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THE PARISH MAGAZINE FOR GREAT AND LITTLE SALING

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the combined September/October edition of the Salings Magazine.

We trust you have enjoyed the warm weather (!). It has certainly been too hot for some of our gardens, and hopefully the autumn - the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' (see p. 16) will see a return to more normal weather patterns.



Page 7 shows the newly planted tree hedge at the Village Hall and a plea for volunteers to assist in watering them until they are established.

If so, you may fancy a walk, and on p19 there is an article on 'Two Miles of Road' from the centre of Great Saling to Palm Trees. However, based on the experience of the editors, walking down the road may be inadvisable - we have found cycling it dangerous enough with the traffic currently thundering along it.

Anyway, if you stop halfway down you will come to Parkes, the home of Nigel & Lydia Roe, who are kindly hosting this year's Harvest Festival - see p 4 for further details.

And if your magazine arrives in time - don't forget the August Bank Holiday weekend Countess of Warwick Show - more on p12.

**Please email contributions to the November
edition by the 15th of Oct. to:
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From the Pilgrim Parishes Ministry Team

The seaside has strong appeal for many as a desirable setting for a break away during the summer months. Perhaps you hold cherished memories of family holidays from where you used to escape to for those walks along the cliffs and lazy days on the beach. My family always went to Dorset, at the western end of the Chesil Beach, staying in a village with the strange name of Eype. A memory from childhood is being somersaulted over and over by a large wave as it broke onto the steeply shelving pebbled beach, then being dragged out by the strong undertow for the process to happen again and again on the following waves. It was a frightening and exhausting experience where I felt at the mercy of the elements, forces far stronger than I.



The recollection of this incident has surfaced from reflecting on the turbulence of recent years. Like a succession of large waves, we have Brexit, the pandemic, inflation and supply and labour shortages, escalating fuel and energy prices, war in eastern Europe, and fears of irreversible climate change with abnormal weather patterns. We are at the mercy of all of these and wonder what will be next to disrupt our lives. Whatever control we thought we had feels illusory. We realise we are not the masters of our destiny, rather at the mercy of forces more powerful. How do we find peace, purpose and perspective in the midst of such turmoil and disruption? What anchors can we use to hold us steady?

Being part of a local community of faith, sharing in its rhythms of worship and prayer, is one anchor. Its shared rootedness in the hope given by the God who creates and sustains all of life, its shared belief in God's revelation of himself through his Son, Jesus Christ, who expressed his indefatigable love in his sacrificial life and death, its shared expectation that this same Jesus will return and establish a new heaven and earth free of decay and death and all that demeans and destroys life.

St Augustine of Hippo, one of the most influential thinkers and theologians amongst the fathers of the early church in the 5th Century, said "*God speaks to us in the silence of the heart*". Finding the place and space to be silent can be challengingly difficult in our modern frenetic times. The fine historic church buildings used by the communities of faith across the Pilgrim Parishes are open to all every day and offer access to that special space where the heart and mind can be stilled. Why not take advantage of this, dropping in and finding somewhere to sit quietly? Take time out in God's house and allow him to give rest to your soul in the midst of all that is happening in your personal struggles and the ones we share in all that are impacting our lives in these anxious times. Rest in the presence of the One who calmed the terrifying storm and spoke peace to those who were with him.

Nigel, Licensed Lay Minister to the Pilgrim Parishes

INFORMATION ABOUT CHURCH ATTENDANCE

If you have COVID or COVID symptoms, can we ask that you graciously stay away until you are better. At Communion, the common cup will not be offered but priests will offer to dip your wafer in wine before handing it to you.

If anyone has been shielding / isolating and would like a priest to bring them Holy Communion, please get in touch & we will organise a visit.

To connect to any of the live streamed services on YouTube search for:
"Pilgrim Parishes Contingency Church"

CAN YOU HELP?

Nick Hilton having been a great Church Treasurer for Bardfield Saling Church has decided it is time to retire.

We have the unenviable task of replacing him and wonder if there is anyone prepared to volunteer for this role.

Any applications would be greatly appreciated .

You do not need to be a regular churchgoer and and it is not particularly time consuming.

Helen Davies and Debs Reed (Church Wardens)

SALINGS HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Salings Harvest festival will take place on

Sunday 18th September, 12pm at Parkes.

