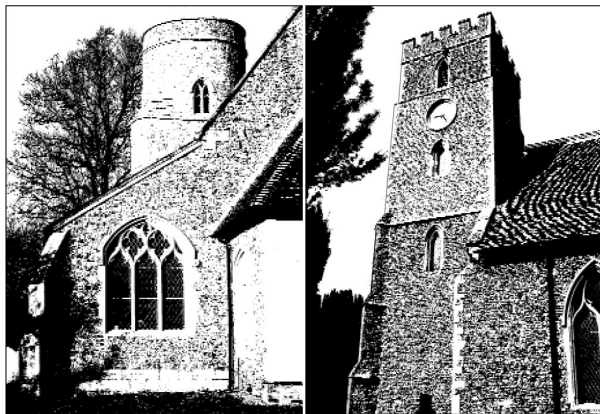


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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS



While it is lovely to see our villages coming alive again with the late spring flowers, we hope your gardens have not been caught out too badly by the late frosts we have experienced in April.

New beginnings, of course, are not limited to the plant kingdom. On page 3, Rev Sue Hurley, our new priest in charge, writes of her hopes and the challenges ahead. And we are rising to the challenges of COVID-19 by having a Village Picnic on Sunday June 27th - see page 5 - which would otherwise have been the day for our annual Fete and Car Show.

And as a new experiment this year, we will be doing a 3.1 Challenge on Saturday July 31st - see page 13 for further details.

By the time you read this, the Local Elections of May 6th will either have occurred or be very close. It is also a time for AGMs, so the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on May 12th (see page 7), while the Salings Millennium Village Hall will be holding its meeting on May 19th - see pages 10&11.

Our churches continue with a mixture of online services and services in church. There is a weekly bulletin with the details - do contact Lydia Roe (lydia.bucknell@btinternet.com) if you would like to be on the circulation list for it.

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

FROM REVD. SUE HURLEY

As I write this, I am preparing for April the 21st, when, God willing, in a service led by The Bishop of Colchester, I will be licensed and installed as the new Priest in Charge of The Pilgrim Parishes. Being Priest in Charge of all these parishes is both exciting and daunting in equal measure! I have been blessed in that, as a curate, (which, if you like, is 'a vicar with L-plates on') I have already got to know many of you and I look forward to working with you and meeting new people, you are all welcome at any of our services.



This is definitely not a job that I can do alone and I am immensely grateful to the team of priests and licensed lay ministers who, alongside a great group of church wardens, all give their time freely to help our local churches and communities. The traditional role of a parish priest has changed dramatically over the last 25 years. Now, with so many parishes, it is no longer possible for a parish priest to do all the visiting. The pastoral care falls to a wider group of people from each village church; of course I want to be here for you, if you need me. I love praying both for and with people. I will always try my best to make time for you, so if you need me, please get in touch. However regrettable, rather like GP's, priests nowadays very much have to rely on you booking an appointment with them, and home visits are occasional rather than the norm. So please do not feel rejected and unloved. Just get in touch!

Maybe Lockdown has been a time of asking some of the deeper questions in life? Even if you have never stepped foot in a church before, you are really welcome to join us on any Sunday. If you would like to be part of a smaller discussion-based group, where you can ask questions, let me know and we will be happy to arrange this for you.

We all have huge challenges ahead as we navigate through our current uncertain times and as we seek to get our churches fully open. For those of you who do not yet feel safe in a larger group of people, we hope to be able to continue to live stream a weekly service, this can be found on the You Tube Pilgrim Parishes Contingency Church channel, we can also arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to you.

My prayer for us all, as we begin to emerge from this dark time, is that we will grasp hold of the hope that this Easter season brings and allow this hope rather than the darkness that has shaped the last year, to fill our hearts.

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 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"**

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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.

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There have been several instances of dog owners depositing their dog's waste in the litter bins at the village hall. Not pleasant for those who have to empty them!

We kindly ask that you use the 'red bin'.



Before you venture out again

Naturally with more people being at home during the Covid19 pandemic burglary numbers have fallen, and internet purchasing has increased resulting in new desirables in our homes.

When you did get out maybe someone was left in the house so locking up would not have been needed. As restrictions begin to be eased again and more of us venture out, we need to get back into our old habits ensuring that when left empty our homes are secure. Burglars are opportunists seeking an empty house that is easy to enter. Whether just popping out for a moment, or longer make it look like someone is in even if no one is there; always making sure you lock up when you leave.

