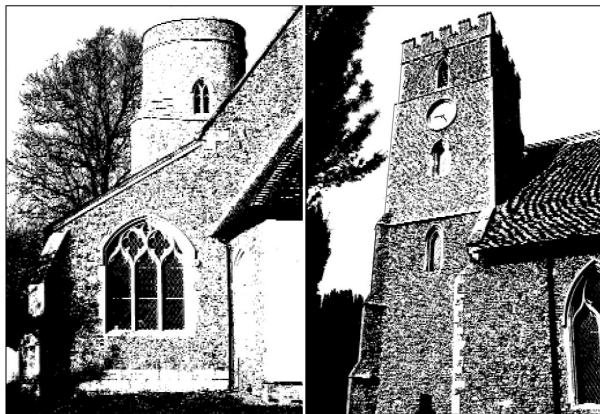


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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Many issues ago, we (mis)-quoted the old proverb 'cast ne're a clout till *March* be out'. We were corrected and told it should be 'till *May*' be out - and the frosts and hailstorms we have seen certainly bear that out!

Anyway, we hope that the warmer weather will tempt you out into your gardens, and that you will be visiting Diane at Compost Corner or one of our local garden centres (at the Blue Egg or Blake End - pictured above) to restore any ravages from the late frosts.

Normally in a June issue we would be talking about our Fete and Car Show, but sadly the COVID-19 pandemic has put paid to that this year. Instead, we hope to meet in the open air for a socially-distanced Village Picnic - see page 5.

Then advance notice for the Salings 3.1 Challenge on 31st July - see p16. This will be a sponsored event designed to raise money towards the upkeep of our historic Salings Churches - complete with an opportunity for a cuppa. Further details at <https://bit.ly/33XyNWc> - where you can find a sponsorship form if you would like to take part!

Finally, a big 'thank you' to our departing Parish Clerk, Cathy Carlisle, who is moving north with her family to the Borders - see more on page 4.



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

Letter from the Ministry Team - Promises



Here we are in June and there is a date which is significant and has caught my attention during the television coverage of the life of the Duke of Edinburgh. It is June 2nd, the date of the Queen's Coronation in 1953 so this year she will have been our crowned Queen for 68 years.

At her Coronation the Queen made promises to God and to the people of the country to serve him and them faithfully all her life which we see her doing. We also saw that very touching moment when Prince Philip knelt before her and promised his allegiance to her as her 'liege man of life and

limb' which he remained from then until his death. These are big promises to fulfil.

Most of us do not make promises like those, watched by millions across the world, but all our lives there are times when we promise. Scouts and Guides make promises, members of the armed forces make promises, the police make promises and there will be many other organisations which ask their members to promise to uphold the principles of that organisation. I expect that many of you have made some of those promises in your lives. You will also have made other promises which are precious and lifelong like these below.

At Ordination, a bit like the Queen, I made promises to God to serve him faithfully and to serve his people and that promise lasts to the end of my life. As a priest I have the privilege of seeing people make promises regularly to one another at their Marriages and there will be many of these this year re-arranged from the Covid times. The promises of love and faithfulness in good times and in bad are made in public and are very moving and are lifelong.

I also see promises being made at Baptisms (Christenings) when an adult will promise to follow Jesus Christ all their lives and therefore be known as a Christian. For children their Godparents make these promises on their behalf until they are old enough to make them for themselves. I feel that sometimes it is hard to keep this Godparent promise and my suggestions is that praying for your Godchild as well as giving it presents is one of the best things you can do.

So we all make promises and we know that when we make them we intend to keep them, don't we, otherwise we wouldn't make them?

Yes they do get broken and that is hurtful and sad and people or organisations get injured in the process. None of us is perfect and no doubt don't keep our promises as we would want to but failing is not a reason to give up. A promise gives us a structure to return to. The thing about Christianity is that God understands this and says 'Come back and recognise the mess and let's start again'. This is called forgiveness and is always available and is part of our Church Service.

I am writing this before the last two steps out of Covid regulation have been confirmed but I do pray that these promises from the government will be fulfilled. A promise fulfilled is what promising is all about!

With best Wishes, Cilla Hawkes

PILGRIM PARISHES Church Services

We are delighted to be back in our Churches: if you wish to join us please ensure you have booked a place with your church wardens (see contact details at the back of the magazine).

