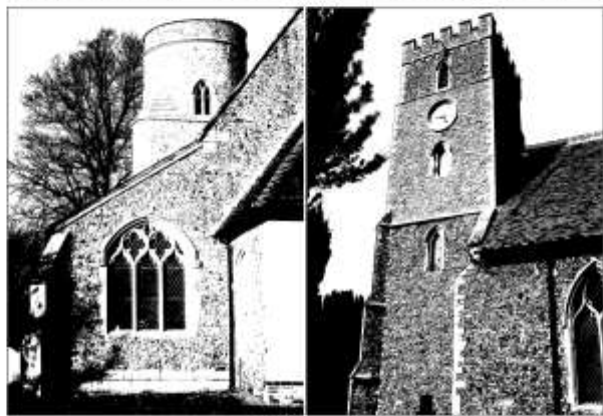


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THE PARISH MAGAZINE FOR GREAT AND LITTLE SALING

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Whether you're looking for a peaceful Lent, joining a community event, or planning ahead for local changes, there's plenty happening in the Salings this month, and indeed further afield.

Starting further afield first: on p12, Councillor Ann Hooks tells us about the plans to replace Braintree District and Essex County Council with new unitary authorities, and to have an elected mayor for Essex. The joint statement by Graham Butland for Braintree District Council and others is given on p22.

Meanwhile, back in the Salings, we enjoyed the first Create Space evening in the Village Hall at the end of January. As you can see from the picture above everyone had an enjoyable if slightly messy time. The next event – on 14th May - will be Shell Decoupage, allowing you to start early on next year's Christmas presents.



Details of this year's World Day of Prayer are given on p4. This celebrates the theme 'I Made You Wonderful', and is prepared by women of the Cook Islands.

Then if you have green fingers - or even if you don't - please see the advert on p7 about creating our own Community Garden in the

Salings. And do join the Community Litter Pick on Sunday 24th March - see p14.

Feeling a bit puffed by all of that? If so, you might like to read Catherine Elliott's piece on rest on p4, where she encourages us to think about how we can insert a time of honourable rest into our busy schedules.

Deadline for contributions to the April edition is the 15th of March Email: SalingsMagazine@gmail.com

From the Pilgrim Parishes

Holidays are good for your health!



by Catherine Elliott, Licensed Lay Minister



As the last few weeks of dark afternoons drift into the full force of British Summer Time, many people are either planning or looking forward to some time on holiday, away from everyday life. Even if not, some days out in the countryside of Essex or further afield can do wonders for our well-being and joie de vivre.

You might be surprised to hear me say that Christians take their cue for doing this from reading in the Bible about how Jesus lived his life. The long trips to Jerusalem undertaken by the people several times every year weren't a grin-and-bear-it experience. Religious festivals were one of the few times that meat was easily available and feasting was a communal experience taking place over an extended period of time – none of this shoving a ready-cooked meal in the oven and throwing out the celebrations with the scraps. Wedding feasts went on for days – hence the worry in Cana when the wine ran out (John 2:1-11). Jesus knew how to have a good time, and the religious festivals were holidays – literally, holy days – in every sense of the word as we understand it, as well as much, much more.

'Well-being' is a buzz-word these days and quite right too. Our busy culture expects us to keep going at full pelt and not spare the horses. But we need to rest properly. Again, we should take our cue from the Bible – the Sabbath was the opportunity for everyone to take a day off and thank God for the privilege. And yet, these days, many of us try to cram even more into our time off than we put into our working hours! No wonder so many people are physically and/or mentally exhausted.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved. (Psalm 127:2)

Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. (Genesis 2:3)

Lent begins on March 5th and, traditionally, we are encouraged to give up something in order to help us remember the ultimate sacrifice made for us by Jesus Christ. May I suggest that, this year, you consider giving up rushing around in a frenzy from dawn 'til dusk and carefully sit down and consider *how* (not *if...*) you can insert a time of honourable rest into your weekly schedule. Who knows, on one of those days you should be able to find time to plan a proper holiday - whatever 'proper' means for you right now - and holidays, like rest, are good for your health! Have a good one!



Church Services in the Salings

You are warmly invited to join us at any of our upcoming services. We are a small, friendly congregation who meet on Sundays at either 9:30 or 11:00am in St Peter and St Paul Church, Little (Bardfield) Saling or at

St James Church, Great Saling.

We would love to see you!