It will include a collection for the Foodbank in Braintree and a Giving Day for the two churches.

A short service will be followed by a picnic.

All welcome.

General pattern of Church Services in the Salings **please check noticeboards in the churches for further details:**

1st Sunday of the Month	11.00am in Great Saling church
2nd Sunday of the Month	11.00am in Little Saling church
3rd Sunday of the Month	11.00am in Great Saling church
4th Sunday of the Month	9.30am in Little Saling church

Celebrate 40 years of Farleigh Hospice!

Farleigh Hospice is celebrating its 40th birthday with an exciting weekend of fun, family-friendly activities in September.

The charity provides free hospice care to people affected by life-limiting illnesses and bereavement across mid Essex. On Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September, it will be opening the gardens of its hospice building in North Court Road, Chelmsford CM1 7FH for a fete and its annual cycle ride.

Garden Fete and Heritage Display - 17 September, 12-4pm



There will be plenty to enjoy – including live music, food, refreshments, a bar and a variety of exciting stalls – as well as fun for the family with a petting zoo, garden games and face painting.

You can also find out more about Farleigh's history through the charity's Heritage Display showing four decades of people, milestones and memories.

Entry is free. For more information, visit www.farleighhospice.org/gardenparty

Cycle for Life – 18 September (also see p.12)

This event is popular with cyclists of all abilities. The three routes of 20, 50 and 100 kilometres through the beautiful countryside all start and finish at Farleigh Hospice in Chelmsford.

It costs £20 to cycle the 20km route, £30 for the 50km and £40 for the 100km. Children under 18 cycle for free but they must register and be accompanied by an adult. This is a fundraising event so Farleigh is grateful to everyone taking part who gets sponsored.

If you're not a keen cyclist, you can help make the day a big success as an event volunteer.

For more information or to book, please visit www.farleighhospice.org/cycle





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We apologies for any inconvenience to walkers but hopefully the new access will be approved soon.

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Naturally Unwrapped

You may have noticed the clearance of the ivy overgrowth along Piccotts lane by the Village Hall.

A new mixed hedge has been planted. Not the best time for planting but advantage was taken to secure a bargain.



Would any of you like to volunteer and help in watering the trees?

Every little helps....

Clinton Cornish

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Meeting Schedule 2022/23

September 20th 2022

November 22nd 2022

January 24th 2023

May 9th 2023 (Annual Parish Meeting)

May 24th 2023 (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Councillors

The Parish Council are sad to see Cllr Aggiss leave us. He will still be supporting the Council in other ways including his tireless work co-ordinating with Highways regarding footpaths and roads, and working with the Wethersfield Airbase Scrutiny Committee.

We will be considering co-option at our September meeting. (Please note the new date of the 20th of September)

Wethersfield Airbase Developments

The Parish Council have purchased a banner for the common ground in Great Saling to highlight the current fight to protect Wethersfield Airbase from being developed into Europe's largest prison complex.

If you would like to learn more, you can contact the following:

Clerk@wethersfield-pc.gov.uk – Wethersfield Airbase Scrutiny Committee (WASC) – Meetings are held on the last Monday of every month at Blackmore End Village Hall.

swapmembership@outlook.com – Stop Wethersfield Airbase Prisons – www.thefieldsassociation.org/home - The Fields Association – A residents' association run by a group of volunteers from local communities, formed to respond to inappropriate and unsympathetic overdevelopment of the North Essex countryside.

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EVENTS:

Tuesdays **Arts Group** 10.00am - 3.00pm
 Pilates 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Wed. **Pole Dancing** 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Thursd. **Zumba** 10.30am - 11.30am
 Carpet Bowls 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Fridays **Carpet Bowls** 7.00pm - 10.00pm

100 CLUB:

August Winners

**1st Skye Taylor
2nd John Anderson
3rd John King**

Many congratulations to the winners and if any of you readers are not members of the 100 Club why not give me a ring on 01371 810887 or email me, Maya Hatcher, at mayahatcheryahoo.com.

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Please encourage the people you see to donate generously - as I know they always do. Thank you



**The Rayne Carpet Bowls Club
The Saling's Millennium Village Hall
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You are cordially invited to try indoor carpet bowls on Fridays at 7pm, and Wednesdays at 1.30pm.

