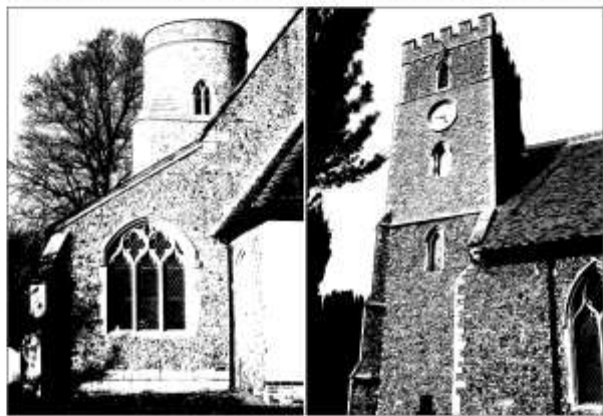


THE SALINGS MAGAZINE



MARCH 2026



THE PARISH MAGAZINE FOR GREAT AND LITTLE SALING

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Recently we were given several articles published in *Country Life* within the past few weeks. One of these reflects on the role village pubs and churches play in providing spaces where community members, particularly in rural areas, can get together.

We have now lived in the Salings for about a quarter of a century. Many readers may call the Salings their home for much longer, while others of you may be fairly new arrivals.

Over the past decades much has changed: when we arrived, there was a flourishing pub, a small post office, the village hall was just being inaugurated, a mobile library, a bus service to Braintree and Saffron Walden - as well as our two churches which are still open and offer a welcoming space.

There were other amenities as well as many regular village events supported and run by a host of volunteers. Please be encouraged to remind us of your own memories of some of these by writing a contribution to future editions of the magazine!

Currently we still run our annual Plant Sale, but many other events had to be stopped as they lacked younger volunteers or were financially not viable any more. Our readers will have seen that the Village Hall struggles along as do our two historical churches. The small church communities still provide support with regular formal and some informal services throughout the year.

Nevertheless, since the closure of the pub, it has become much more difficult to just interact with others in an informal way, particularly on these grey, cold and wet winter months.

There are small signs of spring being around the corner: at the time of writing, the Snowdrops and Crocuses are out, and the Daffodils will soon be blooming, birds are twittering and the ground is extremely muddy...!

Let's all hope that we will find ways of interacting in our small community by saying 'hallo' to each other when we venture out a bit more as the days are getting longer and (hopefully) warmer.

Please do make use of the Fish & Chip van (see details under Village Hall events), come along to the Plant Sale in May, take a stroll or try out church.

please email your contributions to the April edition
by the 15th of March to:



SalingsMagazine@gmail.com

From the Pilgrim Parishes

Heroes - Who were your heroes when you were young? In earlier years they could have been Knights of the Round Table or Victorian explorers or maybe a soldier in WW1 or a pilot in WW2 and later on people who went to the Moon or perhaps a footballer or a Pop or film star. We also had and have heroes who have stood up for justice like the suffragettes and Martin Luther King. It could even be a character like Superman! It could be a scientist who has won the Nobel Prize or a doctor who has developed a cancer treatment.



I think that we need heroes to inspire us to go beyond our usual selves and say 'yes I CAN do it whatever it costs'

The heroes of the church are of course the Saints. These people stood up for their faith and the stories of their lives, their words and quite often their deaths as martyrs have given inspiration to Christians across the centuries. Most churches are dedicated to a saint so I thought we might look at those with whom the churches in the Pilgrim Parishes are associated. Over the centuries the dedications have been lost or changed: A saint mentioned in the 1400s may not now be the saint of that church and Little Easton has no saint now. It is just Little Easton Church.

Broxted, Chickney, Tilty, Stebbing and Lindsell are all dedicated to **St Mary the Virgin**. The first people called saints were those who had actually associated with Jesus when he was on earth so no wonder his mother came into this category. People would be inspired by her obedience, her humility and her faithfulness as she stood by her Son's cross as he died.

Little Bardfield is dedicated to **St Peter and St Paul**. St Peter was one of Jesus inner circle of disciples. He is mentioned all through the gospels and was impetuous yet ultimately faithful and chosen by Jesus to found the Church. He led the early church and is honoured as the first Bishop of Rome and died a martyr. He is a saint we can identify with because he gets it wrong, is forgiven and carries on.

St Paul started by hating those who followed Jesus Christ and then became a follower himself, spreading the Christian faith all over the Eastern Mediterranean. As a saint Paul had determination and courage, was a good thinker and writer and suffered prison and death for his belief.

Great Easton is dedicated to **St Giles** the only saint here not closely associated with Jesus as he lived in the 6th or 8th century. He was a hermit so lived alone spending his time praying to God. He was wounded by the local king as he shot a deer. The king recognised a holy man and built a monastery where St Giles became the Abbot. He was a prayerful man and became the patron saint of cripples because he had been injured.

This is just a taste of the 'Heroes of the Church' in our own benefice. You will see many more if you visit churches and find out the stories which have inspired Christians down the years to live following the examples of the saints who followed Jesus Christ. They all have different personalities yet have had the same determination to be faithful, to remain true and to be part of transforming the world.

Quite a good plan for any Hero really even if they are not a saint!