Lydia, Robert, Debs and Jacqui (Churchwardens in the Salings Churches)

Sun 2nd Mar	Little Saling	11:00am	Morning Prayer (<i>and baptism</i>)
Fri 7th Mar	Parkes (Special Service)	02:00pm	World Day of Prayer (contact Lydia Roe for more information)
Sun 9th Mar	Great Saling	11:00am	World Day of Prayer Service
Sun 16th Mar	Little Saling	09:30am	Holy Communion
Sun 23rd Mar	Great Saling	09:30am	Morning Prayer
Sun 30th Mar	Little Saling	11:00am	Morning Prayer - MOTHERING SUNDAY



This years WORLD DAY OF PRAYER has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands and is entitled:

'I made you wonderful'

There will be two events in the Salings:

Friday, 7th of March at 2pm at Parkes (Lydia Roe's home, see contact details on the final page in the magazine)

Sunday, 9th of March at 11am at Great Saling church.

A warm welcome awaits!



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Exciting news! The council has secured funding from The Hundred Parishes Society and Braintree District Council to develop a vibrant Community Garden on the small green at Vicarage Close—and we need your help!



Get involved!

Do you love gardening?
Enjoy working with others?
Want to make a difference in your community?

We're looking for passionate volunteers to help with the initial setup and creation of the garden. This isn't a long-term commitment— just a chance to get involved in the early stages and make a real impact!



Let's grow something amazing together!

Can you spare a few hours?
Contact clerk@salings-pc.gov.uk
to get involved.



Not limited by Age

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our beloved MAF co-founder Jack Hemmings AFC who died peacefully in his sleep on Friday 24 January, at the age of 103.

The former RAF squadron leader and pilot achieved much in his life-time including fighting for his country during WW2, helping to launch MAF in 1945 which has become the world's largest humanitarian airline, and piloting the first ever humanitarian survey across central Africa in 1948. He was awarded the Air Force Cross in 1946 and is believed to be the oldest British pilot to perform aerobatics and take control of a Spitfire at the age of 102.



Jack is survived by his wife Kate, son Adrian and three grandchildren. Kate says:

'When I think of my lovely husband and all the things he did way into his eighties - he earned a 'flying cross' before the age of 24, he joined MAF, and ran a youth group in midlife.

When he was 78, he went off to Bangladesh to help build a hospital ship.

At 80+ he took on the role of Chair of ARRC in Rye - a charity helping people with disabilities. Oh my lovely Jack, this world will be very strange without you, but you've left it a better place for having lavished 103 years of love into it.'



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District Councillor Ann Hooks

Hello all, there is quite a lot going in the world of Local Government and here in The Salings!

Firstly, Garden waste subscription renewals for 2025/26. All existing subscriptions will expire at the end of March 2025, BDC are inviting residents to renew or subscribe for the new collection year (April 2025 to March 2026) from NOW!



The full year subscription is £55. Subscriptions for second and subsequent bins are £30 per bin. Head over to <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/> where residents will be asked to sign in or make an account on the new Waste Portal. You can also sub-

scribe by telephoning 01376 552525.

If you do not wish to have a green subscription anymore, there is no need for anyone to let BDC know, as all current subscriptions will automatically stop on 31 March 2025 and no further collections will be made. Therefore, anyone wishing to have collections from April 2025, must renew.

Subscription stickers will again be sent by post and will be a different colour for 2025/26 to help the crews identify bins with a valid subscription. The sticker will also include the subscriber's address as an added security measure.

The Waste and Recycling consultation, that I wrote about previously closes on 2nd March. Thank you to all that have responded so far and if you haven't, please let BDC know your views on the proposal (extra kerbside recycling – two extra wheelie bins, with three weekly black bin collections). Your views positive or negatively do matter, this has been one of the most responded to consultations!

The Street, Great Saling has had its full resurface and now has a nice smooth surface, long may it last.... The last section was completed a couple of weeks later, after overgrown vegetation had to be cut back, to allow the machines to work properly.

Essex Highways have been out (after months of me chasing them) and have semi fixed the flooding at Plums Lane.

It is my understanding they have unblocked the drain gulley's nearest the residential properties but found a further issue nearer Bardfield Road that needed extra work. I have asked for a report and an update when they will come and complete the work.

I managed to secure the BDC road sweeper to come up and sweep the road in Crows Green and Bardfield Saling area. The road had suffered greatly during the winter months, especially after a shoot. Although Essex Highways are responsible for the road service, BDC authorised my request to come and give it spruce up. Although I now believe the farmers have been out and about!

The Local Plan continues through its process, where an Issues and Scoping consultation finishes on 7th March. I await to hear when the Rayne Ward Call for Sites land is discussed at the Local Plan Subcommittee.

We now know that the Government has selected Essex for its Devolution Priority programme. This will be the biggest change to Local Government for a generation. District and County Councils will be abolished and replaced with Unitary Councils. At the time of writing this, it is unknown how many Unitaries (possibly 3-5) there will be and how the wards for these new Unitaries will look like. But so the work in Essex can work at pace, the Government has confirmed that County



Council elections in May 2025 have been cancelled, but there will be elections in May 2026 to elect the Mayor of Essex. It is very early days in this process and we will have more of an indication on how things will look by mid-March.