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So do come to a warm welcome.

Suitable for adults of all ages and abilities.

Ring John on 07957 861056 for more information

Farleigh Hospice's Cycle for Life returns in September



Tyres will be pumped up and cycle helmets strapped on as Cycle for Life, Farleigh Hospice's annual cycle ride, returns to the roads of mid Essex on Sunday 18 September.

Farleigh provides award-winning hospice care free of charge to people affected by life-limiting illnesses and bereavement across mid Essex. The charity

is celebrating its 40th birthday this year and Cycle for Life is an important event in its fundraising calendar.

You have a choice of three scenic routes - 20, 50 or 100 kilometres – all starting and finishing at Farleigh Hospice in Chelmsford.

The shortest distance is a family-friendly route that is ideal for the beginner or younger cyclist and the 50km route is a relaxed cycle ride through all eight of the beautiful Essex Rodings. The longest 100km course is more challenging, going through the Rodings, the picturesque villages of Thaxted and Finchingfield and then following 35km of the 2014 Tour de France route.

It costs £20 to cycle the 20km route, £30 for the 50km and £40 for the 100km. Children under 18 cycle for free but they must register and be accompanied by an adult.

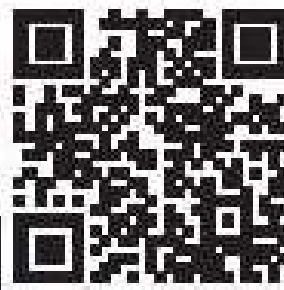
This is a fundraising event so the hospice is grateful to everyone taking part who gets sponsored.

If you're not a keen cyclist, you can still be part of the day by helping as an event volunteer.

**For more information or to book, please visit
www.farleighhospice.org/cycle**

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Ode to Autumn - John Keats

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozy hours by hours.



Where are the songs of spring? Ay,
Where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music
too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying
day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy
hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats
mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or
dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly
bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with tre-
ble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-
croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the
skies.

Autumnal Colouring picture



Two miles of Road.

Let's start our journey at the centre of Great Saling Village. Mentioned in the Domesday Book and one hundred years ago consisting of 19 houses. The village pump which was in the middle of the triangle at Piccotts Lane was the centre of the village, as water was essential to daily life. Many village 'goings on' were discussed here as the residents pumped water into their buckets. The rumours were called Pump Gossip!

The Americans brought water to the village during World War II which put the village ahead of many other communities and the swift demise of the wooden clad pump. Travelling south, the entrance to Saling Grove is on the left and on the triangular village green was the great Saling Elm which stood as the tallest Smooth Leaved Elm in the world. Unfortunately, it slowly died during the Dutch Elm Disease epidemic. The other tree of note on the green is the 50-year-old oak dedicated to the memory of Wilfred Harvey who for 40 years was Parish Chairman of Great Saling Parish Council. He lived at Blake House Farm and was also Captain in the wartime Home Guard and did much for the community.

To the right lies the old White Hart Pub which closed its doors several years ago and is now a private dwelling. In its day it was known as the Huffer Pub as these large triangular loaves were a feature of its menu. To the right of its car park was the village smithy and carpenter's shop. Both essential to keeping all the horses, farm implements, carts and wagons mended

and reshod for the local farms and those lucky enough to be able to afford a horse for transport. Both these buildings no longer exist as they were demolished in the 1970's. Also missing on the other side of the pub is the old brew house where the publican would have brewed his beer. This became redundant when the pub was bought by the Ridley family and acquired its beer from the Hartford End brewery at Felsted.

On the left is the low brick wall of Saling Grove which encompasses the Park and Gardens which were designed by Humphrey Repton. By the wall at the back of the village green is the small concrete lookout post for the Home Guard spigot mortar which was positioned behind the wall to deny access to any visiting Nazis in World War II. The original

construction of the wall was contentious, as in 1792 the owner of the Grove and Village encompassed a major part of the 5-acre common and entrance road at the south of the village, so denying them to the residents. They were so annoyed by the loss of the use of

their Common that twice in the night they secretly pushed over the latest edition to the wall before the lime mortar had set.

