. When the mind and spirit are on the verge of wavering, salvation can come in the form of walking! During this time I have learnt that I benefit hugely from getting out and walking even the muddiest of paths. It is such an opportunity to see those glimpses of hope by observing the natural world. I admit that I am more of a fair weather walker than some and the heavy conditions do slow me down, but that slower pace enables me to appreciate the signs of early spring so much more than if I travel faster. I have realised that I am sauntering. I wonder if you know that the word 'saunter' is derived from the French, 'à la sainte terre', 'to the holy ground' and this has transformed my walking as I put away the guilt that I cannot do a speedy fitness walk but I can relax the body, and in turn the mind. This gentler, slower pace invites us to take in the detail of our surroundings and we walk with more reverence when we connect with these gifts so that perhaps sauntering is a daily exercise for the soul? Looking out for those early flowering wild flowers, the bursting through of the spring bulbs, the catkins in the hedgerows, and the brave song of the blackbirds- the earliest of the song birds to begin the ritual of finding a mate and building a nest – has been so inspiring for me.

There are many other reasons for hope for us too. The wonderful way the NHS has organised the enormous task of delivering the vaccinations which our hard working scientists have produced, and the evidence of its success by numbers of infections and deaths falling is testament to that.

Within our benefice we have had the joyful news of the Rev. Sue's appointment as our priest in charge. Look out for details of how to

connect to the service of her licensing and installation on April 21st at 7.30 p.m. herein or in the Pilgrim Post.

I am writing this on the third Sunday in Lent, half way along our journey towards the Festival of Easter, and we know that the despair of Good Friday will be followed by the joy of Easter with the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour who brings the offer of eternal life to all.

Encouraging you to find hope among the gloom of the effects of the pandemic I am reminded of a short but perhaps suitable Easter prayer by Nick Fawcett

"Forgive us Lord, for we pin our hopes on what can never satisfy – the rewards and riches of this world. Teach us, if we would put all our eggs in one basket, to let that basket be you. Amen."

I wish you all a joyful and blessed Easter.

Rev. Helen

EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

Good Friday: a service, led by John Davies, will be pre-recorded, and broadcast on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday: there are plans for a socially distanced, physical service in Little Saling, led by Rev Helen Pelly.

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For other services in the Pilgrim Parishes, please see details on p.5



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Please contact Lydia to book: E: lydia.bucknell@btinternet.com

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Website: [Salings Parish Council \(salings-pc.gov.uk\)](http://salings-pc.gov.uk)

The date for our next parish council meeting is 14th April.

Our annual Parish meeting will be held on 12th May

We are sorry to report that Cathy Carlisle our Clerk will be leaving us in June. We would like to thank her for her many years of service and wish her and her family much happiness in their new life in Scotland.

This does of course mean that we are looking for a new Clerk. If you think you may be interested please contact Cathy who will be able to give you all the details.

We still need more volunteers to help with a village speed watch in Great Saling. Please get in touch if you would like to join us or if you would like a bit more information.



There is also a speeding problem in Bardfield Saling. Although there is no lower speed limit through the village, these are still country roads used by walkers, horse riders and cyclists.

Please be considerate and drive accordingly and remember that just as you do not like cars speeding past your house, nor do your neighbours.

We are so lucky to live here in the countryside, let's all take care and look after it.



As we now start to move back into some sort of normality, and as we will not have the plant sale or fete this year, we thought that it would be nice to try to arrange a village get together of some sort.

Please let us have some suggestions for what you would like to do.

So far we have a village picnic and an afternoon tea?

There has been a nice sense of community during the lock down and it would be nice to continue it once we are allowed.

Please give your suggestions to any of the Councillors named above.

Please continue to contact our Parish Clerk,

Cathy Carlisle: 07766 112536

salings.pc@outlook.com if you need help with shopping or the collection of prescriptions.

Our annual litter pick around the villages will take place on Sunday 11th April.



Collect gloves, bags and pickers from the village hall car park at 10 am.

Please come and have a socially distanced walk whilst helping us to keep our villages tidy.

