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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS



So, we have plenty going on in our villages and the wider community over the next few months. By the time you read this, we shall be in Lent (which started on Wednesday 22nd February).

And this year, it's good news for dogs, who are invited to both of the Lenten walks (see p9). Just remember to bring your owner along!

No doubt you will also be planning for the Coronation Weekend, even if your invitation to Westminster Ab-

bey hasn't arrived yet (see pp 6-7).

But before that, we have our annual village Plant Sale - see p5.

And don't forget this year's Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March (p4).

On p18, Paul Euesden, our District Councillor, comments on a number of matters, including the need to book slots at our local Recycling Centre in Springfield from 13th March. Do contact him if you have local issues - even if it is an Essex County Council matter, he can forward it to the appropriate place.

And do be aware of the change to Photo ID to vote in elections - further details on p19. Perhaps it would be nice if our politicians focused on more pressing matters, but the law is the law and we wouldn't want to see people from the Salings disenfranchised!



Please email contributions to the April edition by the 15th of March to: SalingsMagazine@gmail.com

From the Pilgrim Parishes Ministry

Team by Catherine Elliott, Licensed Lay Minister



There is a particular football pundit on the TV who has a very distinctive way of saying 'Unbelievable!' He is usually referring, of course, to a particularly skilful bit of playing, or, alternatively, to a surprisingly idiotic manoeuvre – you really can't tell which, just by listening to him – is it admiration, or contempt? Either way, it is always 'Unbelievable!' I wonder how many unbelievable things you've noticed recently?

For example, it is over a year now since Russia invaded Ukraine in a major escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian War which had begun with the Annexation of Crimea in 2014. It still seems unbelievable, and inexplicable too, that this should have happened in our sophisticated and so-called civilised First World order. Our thoughts and prayers continue to flow for the people of Ukraine at home and abroad. But that it should have happened at all, let alone have been going on for over a year? Unbelievable.

Or that a President of the United States of America should (allegedly) incite a riot to overthrow the democratic vote of the people – over *two* years ago now – again, unbelievable. Or that we should have endured not just days or weeks but *months* of being locked in our houses for fear of a deadly virus? Or that we should have had three prime ministers in eight weeks! Who'd have thought?!

There was a little story going round on social media suggesting that the angel in charge of world events made a mistake and put all the things planned for the decade of the 2020s into one year – 2020. And while we might laugh at the absurdity of that, still we're tempted to blame the heavens for all that's wrong in the world. And yet, the experts tell us that all the events mentioned above *could* have been predicted, that they *should* have been anticipated, and *were* in fact expected by those who know about such things. Just because it's unbelievable doesn't mean it can't happen. Christians know that Jesus Christ is alive today even though he was crucified to death on a Roman cross. It was predicted (in the Old Testament, aka the Jewish Scriptures), it should have been anticipated, and was in fact expected by those who knew about such things.

Just because it's 'Unbelievable!', doesn't make it untrue, nor is it 'a fairy story' or some sort of con trick or propaganda. It was a real event that was, and *is*, so unexpected and miraculous that people find it easier to mock rather than to find out what the truth is – the truth of the God who loves you for who you are, and who loves you so much that he'll help you become the amazing person you really are deep inside, knowing inner peace without the crushing anxieties that so often bring us down. The truth of what Jesus said during his ministry was proven true by his rising from the dead – the ultimate demonstration of God's power and love. You may choose to say it's unbelievable... but that doesn't make it untrue. Lent begins this month, when Christians prepare to celebrate the most unbelievable but true events in all of history – the events of what we now call Easter. Come and find out more at a church near you!

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE SALINGS

This is the standard pattern of monthly services
(please see Church Notice Boards for changes):

<u>1st Sunday of the month:</u>	Lt. Saling at 11am – Morning Prayer
<u>2nd Sunday of the month:</u>	Gt. Saling at 11am – Holy Communion
<u>3rd Sunday of the month:</u>	Lt. Saling at 9.30am – Holy Communion
<u>4th Sunday of the month:</u>	Gt. Saling at 9.30am – Morning Prayer

INFORMATION ABOUT CHURCH ATTENDANCE

If you have COVID or COVID symptoms, can we ask that you graciously stay away until you are better. In addition, to protect the vulnerable, if you have been in contact with someone with Covid, but are testing negative, please would you be kind enough to wear a mask. 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”** We aim to stream these services live but, despite us trying our best, sometimes, frustratingly, at the last minute, this fails to work.