The road used to come into the village about where the Home Guard look-out post now lies and if you look to the front of Three Pins and The Cottage on the other side of the road you will see that the front gardens are truncated at an angle as their frontages were sequestered for the realigned road. This leads to the sharp left bend to get round the new wall to the start of the long straight south which is an unusual feature for any Essex Road. Park House stands after the pub whose old name was Park Side, this unique name was not grand enough for some recent owners who changed its title. It also had a historic bottle well in the back garden which was filled in at the same time.

Three Pins was a pork butchers' shop at one time in its history. There used to be three oak outlines of bowling pins attached at to its roof apex and at the gutters. The present owner says they are preserved and reside in his double garage.

The double garage stands on the site of a small, thatched cottage that originally housed six Scadden children and their parents. That must have been quite a squeeze!

Following the Park wall on your left as you leave the village, at the 30 mile an hour signs, the road to the right was the old New Pasture Lane that crossed through farmland to Bacons Farm in Stebbing. This was completely closed when the airfield was built by the Americans in World War II and never reopened. There is now a meandering bridle way which is a poor substitute for the lost road. At Bacons Farm there is a small vestige of New Pasture Lane halfway down their farm chase where the bridleway exits.

The industrial units to the left of the lane occupy the old site where the airfield concrete was broken up after the war. At the end of the chase is one of the two T2 hangers that allowed the servicing of aircraft under cover. This is now used for storage. Halfway down the laurel hedge, cutting off the Grove Park from the present road is a pollard oak that still stands 100 yards out and was incorporated into Repton's new design. The old lost road met at the top of the horse paddock at Onchors Farm from where the road resumes its meandering again. Little trace of where this road ran back between here and the village remains except the shallow dips of the boundary ditches as their line can still be discerned crossing the Grove Park.

Before the war from New Pasture Lane to the bottom of the strait on the right were three open agricultural fields. In the aftermath of the upheaval from the construction of the airfield the first field was so contaminated that it was planted up with oak and fir trees in 1970. The remains of the other two are now incorporated and bear the name of one of the originals called Slaughters.

Where Repton's Park finishes on the left and the low hedges start on each side of the road, look to the right in the edge of the wood and there is a dropped kerb. This was the start of the old entrance road that led to the main construction site for the wartime airfield. There was a concrete batching plant and one for tarmac, which helped the airfield to be built in

the record time of 10 months.

If you stand and look 130 yards down the road from the cross hedge at the bottom of the Grove Park and the end of the Spinney on the right. Pace down and look at both roadside ditches and you will see that they have been filled in and raised for a short distance to be level with the banks. This was so that any aircraft that ran off the end of the main runway, which was only a short distance to the right, would have an unhindered crossing of the road

if its brakes failed. Reg Scadden, who lived in the village, but worked at Onchors Farm, said that one morning when he and his brother Eric cycled to work, there were three B26 bombers in the field to the left. A good job nobody was on the road when they crashed across it! The filled in ditch was useful as they were hauled back onto the airfield by Cietrack, (a small American tracked vehicle).

At the bottom of the strait road opposite Onchors Farm horse paddock is the entrance to

the new Muchmores farm and the old airfield. This was opened to become the main entrance to the American Airfield they called Andrews Field. On the right is the war Memorial to the American squadrons that flew from the airfield from 1943 to 1944. The memorial stands on the remaining base of the entrance guard room. Just past this is a recovered triangle of airfield concrete. This bears the legend "Anthony Caruso, Brooklyn, New York 24th of April 1943".

They started airfield construction on the 28th of July 1942. The main runway was laid by the 31st of October 42 and by the 7th of December of 42 all three runways and the perimeter track were down. The operational buildings and housing for 2800 people was all in place when the airfield was officially opened on the 21st May 1943, a remarkable achievement.

Just past the entrance on the right stood a thatched cottage which fell into disuse during the war when enclosed by the Americans. It was demolished soon after and the only sign that it existed was a small, raised crossing over the ditch and there is still a white rose that flowers in the hedge every summer.

Next on the left stands Onchors Farmhouse, the front rooms of this were constructed in 1754, which is shown by its Georgian frontage and sash windows. Some of these still have the original blown glass panes. The farm may take its name from the religious sect of Anchorites who had quite a strong tradition of the faith in this area. All the road is made of solid concrete which the Americans laid in prodigious quantities. Before they came it was a winding, narrow country lane and the Americans doubled its width and cut many of the corners. Their boast was that they laid a mile of road a day, but in their haste of construction they fitted the road to the gap. This means that the present road varies in width to catch out the drivers of wide vehicles as they meet!