Graham Butland
County Councillor
Three Fields with Great Notley Division

On Thursday 6 May 2021, residents in Essex will go to the polls to have their say on who represents them, with elections for all 75 seats on Essex County Council taking place.

These elections are an opportunity to have a say on who represents residents on issues that directly affect day-to-day life in the county.

Ahead of the elections, Essex County Council is asking residents to 'Vote safe' by registering for postal voting in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Even though there are a number of ways to vote, including in a polling station, the safest way to vote as the situation stands, is by staying at home and voting by post.

Do you need a postal vote for the May elections?

Did you know that you can apply for a postal vote for local or general elections - or indeed for our forthcoming referendum on the Salings Neighbourhood Plan?

The form can be applied for or downloaded from the website link below (or just type 'Braintree postal vote' into your browser):

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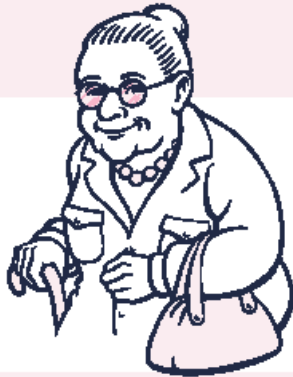
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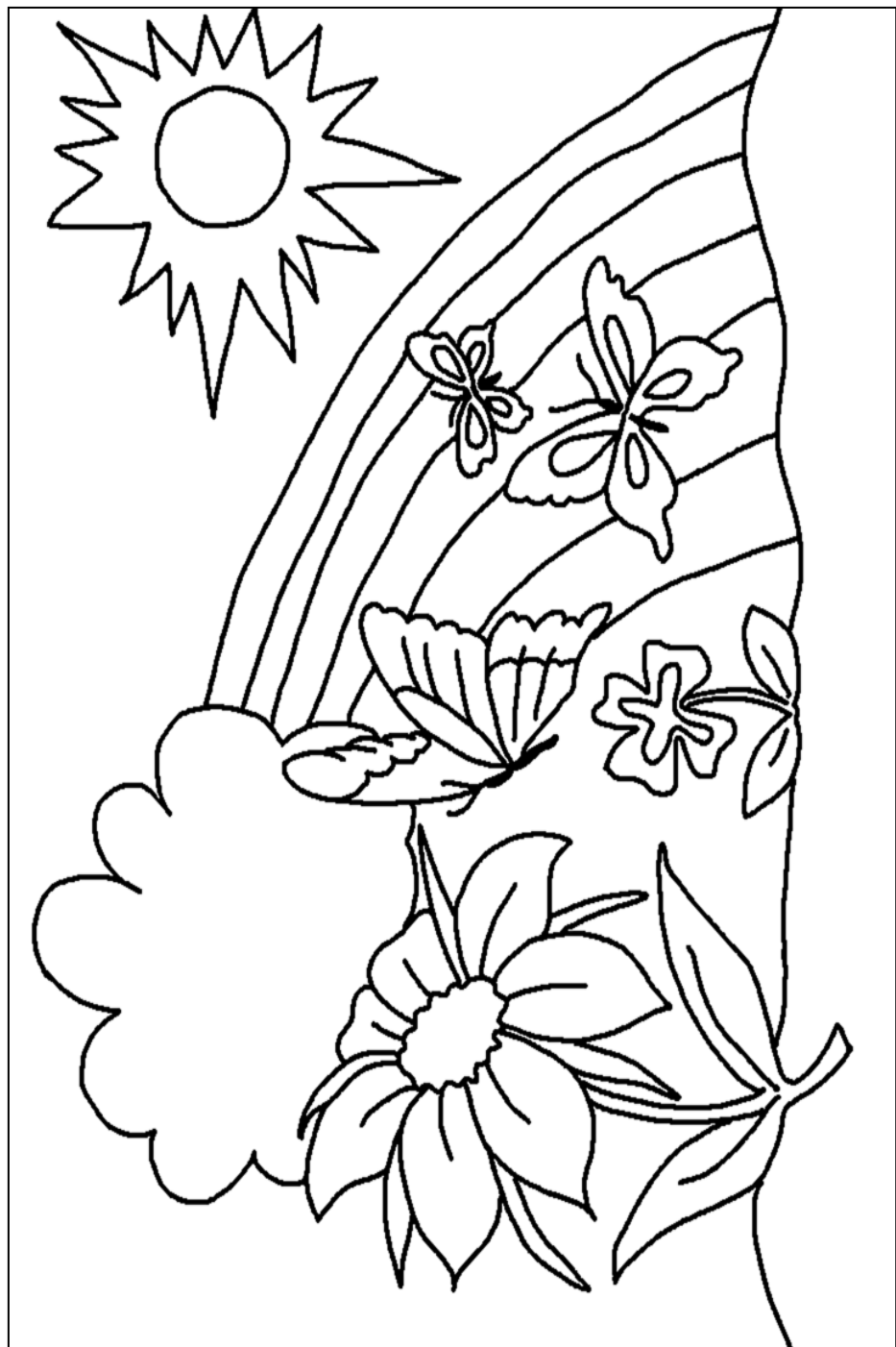
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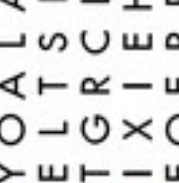
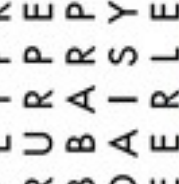