Women's World Day of Prayer

theme: TAIWAN

Friday 3rd of March

Please see church noticeboard for further details

THE SALINGS



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Many of you will remember the successful Platinum Jubilee Celebration held last June, and so we are holding another party on Sunday May 7th, following the Kings Coronation on the previous day.

How would you like us to commemorate this day? And would you be able and willing to help?

We are inviting the same Jazz Band back to provide some great music, and the hog roast and bar will also be there. But we would also like some different activities this year, and that is where you can all contribute. If you have an idea that would help the party 'go with a bang' please get in touch with us.

Last year we were helped considerably with sponsorship from the Action Group, so this year we are asking if there is any other financial support out there. Can you help? Just imagine, if only 50 people from our villages offered a donation of £5, we could have £250 to pay for decorations, children activities or raffle prizes. Or perhaps you could support us by offering a raffle prize.

If you would like to be involved, offer up suggestions or contribute in any way, then please contact

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A quizzical question. Which king never had a coronation?



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Anyone who attended services at St Mary's in Stebbing in the run up to Christmas will have noticed how chilly the building was despite the warm welcome and candle lit delights inside! There are plans afoot to remedy this in a big way - it's called the Way Forward Project. Read more : <https://www.stebbingchurch.org/the-way-forward/> The church is applying to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for money to fund the project. After our **"First Round Bid"**, we were awarded our first tranche in March 2022 towards professional fees associated with the project; an architect (to draw up detailed designs) and a mechanical and engineering consultant to refine the technical scope of the project, specifically the new heating proposal. We are now in the **"Development Phase"**.

In the autumn last year the project appointed a project administrator, and Tricolor Associates to create an Activity Plan. This plan will be one of the (many) documents required for the **"Second Round Bid"** and is a fundamental part of the "Development Phase".

First Round Bid



Development Phase

Second Round Bid

Delivery Phase

The Activity Plan involves consulting with individuals, groups, clubs and educational institutions and will detail plans for community events and activities, to encourage people to visit and learn about the heritage of the church.

In the run up to Christmas, Rev. Sue Hurley uncovered more details about the history of the church, resulting in a change in focus for the proposed celebrations post-renovations. Work on the documents continued. Surveys were sent about how best to serve the church and community.

And so far in **2023** the project team have:
conducted an **update meeting** for all involved in the project; hosted a **site visit** by the diocesan archaeologist;
met with a **conservation specialist** regarding the crumbling wall painting;
taken part in a **workshop** by Tricolor Associates; commissioned an **access audit** and **bat survey**...and finally we'd like to invite you to:

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2ND APRIL
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LENT 2023

Ash Wednesday

Feb 22nd 7:30pm at Lindsell

Traditional Ash Wednesday service

Lent Lunches

with a short reflection

12:30 at Stebbing on:

Feb 22nd (followed by chance to receive ashes)

8th March/22nd March

Lent Courses

A course based on the film **'The King's Speech'**

Starting with a **whole church film night** on

Wed 1st March 7pm at Stebbing church

Discussions will then take place in home groups;
see The Pilgrim Post for weekly details.

Zoom Lent course Tuesdays at 4pm starting on
Feb 28th (contact Cilla@hawkesfarming.co.uk)

Walk and reflect

A chance to walk together and pause midway for
a short Lenten reflection (dog's welcome)!

Sat 18th March 10am from Stebbing church

Wed 29th March 10am from Great Easton church

Maundy Thursday

Benefice Agape 'Bring and share' supper

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Church

Creative Retreat Day

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<u>Thursd.</u>	Zumba 10.30am - 11.30am	Carpet Bowls 1.30pm - 3.30pm
<u>Fridays</u>	Carpet Bowls 7.00pm - 10.00pm	

SALINGS 100 CLUB

Many congratulations to the February winners:

1st Steve Clapton
2nd Janice Nice
3rd Mark Farthing

Have you seen this?



Table Tennis in the Salings Millennium Village Hall

We have had a recent suggestion to start a new Table Tennis club in the village hall, and subject to a suitable time slot and equipment, would anyone be interested? Let's see how much appetite there is for this kind of club within the Salings.