Just a few tips to remind you:

- Ensure that windows, doors, outbuildings and gates are closed and locked correctly, make sure all tools are put away too. Remember with PVCu and similar doors – when locking Lift the handle, turn and remove the key. If you have a night latch and a mortice lock ensure that you lock both not just the night latch.
- No keys outside in hidey holes please, the thief will find them no matter how well you think they are hidden.
- Create the illusion of occupancy: A radio on, a chair that looks like you have just got up, book or magazine open with a pair of spectacles and a mug next to it, a vacuum cleaner with the lead trailing out of sight (not plugged in), the usual signs of habitation and don't leave it too tidy.
- Consider a doorbell that you can answer remotely on your smartphone. A lot of these you can add further CCTV cameras that you listen and speak through too.
- Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights on when it gets dark, also consider a "Fake TV" unit discretely hidden from view.
- If you have an intruder alarm make sure that you set it before leaving and ensure that your neighbours know who the keyholders are.
- Keys to other cars; put them away and in a "faraday bag" if you have a keyless car.

Don't forget the car when you leave it unattended:

- Close the windows and lock it, verify it is locked by the sound, the flash of the lights or try the handle.
- Leave nothing on show, remember to the thief even the empty bag or jacket is inviting, they don't know what they may contain until looking in it after damaging your car getting in.
- Choose a safe place to park, with lots of visibility over it, if you can look for a "Parkmark" accredited car park <http://www.parkmark.co.uk/car-park-finder> .

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Our annual Parish meeting will be held on 12th May

A shorter newsletter this month as our April meeting had to be postponed due to the death of the Duke of Edinburgh.

We would like to say thank you to Cathryn Carlisle our Clerk for her many years of service and wish her and her family much happiness in their new life in Scotland.

Thank you to everyone who joined in our village litter pick on 7th April. It was lovely to see some new faces. It's amazing just how much there was to pick up.

And on the subject of vergers, the bulbs looked particularly lovely this year. Our thanks go to all who have done the planting over the years.

Eastlight Housing have started to re-paint the railings in the village and I'm sure that you will agree that they look much better this time.

Highways have agreed to some of our traffic calming measures and we are just awaiting confirmation before we can start to implement them.



Hedge and tree cutting and our wildlife

We believe that everyone who lives in The Salings cares about the wildlife that lives alongside us. It is this wildlife that helps to make our local environment that bit more special.

However, every year we see people getting out their hedge cutters, saws and trimmers before the end of the bird nesting season. There are also incidences of trees and hedges being cut at the start of the nesting season.

How must how the birds and chicks or, indeed, small mammals feel sitting on their nests in the bushes, trees and hedges that are being cut and trimmed as the noise surrounds them and shakes their nests and perching places, threatening their very existence? It is must be terrifying for them and surely will mean that, even if they manage to survive, those birds are unlikely to return to nest in the same spot the following year.

All our major wildlife organisations recommend that cutting hedges and trees should be avoided between March and August as this is the main breeding season for birds and, indeed, much other wildlife. It is up to us all to protect and cherish our wildlife.

Did you know that it is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to

1. Intentionally kill, injure or take any wild bird.
2. Intentionally damage, destroy or take the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built.
3. Intentionally destroy an egg of any wild bird.
4. Intentionally or recklessly disturb certain wild birds or their dependent young while they are nesting (including disturbance of nesting young).

We will all be in our gardens more over the coming weeks and the temptation to “smarten up” our gardens will be there. We know that our hedges and trees do get a bit scruffy, especially as summer goes on, but shouldn't we do all we can to ensure that they remain places where our wildlife can flourish and live safely?

Not trimming that hedge or shrub or cutting back that tree between now and September is a positive action to protect our wildlife.

This also brings up the whole issue of trees and hedges in our villages and neighbourhoods. Obviously, across our villages there are a large number of trees that are protected by Tree Protection Orders but not all of our trees have this protection.

As you are all aware, the Parish Council is working currently on a tree planting plan to enhance both villages for future generations.

As part of this initiative, if you are thinking about removing trees from your property, we would like to ask you to take a step back and consider how this would affect the landscape, the views around you and, indeed, your neighbours, as well as how it impinges on wildlife and the environment in general.

Trees and hedgerows are part of the fabric of our villages – they are integral to the views and landscapes that we all benefit from, as well as playing a major part in the offset of environmental damage and providing homes and food for our wildlife.



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New members of the villages would be most welcome. If you are interested in joining, please contact any of the existing members in the first instance.

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The Village Hall management committee AGM will be held at 7:30 pm on the 19th May, at the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome!