We will also continue to live-stream a service each week: go to YouTube and search for: **"Pilgrim Parishes Contingency Church"**

Forthcoming: Salings Churches Harvest (Giving Day) 12th of Sept. at 12pm. A short service followed by a picnic at Parkes.

THANK YOU CATHY

By the time this magazine hits your front door mat Cathy Carlisle will have left for pastures new in Scotland. We from The Salings Churches just wanted to say a public Thank you, and an enormous one at that, for all she has done during her time here. She arrived heavily pregnant with Robert and set to work supporting the Churches and the village in so many ways and many of them unnoticed. She then took up the role of Parish Clerk but has remained a part of the churches and a support to so many in the villages. We would like to wish her, Colin, Robert and Stewart well and send them on their way with this Gaelic Blessing.

On behalf of all,
Lydia Roe

May The Road Rise Up To Meet You



*May the road rise up to meet you.
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VILLAGE PICNIC

SUNDAY JUNE 27th. 1pm

Due to the current uncertainty regarding Covid 19 we have once again had to cancel this year's fete and car display.

In 2020 we had an impromptu get together and picnic on the playing field and hope to do the same this year - a chance to catch up with your friends and neighbours. Nothing formal just bring your own picnic, drinks and camping chairs etc. And of course, some 'sunshine'.

We will have full use of the toilet facilities in the hall.

Pick it up!

You could be reported!

Dog fouling is a serious health hazard and anti-social. It also carries a fixed penalty fine of £100! The footpath across Giddy Field from the Chase to Woolpits Road seems to be a 'popular pooping place' with some owners. *Please pick it up!*

We kindly ask that you take it home or place in a red bin. YOU COULD BE REPORTED!



Parish Council News

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

Please check the notice boards and website for the date of our next meeting.

We would like to welcome our new Clerk, Helen Waterfield. Helen has been the Parish Clerk at Black Notley for over 20 years and we very much look forward to working with her. All her details are above.



Following on from our virtual AGM, your Parish Council now looks as follows:

Chair	Kathy Jiggins
Vice Chair	Sue Baugh
Village hall representatives	Peter Martin & Kathy Jiggins
Footpath representative	Richard Aggiss & Colin Bennett
Transport representative	Kathy Jiggins



Another plea to all dog walkers.

Following on from last month's plea to dog walkers not to drop their dog waste in the litter bins, we are still finding mess around the village – including in the play area. There is a dog bin just a few steps from where our children play and another at the other end of the field so there is

really no need for this. As we are sure everyone knows, dog mess poses serious health issues to children, let alone causing great inconvenience to anyone who is unlucky enough to tread in it. Please take responsibility for the mess that your dog makes and put it in the bins which have been provided for this sole purpose. We are currently trying to get another bin in the village hall area which will help.

Unfortunately, we have another anti- social matter to report this month. The play area has been taken over on several occasions recently between the hours of midnight and 3am by loud youths who are also using the zip wire. This has been reported to the Police. Apart from the fact that this is disturbing the residents who live nearby, the play area is not built for adults. Please, let's all be more considerate to our neighbours.



A resident attended the last PC meeting to request help in arranging an 80th anniversary celebration for Andrewsfield airfield in 2023.

It is envisaged that the event should take place in May or June 2023. We think this would be a great thing to do and we would like to ask for everyone's help to make this a success.

We are asking for volunteers to join a working group which, we expect, would involve other villages who are also integral to Andrewsfield's history. We would also like ideas as to what form the celebrations should take.

Ideas suggested so far include a display of military vehicles/planes and a 1940s themed dance but we would love more ideas from residents. There is still a strong link between Andrewsfield and the families of US airmen who were posted here during WWII so we might contact them and see if they are interested in taking part. If you would be interested in joining the working group or have ideas for how we could celebrate, please contact any of our Councillors for further information.



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The swallows have returned earlier this month and have now settled in!

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District Councillor for Rayne & The Salings

Paul Euesden

I am writing this a few days after the ECC elections. I do hope you voted and had your say. Our County Councillor for the next 4 years is Councillor Graham Butland. ECC are responsible for Education (including schools), Social Services, Highways, Public transport, Trading Standards, Public rights of Way, Libraries, Registration Services (Births, Deaths & Marriages) and Archives, plus quite a bit more. If you have any issues that come under these headings, contact Cllr. Butland for assistance. His email address is cllr.graham.butland@essex.gov.uk

The re-opening of shops, hairdressers, Gyms, swimming pools and pubs externally has gone very well with many people returning to the High Street to support local shops. It was announced today that the next phase of easing restrictions will go ahead on 17th May. So, by the time you read this Cinema, Hotels, B&B's and indoor hospitality will be open enabling us to meet friends and family inside pubs and restaurants. Once again, though, I must sound a note of caution and urge you to be vigilant and still follow guidelines to keep us on track for a full return to normal. Covid is still with us.