I recently had the honour of attending the LGA (Local Government Association) Parliamentary Reception at The House of Lords, due to my work with the Next Generation course that I attended. It was a fantastic event with speeches by Baroness Tanni Grey Thompson and Jim McMahon MP.

As usual, if you do require my assistance or would like to reach out to me, my email address is cllr.ahooks@braintree.gov.uk. This is my preferred method of contact. Although, in an emergency I can be contacted on my mobile, 07852 552247. I also have active social media pages, Facebook (Cllr Ann Hooks) and Instagram page (cllr_ann_hooks), where you can keep up to date with what I am up to!

Ann

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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County Councillor - Graham Butland -

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Meeting Schedule

The next council meeting in March is proposed for Thursday 27th March 2025.

The Annual Parish Meeting is proposed for Thursday 24th April 2025.

The Annual General Meeting of the Council is proposed for Thursday 8th May 2025.

The above meetings will be held at The Salings Village Hall.

If you wish to donate to the Braintree Foodbank, either food or money, you can also use this link to help:

<https://braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/>



COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

in aid of the Great British Spring Clean

10AM

Sunday 24th March

Meet at Salings Millenium Hall

Join us in a community clean-up event to help keep our streets and public spaces free from litter. We can make a difference together!

Litter picking equipment provided.

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February winners:

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3rd Dr Twinn

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:

Tuesdays **Arts Group** 10.00am - 3.00pm

Thursd. **Zumba** 10.30am - 11.30am

Fridays **Carpet Bowls** 7.00pm - 10.00pm



Third Thursday of the month: Flitch & Chips 4.30 - 7.30pm

Every Friday: cm6 kitchens burgers chips 4.30 - 8.00pm

- ⇒ We have a **clothes Recycling Bank** in the carpark.
- ⇒ There is a **Defibrillator** at the Village Hall.
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Village Hall Future Job Vacancy

This is a call out to anyone living in the Village to help with the running of the village Hall,
a major village asset.

This is a popular venue, being used for our village activities, like the forthcoming Plant Sale and 80th Anniversary daily of VE Day, daily and evening clubs, weekend parties and weddings and is open to all.

For villagers we offer discounted rates for hire.

But this creates a lot of work for just one person, so we are trying to spread the load by asking for some additional help. We have been very lucky to have Colin who is doing a great job, but he does need to have time off.

Would you be interested in earning a little extra, in welcoming the guests to the hall, by opening and closing the hall?

Would you be interested in joining the committee to become more involved in the village and its activities, perhaps offering a younger perspective to our team.

kevindorset1@gmail.com or
clintoncornish@btinternet.com

News from Farleigh Hospice

Love Farleigh Appeal



Farleigh Hospice provides specialist palliative care and support to adults affected by life-limiting illnesses and their families, and also helps bereaved children and adults across mid Essex.

As well as easing pain and bringing comfort, Farleigh supports people to have a good quality of life and to do the things that matter most to them with the time they have left.

This charity provides its much-needed services free of charge and relies on public support. If you would like to give a donation to Farleigh's spring appeal and show your love for your local hospice, go to www.farleighhospice.org/lovetofarleigh or call 01245 457351.

Walk for Life – Sunday 11 May

Join Farleigh's popular walk through the beautiful countryside along the towpath of the Chelmer and Blackwater navigation. Choose between the 12km ramble from Paper Mill Lock, Little Baddow and the more demanding 24km route that starts at Heybridge Basin. Both finish at the Teledyne e2v offices in Waterhouse Lane, Chelmsford. Sign up now at www.farleighhospice.org/walk.



'This is Hospice Care' campaign

Farleigh Hospice is excited to be part of the



new, national 'This is Hospice Care' campaign, organised by Hospice UK. It raises awareness of the wide range of care and support that hospice charities, like Farleigh, provide in their local communities for people who have been told that there is no cure for their illness.

The campaign also shows the impact you can have by leaving a legacy gift – big or small - to a hospice in your will. For more information, please go to

www.farleighhospice.org/legacy



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Your Village Hall

We are still very keen to hear from you, hoping you will be interested in becoming more involved within the village, by joining our team at the Village Hall.

There is a part-time vacancy for someone to help with the booking and hiring out of the hall, and this is a paid job (see page 17)

Activities at the hall have increased over the past year and we need extra help. But you can still volunteer to join our enthusiastic and progressive organisation team.

Please contact Clinton Cornish on 851699
clintoncornish@btinternet.com or
kevindorset@gmail.com

This is an advanced notice of our AGM to be held on the 24th April 2025. Do come along and hear more about the benefits of having such a versatile Hall in the Village.

Discounted rates of hire for residents of the Salings are available starting at only £12 per hour during the week and £17 per hour at weekends. Take advantage!

Fly-tipping at the Village Hall is NOT acceptable!