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I hope that you have all kept well during these difficult and trying times. We are now, hopefully, entering a new phase where we can move around more freely and safely. As lockdown is slowly being eased we can look forward to a bit more normality in our lives.

For me this means I can do the overdue draws (last one was in December) and some of you will be lucky to get a cheque put through the letterbox very soon. All being well, I shall do the draws sometime in April.

I would also like to remind some of you that the collectors will be knocking on your doors to for any outstanding money as well as the money for the new quarter of the year beginning on the 1st April.

New Members are very welcome

We are always looking for new members and just to explain to Newcomers of the village, the 100 Club is to raise money for any improvements that need to be done to our beautiful village hall. We do a monthly draw and it costs £2/month and you have the chance to win 1st prize £60, 2nd prize £40. 3rd prize £20

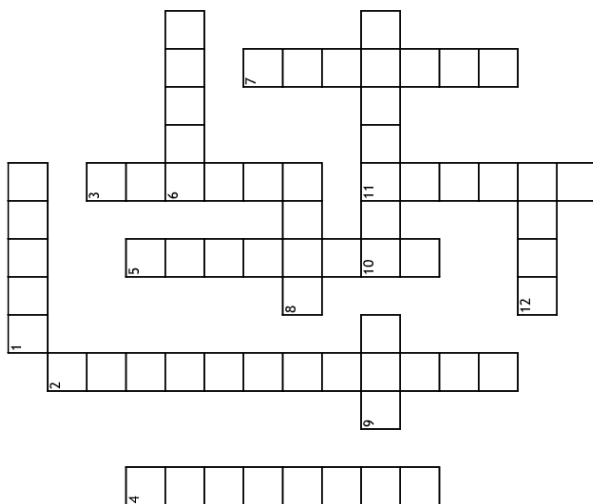
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Maya Hatcher

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10. These animals live in burrows underground
12. This animal looks like a big rabbit with tall ears

Down

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A Family of Farleigh Fundraisers!

Fundraising really is a family affair for the Hariram family, with three generations of the family undertaking numerous activities to raise money in aid of Farleigh Hospice. After experiencing the vital support the hospice provides to those affected by life-limiting illness and bereavement, Lloyd Hariram and his family have since devoted time and effort to supporting Farleigh whenever possible. Last year, Lloyd kindly nominated Farleigh for Charity of the Year 2020 at his place of work, Aegon. Aegon is one of the world's leading financial services organisations, providing life insurance, pensions and asset management. Each year Aegon invites employees to nominate a charity and then selects a final five to raise money for over that 12-month period. With a workforce of over 2,000 staff, the firm receives thousands of nominations. Farleigh made the final selection, thanks to Lloyd's heartfelt nomination.