From early May, Council meetings will be back to "in person" meetings with strict new guidelines and rules to maintain social distancing, ensure ventilation is adequate and all risks are minimized. If you wish to attend District Council meetings there will be new arrangements for this too, so check on the website. These arrangements will apply to all Committee meetings but different arrangements will be required for Full Council meetings to comply with social distancing rules as we won't all fit in the Council Chamber.

Again, I must praise the Parish Council for the excellent work they have done throughout the Pandemic, keeping everyone informed, carrying out business as usual. Thanks also go to the volunteers who have stepped in to make sure shopping is got, medications are collected, dogs are walked or there is just someone to talk to. It's at times like these that we realise how lucky we are to live in a caring community.

BDC today launched its public consultation documents on Climate Change Strategy and Cycling Strategy and is inviting residents' comments and engagement to these proposals via its website and Social Media channels. Make your views known and influence our future. Also published on 11th May is the BDC Housing Topic Paper which sets out in detail the current housing land supply position both in the Local Plan and in relation to the 5-year housing land supply. This paper was requested and will be considered, by the inspectors during the course of the Local Plan Section 2 examination. It can be viewed on the BDC website.

Finally, please contact me on the email address below if you need my help.

Best wishes, Paul E: Cllr.peuesden@braintree.gov.uk

Keeping your home safe in these changing times

Having been “confined to barracks” during lock down don’t forget to lock up your home securely when you do go out, it’s important get back into the habit of locking up when we leave our homes unoccupied.

Even if you are at home still consider your home security for as it gets warmer, we get to see a rise in the number of “Creeper Burglaries” where burglars take advantage of open gates, windows and doors.

An open or insecure garden gate will provide the thief with access to the back of your home. If you have unoccupied rooms that are accessible to others from outside or off flat roofs make sure the windows are closed, if you need ventilation in these rooms whilst at home at least lock the larger window and only have the small window open even during the daytime. If you only have just bigger windows consider a lockable window restrictor and a small alarm sensor on the window to detect entry.

Leave any accessible door open or insecure and an opportunist thief will pop in and anything lying around will be gone. You may have only popped out, or down the end of the garden or having a quick shower; it only takes a second for a thief to steal. A few tips for keeping your home secure:

- Don’t attract a thief with insecure pedal cycles or cars or gates. Keep side or rear gates, sheds and garages shut and securely locked.
- Doors closed and locked? Don’t forget that with a PVCu multi-locking door you may have lifted the handle but until you turn the key or thumb turn on the inside you have not locked all the locks in place. **Before going out or turning in for the night** don’t forget to check all doors, someone may have closed it but did they lock it?
- Windows - lift the blinds or open the curtains and check they are closed, the sun may have been on the TV when it was hot, and so the curtains were drawn with the window open. Remember the above advice about open windows. **Make sure in case of fire that keys to windows and doors are readily accessible to occupants** but not in view of possible burglars.
- If you have an intruder alarm activate it when going out and activate the zone for the unoccupied area whilst in.
- Car keys - **don’t** take them to bed with you, where possible leave them in noisy drawer/location. Keep the keyless fob in a “Faraday” bag.
- If you do hear a suspicious noise in the house that you are not happy with dial 999 and make a noise, shout out, it could cause any intruder to flee, they may not have known you were home, remember your life is more important than your property. If safe to do so get a good description of the person/s and if possible the car index number and direction of travel.

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United Message from Airport Campaign Groups across the UK

In a major breakthrough for airport campaign groups across the UK, the Government has finally agreed that all aviation emissions are to be subject to legal limits under the Climate Change Act.

Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE) Chairman Peter Sanders commented: "This is a major cause for celebration and something we have long argued for. The Government finally seems to have recognised that if we are serious about tackling climate change, the environmental damage caused by the aviation sector can no longer be ignored."