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District Councillor - Paul Euesden - Cllr.peuesden@braintree.gov.uk

County Councillor - Graham Butland - Cllr.Graham.butland@essex.gov.uk

Meeting Schedule 2023 May 9th 2023 (Annual Parish Meeting)
May 24th 2023 (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Clerk Vacancy

The Parish Council are still looking for a clerk as the current clerk will be moving away soon. The role offers 8 hours per week, SCP 19-21 (£13.48-£14.02 depending on qualification), 6 meetings per year, and a parish ranger to support your plan delivery. You can find the full job description here: <https://salings-pc.gov.uk/clerk-job-vacancy/> or if you'd like an informal chat with the outgoing clerk, please email clerk@salings-pc.gov.uk or message through our Facebook page.

FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PAUL EUESDEN

I've had approaches for help from 2 residents during February. One related to repairs by Eastlight and I am hopeful of a successful outcome soon. The other relates to the condition of a By Way. As Byways are a Highways issue, I have contacted our County Councillor and he is dealing with this. I've also received several more reports regarding the damage to the edges of Bardfield Road and the potholes in The Street. All of the potholes have been reported and our County Councillor is taking up the issue for us. In the meantime, please report any potholes you see (with pictures if possible) but do not take risks to get pictures. One car had 2 tyres and two wheel rims badly damaged yesterday evening by the deep holes on the edge of Bardfield road and Police were called. Hopefully this will be repaired by the time you read this.

District News: Essex County Council have announced that an **appointment system** is being introduced at all of it's **Recycling Centres for all vehicles**. The system will be trialed from **Monday 13th March**. Booking details can be found on the Love Essex website.

In February, I had a tour of the new facilities provided by investments made by BDC, that are now open. **Victoria Square development**. This comprises of 34 apartments (all occupied now), Car park and Bus station, public toilets, some retail space for a Pharmacy, Café and restaurant (not open yet) and an NHS Livewell Hub which is now open and offering a range of services and clinics. It is hoped that the NHS will secure a new GP Surgery in the building shortly.

I-Construct. New training facility for the construction industry on Springwood Industrial Estate, with conferencing facilities available for hire. The building showcases the latest Environmentally friendly construction methods. The building is already being used extensively.

Horizon 120 Enterprise Park with purpose-built Facilities for new employers, most of it is already sold with one building already occupied and another soon to open. The tour included the Gridserve facility which is fully operational. These developments are bringing new job opportunities for local people. There is extensive planting throughout the site, including a lake and a footpath through to the Notley Country Park.

The Plaza at Horizon 120. Owned and operated by BDC this building provides workspace to self-employed or people working from home, 42 small offices for start-up companies (70% let already), and full conferencing facilities. The space comes with excellent broadband connection, heating and lighting. Space costs from £10 a day for a desk including Internet access etc, and is bookable at the site on a daily basis. There is also an excellent café that is open to the public and is operated by Josh and Grace from The Booking Hall Café in Rayne.

Finally, if you need my help, please get in touch.
cllr.peuesden@braintree.gov.uk and, as always, be kind to each other.

THE WAY WE VOTE IS CHANGING

The next elections to take place will be the local council elections on **Thursday 4 May 2023.**

Photo ID now required

The government has introduced new voter security measures which means, for the first-time, voters will have to show photo ID at the polling station. Acceptable ID will include a passport, photo driving licence and a national concessionary bus pass. The full list will be available on the back of the poll card. This information on the next page is provided on the Braintree District Council Website.

No suitable photo ID? If you do not have any of the accepted forms of photo ID, and you wish to vote at in the May 2023 elections, you will **need to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate.** This is a free photographic identification document specific for the purposes of voting provided by the Government. It is important to note that you only need to apply for the Voter Authority Certificate if you DO NOT have any of the accepted photo ID's. The application process will be managed through the [GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk).

Voters who do not produce a Voter Authority Certificates, or valid Photo ID will not be allowed to vote on the day.

Postal and proxy vote Postal voters will not be affected and will be issued with their postal ballot papers as usual. If you choose to vote by proxy then the person who you have trusted to vote on your behalf will have to take their own Photo ID or Voter Authority Certificate to the relevant polling station in order to be issued with a ballot paper.

Electoral Register

You need to be on the electoral register to vote in elections and it may also be helpful when you want to get credit for things such as a mortgage or loan. Please note that paying council tax does not automatically add you to the electoral register. The easiest way to register is to go online. Visit **www.gov.uk/register-to-vote**.

Poll cards are changing

A poll card will be sent to all registered electors at the end of March. These will now be A4 sized and delivered in an envelope. The poll card is still for information purposes and not a requirement for voting.