Despite the pandemic limiting what fundraising activities could take place, the company raised over £3,718. Aegon's Charity Committee had to get creative to ensure it continued to fundraise despite the restrictions of lockdowns, home working and social distancing. They met the challenge with virtual COVID-secure events such as Strictly Come Dancing and Champions League predictor competitions and a ['Ready, Steady, Cook' at home cooking challenge](#), for which Lloyd helped by making a bespoke chopping board as a prize. Commenting on why he nominated Farleigh, Lloyd said: "After someone special to me and my family used the services of Farleigh Hospice, we experienced first-hand the amazing work and services that they provide. This experience motivated us to look at ways we could help raise funds for the hospice. To date, we've taken part in Farleigh events like the Bubble Rush, Cycle for Life as well as their various running challenges.

"My employer, Aegon, invites their staff to nominate a charity for their Charity of the Year. During this year the company organises fundraising events and donates all proceeds to that cause. I didn't hesitate in putting Farleigh forward for the 2020 nomination and I was delighted when they were selected. The last year has been a very different year with the pandemic, and the Aegon Charity Committee had to arrange alternative COVID-safe events in order to raise money. I am really happy we were able to raise this amount on behalf of Aegon to help Farleigh Hospice continue the great work that they do."

Mike Holliday-Williams, CEO, Aegon UK comments: "Against a backdrop of virtual meetings, isolation and lockdowns, Aegon employees have gone above and beyond in 2020 to support the company's commitment to giving back to our local communities. From nominating the charities close to their hearts, through to the passion and dedication shown in raising these funds for fantastic causes – I was in awe at the persistence and creativity from everyone involved. But these efforts are made even more special when you know about the connection a colleague has with a charity they've nominated, like Lloyd has with Farleigh Hospice. I'm glad we could help him and his family support something so important to them."



The fundraising efforts of the Hariram family extend beyond Lloyd's nomination for Aegon's Charity of the Year. Fundraising for Farleigh is a true family affair. With three generations joining forces for a good cause. Lloyds father, wife and son have all joined him in his efforts to raise money in aid of the hospice.

The family has taken part in the last two Farleigh Bubble Rush events in Promenade Park. Lloyd and his wife Natalie also took part in the Cycle for Life in 2019, which was held on their second wedding anniversary. Not only did the date of the event coincide with their anniversary, but the route also went past the church that the couple got married in! Farleigh even featured a photograph of the couple in its coverage of the day.

Their son Rueben is also an active fundraiser and with his grandfather's help, has been making and selling lavender bags in aid of Farleigh Hospice. Rueben uses lavender from his grandfather's garden and hand sews the bags using material that has been donated from family and friends. In addition to the lavender bags, Rueben has also been selling fresh herbs from his own herb garden as another way to raise money. During the early part of the pandemic he also made and donated facemasks and boredom busting packs to those shielding in his community.

Debbie de Boltz, Fundraising Manager at Farleigh Hospice says: "We'd like to say a huge thank you to both Aegon and the Hariram family for all they have done to raise money for us! Nominations for Charity of the Year schemes play a vital role in our fundraising. The funding we receive from corporate donations enables us to continue our work providing care and support for those affected by a life-limiting illness across mid-Essex.

"COVID-19 made fundraising particularly hard in 2020, so it really is phenomenal that Aegon was able to raise such a large amount. We applaud the Hariram family's continued fundraising efforts, their support means so much to us. Rueben's creative and industrious ideas, coupled with his acts of kindness to the vulnerable in his community, are an inspiration. We're sure we'll be featuring Rueben as a standalone case study to showcase more of his fundraising efforts in the future!"

If you and your family are interested in helping, visit our fundraising page www.farleighhospice.org/fundraise to find how you can start fundraising for Farleigh Hospice and help support people in our community affected by a life-limiting illness or bereavement.

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Paul Euesden, District Councillor

As the Parish Council keep you updated with Village issues, I thought I would focus on a District update.

At the last full council meeting BDC confirmed, as expected, no increase in its element of Council Tax but essential services, community resilience, support of the green agenda, projects that support our town centres and promote economic recovery will still be delivered. Section 1 of the Local Plan was adopted and Section 2 will now go forward for examination.

Enhancing our Environment The BDC Budget delivers some key commitments, aimed at enhancing the environment

£500,000 to support actions to deliver BDC's Climate Strategy. Strategy group to report on suggested actions by the summer.