In the wake of the Government's announcement, campaign groups at the eight major UK airports currently threatened by expansion, have written to Transport Secretary Grant Shapps and Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick calling for an immediate moratorium on airport expansion on climate change grounds.

The full letter (dated 10 May) from airport campaign groups - including SSE, HACAN (Heathrow) and GACC (Gatwick) - to the Transport Secretary and the Communities Secretary is available on the SSE website at <https://stopstanstedexpansion.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/AEF-Airport-expansion-moratorium-letter-May-2021.pdf>.



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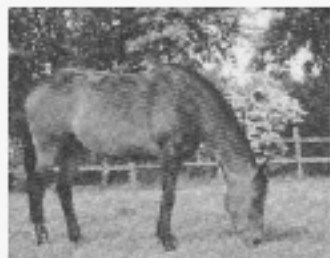
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We currently need:

Food Items:

- Sugar (500g variant please)

Other Essentials:

Our food parcels are made up of specific food groups so that those in need have enough food for at least nine meals. **The list above shows what we are in need of as we currently have good stocks of pasta, pasta sauce, biscuits, rice, fish, soup, beans, baby food and cereals.**

We also ask for small packs of food as larger packs do not fit in our parcels, making it difficult for our clients to carry home.

Thank you

We are grateful for your donations to the Braintree Area foodbank. However, we can only accept donations of freshly-bought, unopened and undamaged goods which are still well within their "use by" date (no less than 6 months). We cannot use items which do not meet these requirements, and the donation is wasted.



The Hundred Parishes Society

As summer arrives, we hope that readers will continue to enjoy the walks listed on the website www.hundredparishes.org.uk. These varied routes provide a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the variety of wildflowers growing in field margins, hedgerows, verges, churchyards and village greens.

After this season's chilly start, the warmer days have encouraged an abundance of flowers to provide essential nectar and pollen to support visiting pollinators. With the increasing concern about the alarming reduction in insect numbers, many of those caring for green spaces have adopted the 'NO MOW IN MAY' approach to grass maintenance, where the uncut grassy places can support a surprisingly large number of different native species. Their flowers add variety to these areas and the bees benefit as well!

Wayside plants such as Stinging Nettles, Goosegrass (the long, hairy plant that sticks to your socks) and Cow Parsley thrive alongside lanes and tracks. Cow parsley, with its splay of tiny white flowers, can grow as high as a person. A touch of pink is often added by the flowers of Red Campion, also known as Bachelor's Buttons as it might have been worn as a buttonhole by unmarried men.

Common bright yellow flowers include Dandelions and the shiny golden petals of a great variety of Buttercups. The tall Ox-eye Daisy is often present where wildflower mixtures have been sown. In recent years these have become a common sight beside new roadways.

The types of wild flower I have listed can be seen and enjoyed almost everywhere in the Hundred Parishes. There are many more varieties to be seen and occasionally something quite rare. For smart phone users there are apps to help with identification, but we do not have to be experts to appreciate and enjoy nature's abundance.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

I like to look back when I write these news pieces – this time last year we were beginning to welcome volunteers back into the Gardens but couldn't yet tell when we would have visitors. Now we have already had our first visitors, for the April Open Day which was a lovely sunny day enjoyed by all; and on the first few Open Thursdays, when visitors can come and see the volunteers at work, without the frills of catering and children's activities.

By June, hopefully lockdowns will be a distant memory and we will have normal beautiful late Spring weather. We will be joined at the 27 June Open Day by Jono Forgham local naturalist, who will show visitors the bugs in the Gardens; and by the RSPB, Essex Bat Group, Essex Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust. Our beekeepers, local coppicers and a local woodturner will also be with us.

Assuming we have a bit more rain by June, the Gardens should be looking gorgeous and we may have some early produce from the walled kitchen garden on sale, as well as the usual plant and jam stalls. Key plants around the Gardens in early June are common orchids, the philadelphus, allegedly planted by the Countess and on good years the lovely false acacia – they may be late this year? Towards the end of June there should be roses and waterlilies. In the walled kitchen garden, we might expect the squashes to be starting to spread out and perhaps climbing up the hazel A-Frames erected for them? And we may be able to harvest potatoes and the first dwarf green beans.

Open Days are now by ticket only, obtainable through the Gardens website:

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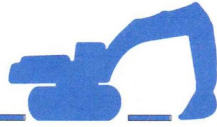
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