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THE SALINGS 100 CLUB

The long awaited draws have taken place last night and it gives me great pleasure to announce the winners:

January Winners

1st Michael Surridge
2nd Wendy Wright
3rd Andrea Gleed

February Winners

1st Iain Graham
2nd Monica Messias
3rd Mike Mortimer

March Winners

1st Richard Gleed
2nd Joe Peake
3rd Kenneth Akers

April Winners

1st Wendy Wright
2nd John Barlow
3rd Natasha Coe

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you all for taking part in raising money for the village hall. If any of you other readers would like to be in for a chance to win £60, £40 or £20 in our monthly draw please contact me,
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The 3.1 Challenge: Saturday, 31st July



Last year, as some of you will know, your editors participated in the 2.6 Challenge to raise money for Farleigh Hospice by cycling 26 km. This year, faced with a second year of COVID-19 restrictions, we cannot do our usual village events like the Plant Sale.

So we thought we would adapt the 2.6 Challenge idea and do a 3.1 Challenge on Saturday the 31st July!

Any funds raised will go towards the maintenance and upkeep of our two churches.

Anyone can take part, young or (as Captain Tom has shown) old. The idea of the challenge is that you get your friends to sponsor you to do 3.1, or 31, or 310 of something - walk 3.1 miles, do 31 press-ups, bake 310 scones etc.

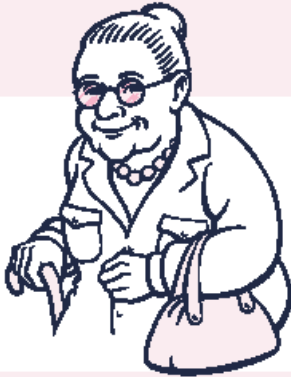
If you want further ideas have look at <https://bit.ly/3dDyFRu>

Of course, events like the Plant Sale are more than just fundraising events - they are also opportunities for us to get together and chat over a cuppa.

While this is more difficult in COVID-19 times, we are looking at whether we can have some gardens open for refreshments en route.

More details in next month's magazine!

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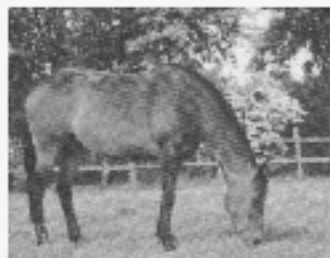
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Paul Euesden, District Councillor

I hope you all had a lovely Easter.

At the time of writing, we are in Purdah due to the Essex County Council Elections and some District council by elections. This is the period immediately before elections when specific restrictions on communications activity are in place. Most Councillors of all sides are engaged in helping their County Council candidates get their message out to voters. Please make sure that you vote in May. By the time you read this, the elections should be over and the successful candidates will be settling in.

Much of the current council work is in maintaining services and preparing for the gradual lifting of restrictions and the re-opening of shops, Hair dressers, Gyms, Pubs external, followed soon by Pubs Internal, Restaurants, Cinemas etc over the next few months. I am particularly keen for hairdressers to re-open as my hair seems to grow in all directions and gives me a look similar to "Wurzel Gum-midge". The easing of restrictions is only possible because of everyone's efforts to follow guidance and the excellent vaccine roll out. As a result, Covid figures are looking really good and Braintree District is among the better performers in Essex. Well done all and thank you. We must, however, remain vigilant once restrictions have eased and still follow guidelines or we'll have a third wave as they are experiencing in mainland Europe.

Our Environmental Health Officers are out helping to advise shops and businesses post re-opening. Plus, there's a lot going on to determine how we hold Council meetings after May when the temporary legislation allowing Virtual meetings ends. Social distancing will still apply so meetings of full council won't fit in the Council Chamber.

On the local front, the pedestrianisation of Braintree Town Centre is progressing really well and should be finished on time in June / July. Work on Horizon 120 and I-construct are also well advanced. In the villages, roadworks are due to take place at Crows Green and Plums Lane.

Finally, please support local shops, clubs and organisations wherever possible as we come out of lockdown. Follow the guidelines, protecting yourself and others around you and get your vaccination when it's offered. Above all else, be kind to each other.

Best wishes, Paul Euesden Cllr.peuesden@braintree.gov.uk



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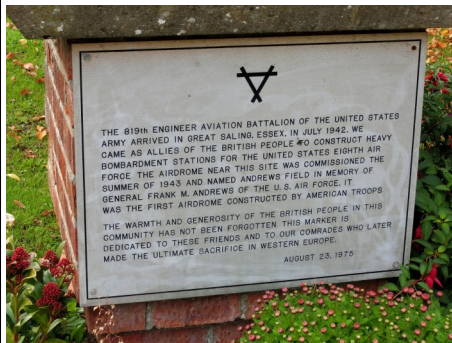
Many of us wait anxiously for the outcome of the recent public inquiry into a possible increase in the passenger cap at Stansted Airport, yet the local community's love-hate relationship with Stansted Airport is only the latest in a series of significant aviation events that have occurred within the Hundred Parishes.