The strong sweeping curves replaced many of the sharp angular corners that were there before. At the entrance to Parkes, which is next on the left, the original road went out and round what is now the layby. The caravans of the Lowe family come next on the right; this is where the road used to run before the Americans straightened it out. Next comes Muchmores Farm Cottages on the right, which were adjacent to the lane that led past them to Muchmores Farmhouse, which is long gone except in name.

The next house, just after this is St Andrews and this was built in 1963 when the Frost family took over the redundant Andrews Field from the war ministry and started to break up the concrete and re-farm the land. The pond at the end of the garden was most probably where a pocket of gravel was extracted to repair the old road in years gone by. The road then wiggles before the next sharp left corner which has been called America Bend. This is because many motorists have blamed that nation for the deceptive turn that has seen many end up in the ditch. Its proper name is Cox Mott Corner.

The fields on each side of the road, are Great and Little Coxes on the left and Coxes on the other. The name refers to the Mott and Bailey which was situated in the field to the right on the other side of the yellow gate to Boxted Wood. The ancient site was levelled long ago but the owners name of Cox lives on. The road now straightens out somewhat as it goes past Blake House farm, this was called Black House many years ago and the wood behind it is still

called Black Bush wood.

The craft centre here is well known over the whole district and makes use of the many redundant farm buildings. We now run past the houses on the right of Blake End, the first four houses were built to house agricultural workers after the war. A trade much reduced by the coming of mechanisation.

Lastly comes the Palm Trees restaurant which many years ago was called the Saling Oak Pub, named from the large oak tree that was in the middle of the triangle at the junction. There is now an oak tree as a replacement in the garden of the restaurant. Much favoured by rooks who love to nest in its upper branches, much to the annoyance of King Yip, who started the restaurant and detested the mess they made.

The field opposite the pub was owned by Sammy White who built the bungalow called Oak View, which he lived in for most of his life. Just inside the 4-acre field entrance on the last left turn, there used to be a barn and other buildings, long since demolished.

We have now arrived at what was the old Roman Road of Stane Street, which was named the A120 but it is now called the B1256. The curbs on each side, until recently, still showed the black and white painting of alternate three-foot lengths of these colours. This was done to highlight any curve in the road from the lack of lighting during the wartime blackout. The end of our journey.

Copies of the walk are also available at Gt Saling church.



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I hope you've had a great summer and that any holidays went well.

If any of you use Fenton's Road footbridge to access The Flitch Way from Perkins roundabout, you will know that the safety fence has been smashed down by vandals. This means that there is nothing to stop children or pets running onto the A120 carriageway. It apparently belongs to **National Highways**, so I have reported the issue on their website (in May and again in August). Residents can also use the reporting tool on the **NH** website to report the same or other National highways issues. It is completely anonymous as the website doesn't accept personal information. As NH is a government department, I have also written to James Cleverly MP to see if he can help. In the meantime, BDC Operations have kindly agreed to make 2 visits a year to clear vegetation. The bridge itself is perfectly safe but please be careful when using it with children or pets, until the fence is replaced.

District News:

Section 2 of the Local Plan was adopted by Full Council in July, by unanimous vote. Full details of the Plan can be seen on the BDC website.

BDC has submitted a bid, supported by ECC and the local MP, for funding to support delivery of the planned Millennium Slip Road project in Braintree.

CareCo has opened its new headquarters on Horizon 120, the first building to be completed and occupied. Construction work is evident across the business park. The Weston Homes British Off-site building is due for completion in August 2022. The Horizon 120 Plaza Enterprise Centre should be fully open by September.

BDC successfully defended a High Court challenge from a local landowner to the adoption of the Kelvedon Neighbourhood Plan, which has now been adopted by Full Council.

Residents' usage of Fusion leisure Centres is steadily increasing, with over 52,000 visits in May, compared to 35,000 in May 2021. Some of the greatest return has been seen in junior swimming lessons and an increase in group workout classes.

BDC successfully prosecuted the individual responsible for a Fly Tip in a lay-by in Finchingfield. He pleaded guilty and was fined and ordered to pay costs and compensation, so if you see it, report it.