The large council bin is for the use of the Caretaker only and has now been locked. Will those who are involved in this activity, please Stop. Otherwise you will be named and shamed!



THE FORGOTTEN GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

Daffodils follow on from the snowdrops at the Gardens and have a lovely long season. Did you know, there are 80 wild species (only 2 native to the UK); and over 30,000 different varieties of cultivated daffodils on the International Daffodil Register? At the Gardens we have planted Tete-a-tete for their early show – they give a really vibrant splash of colour along the top of the Italian garden from late February. They are followed by a host of naturalised varieties near the elephant statue and in the Lime Wood. Some of those were on the market in the early 1900s, so were probably planted when Peto redesigned the Gardens and built the treehouse for the Countess of Warwick in 1902. The memorial area in the Glade was established with daffodils and hyacinths. And more recently we have also planted late flowering narcissi to complement Camassia in the mini orchard at the top of the kitchen garden; to brighten the tree cathedral in the Glade; and to add to the Japanese style garden near the platform with views onto the fishing lake.

The Gardens are not routinely open to the public in March but, if the weather is set fair, we sometimes open on Thursdays in late March – we announce this on our Facebook, Instagram or website www.eastonlodge.co.uk. So keep an eye out!



Of course our volunteers, who keep the Gardens looking so lovely, see the flowers as they emerge week by week. We take on new volunteers all year round and will be holding a new volunteers session on **Thursday 20 March**. As well as gardeners we are pleased to welcome volunteers who like to help with maintenance work, catering and front of house roles. There is something for everyone! You can find information and contact details on our website.

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North East Essex councils respond on devolution and local government reorganisation

This is a joint media statement issued by the leaders of Braintree, Colchester City and Tendring Councils:

“We acknowledge Southend City Council, Thurrock Council and Essex County Council’s decision to request to join the government’s Devolution Priority Programme, and recognise this is the start of a significant process that will require a great deal of collaboration and hard work across all levels of local government....

.. we all agree that decisions are best made locally [and] therefore collectively welcome the devolution of powers from central government, and believe the creation of a Strategic Authority for Greater Essex will be a positive step.

“If Local Government Reorganisation is to go ahead, then we believe that the sensible geography for a unitary authority would be Braintree, Colchester and Tendring, which would meet the government criteria set out in its Devolution White Paper on population size.

North East Essex is a functional economic area and, crucially, we have a strong track record of successful delivery between the three councils and Essex County Council.

“This includes the shared Section One of our Local Plans, work on garden communities, as well as wider partnership work and other shared services.

“We will be committed to working constructively together on this in the months ahead to deliver the best outcome for our residents and businesses.

“This constructive work will continue despite any political or policy differences we may have, recognising our right to uphold those different viewpoints alongside any directive we may be given by our full councils – all of which will be discussing this in upcoming meetings.

We will all continue to work hard to deliver day-in day-out quality services for our communities as this transition work continues, understanding that while this process takes place our residents and businesses still need and deserve our focus, attention and support.”

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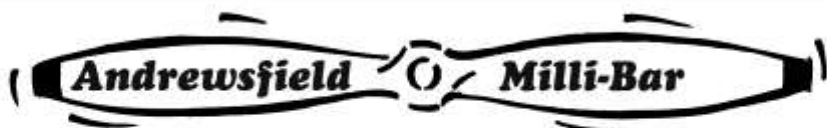
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One of the main crops of the rich agricultural area covered by The Hundred Parishes is barley, the main ingredient of traditional ales and beer. In the past, much of the barley was malted locally before being taken to a nearby brewery to be combined with water, hops and yeast for fermenting into beer.

Brewing was initially a domestic activity in the home for family consumption, on farms and estates for the landowner's family and workers, and in various institutions such as religious communities for those who lived in and visited them. As the demand for beer grew (safer to drink than 'fresh' water at the time) so did the brewing industry: public houses having their own brewhouses, commercial brewers working out of stand-alone breweries, and then the development of industrial scale brewery complexes.

Evidence of all these different types of breweries is to be found within the Hundred Parishes in the form of place names such as Brewery Lane in Stansted, Brewery House in Little Hadham; Little Brewers, a cottage in Matching Green; Brewery Cottage in Swards End; and Brewers House in Dunmow.

There are also surviving examples of the breweries from each of the various phases of the development of the industry. At Audley End House the estate's brewhouse survives although the internal features have been lost. An example of a public house brewery survives as The Old Brewery in Radwinter, now a private house. In Hatfield Heath the former stand-alone brewhouse was converted to a corn mill before becoming commercial offices.

Three examples of brewhouses which were a part of industrial brewery complexes survive in Furneux Pelham, Wethersfield and Hartford End in Felsted (see pictures below). All three have been renovated and converted to private residential use.

Ken McDonald, Secretary





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