In a field at Standon Green End in the parish of Thundridge, a monument marks the spot where Italian balloonist Vincenzo Lunardi landed in 1784 after completing the first manned flight in England. He took off from London beneath a balloon filled with hydrogen. In 1913, Bentfield Hucks was the first Englishman to loop-the-loop in his Bleriot aeroplane. He was born in 1884 in Bentfield Cottage, Stansted Mountfitchet and thus acquired his unusual forename. Duxford airfield, now the site of Imperial War Museum, Duxford, first became operational in World War I. Some of its buildings, constructed by German prisoners-of-war, still stand. In 1938, Duxford was the first airfield to take delivery of Spitfire fighter planes. Frank Whittle flew regularly from here while he was developing ideas that eventually led to the invention of the turbojet engine just before the end of WWII.

Altogether, twelve military airfields operated within the Hundred Parishes during WWII. Andrewsfield, straddling the parish boundary between The Salings and Stebbing, was the first American-built base in Europe, becoming operational in 1943. Stansted was another American-built airfield. Thousands of Americans were based in this area; many never saw home again.

Many of us have enjoyed the relative peace that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought to our skies, in particular discovering the joy of walking in the countryside. It is sad that it has taken so many deaths to remind us of the quality of life that exists right here, without the need to fly.

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Farleigh Hospice to host wooftastic walk

This May take part in a sponsored walk with a difference to raise money to help those in mid Essex affected by life-limiting illness.

Farleigh Hospice's virtual Tails and Trails event will take place over the May bank holiday weekend (1st to 3rd May) and is an opportunity for people to meet outside with up to five friends to get some fresh air and exercise with their canine companions.

With both 5k and 10k options available, participants can choose to walk, run or jog this sponsored challenge. The aim is to raise a minimum of £25 in sponsorship per group to match the average number of 25 patients Farleigh's hospice at home care teams visit each week, providing care and support to both patients and their families.

Farleigh Hospice Fundraising Manager, Debbie de Boltz (see picture below) said: "As we ease out of lockdown and up to six people can meet outside, we thought our Tails and Trails event would be a great way for people to celebrate being able to socialise outside again while raising money. Unfortunately, our annual Walk for Life cannot take place this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, so we thought this virtual event would be a good alternative. Participants don't have to have a dog to take part, this event is suitable for lone walkers, families and dog owners. It's a relaxed, friendly way to get outside in the spring air and support Farleigh Hospice at the same time.

"Our amazing hospice at home care teams visit an average of 25 patients affected by life-limiting illnesses per week and we want to help them continue to do this, which is why we are suggesting a minimum sponsorship amount of £25 per group.



If your company is interested in choosing Farleigh Hospice as your charity of the year please contact Michelle Martin, Farleigh Hospice Corporate Fundraiser on: 01245 457396



Shopping List April/May 2021

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- Packs of six or twelve crisps

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- Washing detergent (in a gel form if possible please)

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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

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In April the daffodils have been a glorious sight, in the Glade but also where they have sprung up uninvited in lots of other corners of the Gardens. When they have finished flowering, some will have to be moved to better places and to make way for a new path in the lime wood. But we are confident that dividing them, when we move them, will make them stronger still for next year.

At our May Open Day it will be the Italian Garden that will be the star of the show, with the restored balustrade finally providing a proper surround to the first waterlilies of the season. The lupins will be in full bloom in the outer borders and the helianthemums will be ablaze along the inner borders.

We will also be celebrating the Countess and her animals – we often mention her monkeys to visitors, explaining how one caused the major fire at Easton Lodge in 1918. But what do you know about Kim, the Countess' baby elephant? You will have to join us to find out more; and for our younger visitors we will have a story teller too, to weave the tale.

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The money you raise will go towards supporting our nurses, helping them to continue to care for people living with a life-limiting illness, provide patients and their families with physical, emotional and spiritual care, completely free of charge.

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- In celebration of your achievements, your business will be featured in our newsletter, on our website and social media channels.

if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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"My name is Amelia and I am a Community Nurse Specialist (CNS). I have been working for Farleigh Hospice for seven years

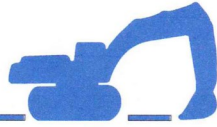
and I help people who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness manage their symptoms and coordinate their care, now and in the future. I am part of a team of dedicated nurses who work 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide physical, emotional and spiritual care for our patients.

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