There have been over 80 new affordable homes delivered in the first 3 months of this financial year.

Finally, as always please be kind to each other.

If I can be of help on any matter, please contact me.

Best Wishes

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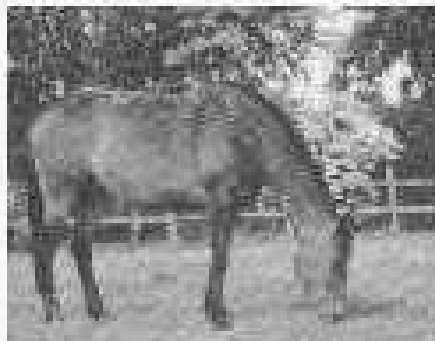
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It is difficult to write news ahead of time in these very unusual times we are living through. Last year we were probably hoping for an Indian Summer, after regular rain from May through to August, including rain on every Open Day. This year of course we have experienced record sunshine and drought – made somewhat better by a record plum harvest!

Our volunteers are doing their best to keep the Gardens looking good, despite the challenges, so that hopefully by September we will still have plenty to enjoy! We should still have perennials and dahlias providing good colour in the Italian Garden and the walled kitchen garden. Lots of squashes should be nestled amongst their green leaves and the apple season will be upon us!

We are open to visitors on Thursdays through September from 11.00 to 3.00, with refreshments and our garden produce on sale. Advance tickets not required.

And on 25 September it is our Apples and Bees Open Day. That is always one of our favourites, with apple juicing, apple ID, apple and honey cakes, a bee colony on show and our jam and jelly tombola. For the first time we are hoping to have our own cider on sale too. There will be music. And we will be joined by friends from the East of England Apples & Orchards Project and from Cressing Temple, as well as plant, honey, craft and wildlife stalls. Tickets will be available in advance and the gate opens at 11.00, with tickets on the gate too.

Jill Goldsmith





The Hundred Parishes Society

One pleasurable autumn task is the harvesting of ripened fruits from trees in your own garden. For most of us, our cooking apple will be a Bramley's Seedling and the dessert apple an Essex-bred Discovery or a Cox's Orange Pippin. Originating from central Asia, apples are incredibly varied with at least 2,000 named varieties! There are 150 named varieties in the gardens at Audley End.

In the 19th century the skilled horticulturalists at the Rivers Nursery at Sawbridgeworth bred and propagated many varieties of fruit trees, including the prolific Czar plum and Conference pear, both of which are still available today. The Conference pear features in Great Chesterford's 21st-century community orchard.



For commercial reasons, the range available from modern plant nurseries is limited to a few easy-to-grow varieties. However, hidden away in forgotten corners of long-established gardens within the Hundred Parishes there will be specimens of heritage varieties of orchard trees. If you have a flavoursome, but unidentified, variety, then the team at the East of England Apples and Orchards Project would be delighted to hear from you.

Further information on <https://www.applesandorchards.org.uk>

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There is something special about growing a unique or local variety, so if you wish to plant heritage fruit trees specific to your own county, this organisation's catalogue lists a surprising number of varieties for Essex, Hertfordshire or Cambridgeshire apples and pears, as well as local plums, cherries and gages. This wide selection provides an opportunity to continue a long tradition of choosing something rather special to enjoy eating in future years.

The Whats On page at www.hundredparishes.org.uk often displays local apple events, for example at Rivers Orchard in Sawbridgeworth on September 4, 18 and 24 and at The Gardens of Easton Lodge on September 25.

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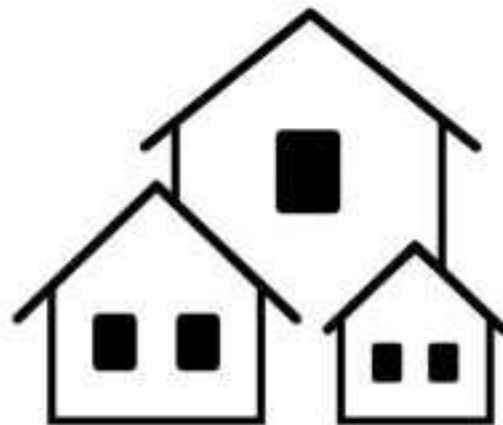
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