<https://www.braintree.gov.uk/voting-elections>

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Farleigh Hospice – Events and Volunteering

Ramble, scramble and family fun for Farleigh

Farleigh Hospice has a busy calendar of fundraising events this year, with something for all the family to enjoy. Please sign up, have a great time and ask your friends and family to sponsor you to raise money for your local hospice!

Walk for Life – Sunday 14 May

This popular walk returns, taking in the beautiful countryside along the towpath of the Chelmer and Blackwater navigation. Walkers can choose between the 12km ramble that begins at Paper Mill Lock and the more demanding 24km route that starts at Heybridge Basin. Both finish at the Teledyne e2v offices in Waterhouse Lane, Chelmsford. Walk for Life is suitable for keen walkers of all ages and well-behaved dogs are also welcome. Participants receive a t-shirt and a medal.

Midsummer Mudness – Thursday 22 June

This is an exciting new evening event at Wild Forest in Brentwood, which is the home of the Nuclear Races obstacle course. If you've ever wanted to try the infamous course, you will love this shorter 2km version with a variety of obstacles - including the death slide and zip wire – and plenty of mud!

It starts at 5.30pm so it's the perfect after-work team-building event. You can also sign up with your friends and family for an unforgettable evening or take part on your own for a unique personal challenge!

Family Fun this Summer!

We have a brand-new family-friendly event taking place at Maldon's 'Prom' park this summer! Keep an eye on Farleigh's website and social media in March where all the details will be revealed and you will have the opportunity to take advantage of early bird booking prices. For more information on all of Farleigh's events, please visit





March 2023

Our Shopping List

Urgently Needed:

Tinned Tomatoes
Sponge Puddings
Tinned Rice Pudding
Tinned Fruit
Instant Mash

To Maintain Our Stocks:

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There are a huge number of species and varieties of daffodil and many of those in the Gardens were planted in Victorian times and have naturalised in the Bosquet and the Lime Wood. In March, other wildflowers are out too, fresh leaves are opening on shrubs and trees and there is the first blossom on the fruit trees – beautiful pink on the peaches and nectarines that are espaliered on the kitchen garden walls. There is often real warmth, when the sun shines, in the Italian Garden and the Walled Kitchen Garden. So, the bees and some butterflies are starting to get out and about. And for gardeners, it is a lovely time for getting borders back into shape; moving and planting perennials; prepping vegetable beds and sowing the first seeds.

As the Gardens renew themselves, we also like to welcome new volunteers. We are holding two New Volunteers' Days this year, on Saturday 11 March and on Thursday 16 March, so there's a weekend and a weekday option! We will show potential new volunteers around the Gardens and for those that wish, there can be a little light work! For more information go to our website

www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on.

Jill Goldsmith





The Hundred Parishes Society

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) recently published analysis of the 2021 Census. Nationally, this showed that the population of England grew by 6% in the last 10 years and 14% over the last 20 years. Locally, the increase has been much faster. The population of The Hundred Parishes in 2021 was around 156,000, up 12% since 2011 and 24% since 2001. If roads seem busier, these extra 30,000 people are a major factor.

Half of the increase is accounted for by 6 parishes close to Stansted Airport. Elsenham, Flitch Green, Great Dunmow, Little Canfield, Stansted Mountfitchet and Takeley have each expanded by more than 50% in the last 20 years. Another big growth was seen in Buntingford: from 4,300 in 2001 to 7,900 in 2021.

The Census is the modern equivalent of the Domesday Book produced in 1086 AD when the national population was less than 2 million, compared to 60 million today.

Today, 8% of the Hundred Parishes population was born outside the UK (compared to 17% in the whole of England and Wales); 10% of homes are flats (v 22%); 36% of houses have 4 or more bedrooms (v 21%); 27% of homes are rented (v 37%); 40% of adults work at home (v 31%); 55% are in professional or managerial jobs (v 46%); 56% of households have 2 or more vehicles (v 35%). We have a different age mix to the UK average, with a shortfall of around 5,000 people in their 20s and 30s offset by around 5,000 extra people aged over 40.

While the previous paragraph highlights contrasts, some statistics are closely aligned with the national picture: 99% of households have central heating; 5% of households have a second home; 51% of the population is female and 49% male.

Each parish introduction on **www.hundredparishes.org.uk** has been updated to include the 2021 population. For more information, please go to **<https://www.ons.gov.uk/census>**

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