£31,000 allocated for new CCTV in Braintree and Halstead,

£100,000 allocated to upgrade 4 Children's play areas in the Braintree District,

A cycling strategy to be implemented to improve the network of cycleways across Braintree District.

Promoting Prosperity Victoria Square development is on schedule.

Enterprise Centre at Horizon 120 goes ahead, plus contracts signed by CareCo and Essex Xray for new premises at Horizon 120, with a third large company at contract stage bringing new employment opportunities on our doorstep and helping to stimulate Economic Recovery locally.

Supporting our Communities Funding secured for Councillor Community Grant, to enable local District Members to support community projects, £750,000 allocated for the all-weather playing surface in Halstead, Extra funding to ensure water quality in BDC swimming pools and infrastructure provided to help our Leisure Centres reopen quickly once COVID restrictions are lifted.

Covid At the time of writing, numbers of infections, hospitalisations, positive tests and deaths are all reducing. We can't relax though as it is still very much a threat and the numbers are still much higher than they were last summer. Schools are reopening for all pupils and what happens to infection rates will be carefully monitored.

10,400+ Braintree District residents have got Covid and sadly, over 300 have died (February Figures). Vaccination programme is going well with all targets being met so far.

Don't forget to vote in the May elections. Keep safe and well and please be kind to each other. Paul Euesden cllr.peuesden@braintree.gov.uk

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Fingers crossed: we are going to be open for visitors on 18 April. Entry will be by ticket, available through our website from late March, and to season ticket holders and friends.

Over the last few years our volunteers have been adding to the planting in the Gardens to ensure there is colour in April, as well as the fresh greens of the grass and trees. We look forward to late flowering daffodils and tulips, which look fantastic set against the euphorbia in the Italian garden; and the blossom on the fruit trees and the flowering cherries. We hope visitors will also be able to see the stonemasons' progress on restoring the balustrade around the lilypond. We will provide our usual excellent bacon, cheese or hummus butties, homemade cake and hot and cold drinks; and we will have social distancing measures in place.

Volunteers have been working hard to make the Gardens ready for visitors. There's been more dead-hedging. This is a great way to tidy away the branches and twigs around the Gardens, as it provides a habitat for bugs, a boundary (although it probably won't keep the deer out!) and does not add to greenhouse gas emissions, as it would if we had bonfires instead. March was a month for planting the first flower, herb and vegetable seeds and the seed potatoes; transplanting cuttings; and more pruning and tidying. It was also time for completing the work underway on the paths so visitors can get around.

So, if you have not already done so, set the date in your diaries and find the details and the link to the ticketing arrangements on our website (www.eastonlodge.co.uk) and facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/thegardensofeastonlodge/>).

Jill Goldsmith





We always welcome donations from our general shopping list (<https://braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>), as we anticipate we will require food in the future.

Also... we are in need of donations of washing detergent (gel form, if possible, please).

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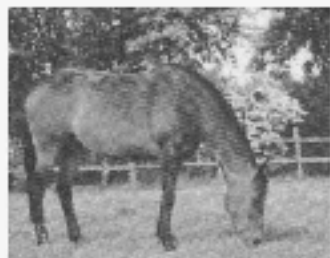
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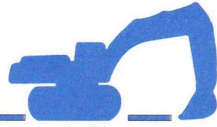
The Hundred Parishes has some wonderful surviving examples of guildhalls. Thaxted is probably the best known - three storeyed, timber framed and jetted, built in the 15th century. (see right picture) Thaxted was an important centre of cutlery manufacture and it is believed the cutlers helped to fund the building we now know as the Guildhall. Its original purpose is uncertain; it may have had broader uses as a moot hall or civic meeting place. The building later became a school and today it is used for parish council and other meetings and incorporates a small museum of Thaxted's history.

The guildhall at Linton was built in 1523 and is now a private house. It was once the home of Sir John Kendrew who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1962. Finchingfield's 15th-century guildhall stands beside the parish church. (see left picture) In the past it was used as almshouses and now the renovated building houses a library and excellent museum. The first floor is used in non-Covid times for courses and is available for private hire.

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