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 1st March	Little (Bardfield) Saling	11:00 am	Morning Prayer
Friday 6th March	Parkes, Great Saling	02:00 pm	World Day of Prayer (contact: Lydia.bucknell@btinternet.com)
Sun 8th March	Great Saling	06:00 pm	Choral Evensong
Sun 15th March	Little (Bardfield) Saling	09:30 am	All Age Worship (Mothering Sunday)
Sun 22nd March	Great Saling	09:30 am	Morning Prayer
Sun 29th March	Little (Bardfield) Saling	11:00 am	Benefice Communion & Palm Sunday Procession (meet at 10:30am at the corner of Wool- pits Road and The Street)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

Nigeria 2026

2pm Friday 6th March at Parkes, Great Saling,
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The January parish council meeting is proposed for **26th March 2026**. Please check the notice boards or the website for confirmation nearer the time.

A Quick Update on Our New Email Addresses

You may have noticed that as of 1st February, the Parish Council has officially moved over to new .gov.uk email addresses.

It helps us keep your data much more secure, ensures that council business is kept separate from personal accounts, and gives you the peace of mind that you are speaking directly with an official representative.

Please do take a moment to update your contact lists with the new details listed below. Using these new addresses is now the best way to ensure your messages reach us safely and quickly.

Upcoming Braintree District Council Sweep in Great Saling & Bardfield Saling:

- ⇒ **Great Saling** – Wednesday, 4th March 2026
- ⇒ **Bardfield Saling** – Thursday, 5th March 20206

The sweep is expected to take 1–2 days in each location. Please be mindful of the scheduled work and ensure vehicles are parked appropriately to allow for efficient cleaning.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Grab & Go Litter Kits

We're trialling a new, flexible way for residents to help keep the village clean.

On selected weekends throughout the year (usually when it isn't forecast to pour with rain!), a box of litter picking equipment will be placed in the Community Garden for anyone to use at a time that suits them.

Please keep an eye out for the box and check our social media pages for updates on when it will be available.

A small effort can make a big difference!



The Salings Magazine is delivered free of charge to all residents. Please consider **making a donation to cover the cost of printing it.**

Scan the QR code or contact Julian Dyer, contact details at the end of the magazine.

District Councillor Ann Hooks

There has been a lot going on, with lots more coming over the next few months!



Local Plan – Consultation Opens

Braintree District Council has approved the Draft Local Plan (which I supported) to move forward to Regulation 18 public consultation, which is expected to begin on **19th February** and run for six weeks. At the time of writing this report, the date had not been finalised, so please look at my social media for confirmation of the consultation dates.

This stage gives everyone the opportunity to comment and help shape how our district grows in the years ahead. Encouragingly, the current draft does not propose any major changes within the Rayne ward. In particular:

- No West of Rayne expansion
- No West of Braintree allocation
- Protection for the Flitch Way from harmful development

You will be able to respond through the consultation portal via the council website homepage. Comments can also be emailed to planningpolicy@braintree.gov.uk, or sent in writing to the council offices at Causeway.

Consultations like this can sometimes feel technical, but they genuinely shape what happens next. The more local people who respond, the stronger the message that Rayne values its green spaces, character and village boundaries. Your comments help safeguard the progress already made and protect the village from unwanted changes in later drafts, so please do take a few minutes to have your say.

Waste & Recycling Changes

New waste and recycling bins will begin to be delivered from **9th February** as part of the district's updated collection service from Braintree District Council.

Deliveries will be phased across the area, starting in the north of the district. Households on standard collections will receive their bins first, while properties with non-standard collections will begin receiving theirs from April. You won't need to be home when they arrive, and because of the scale of the rollout, neighbours may receive bins on different days.

A tracking system is available so residents can check when their delivery is www.braintree.gov.uk/bindelivery

Please remember that the new bins should not be used until **1st June**, when the updated collection arrangements officially start.

Thank you in advance for your patience while these changes are introduced.

Green Bin Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the garden waste (green bin) service are now open for the new service year, running from **1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027**, via Braintree District Council.

If you would like collections to continue, or you are thinking of starting the service, please remember to sign up or renew through the council website to avoid any interruption.

The cost remains **£55 for the year**, which provides **a fortnightly collection throughout the seasons**, with a short break over Christmas and New Year.

Councillor Development & Community Resilience

Earlier this month I attended the **Local Government Association Independent Group Conference** in Leeds, where the focus was on resilience for councillors, communities and local areas. The sessions covered personal resilience to help councillors stay effective during demanding times, supporting community wellbeing, and strengthening our democratic processes so we can better navigate the challenges facing local government.

I always find these events incredibly valuable, they are a chance to share experiences, learn new ideas and bring back practical knowledge that helps me serve Rayne residents more effectively. I even managed to join an early morning walking group to explore the city before the second day began, a great reminder of the importance of keeping both ourselves and our communities healthy and connected.

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 (Ann Hooks – District Councillor) and Instagram page (cllr_ann_hooks), where you can keep up to date with what I am up to!



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Many congratulations to the recent winners. There are a couple of numbers available so if anyone is interested to join the 100 Club please ring me on 01371 810887 or 07920880469 or email me on mayahatcher@btinternet.com

The February

winners are:

1st Andrew Taylor

2nd Sheila Stacey

3rd Jonathan Clapson

Village Hall Regular Events

Tuesday	Art group 10.00 - 15.00
Wednesday	Badminton 19.30 - 22.00
Thursday	Zumba 10.30 - 11.30
	Pickleball 15.00 - 18.00
Friday	Carpet Bowls 19.- 22.00
Weekends	Private Hiring

**PLEASE KEEP THE
AREA AROUND THE
BOTTLE BANK
TIDY!**

- The **village coffee mornings** are usually held on a Thursday once a month. Further information from Claire Bucknell 01371 810977
- The Seamaster **Fish and Chip van** is now calling on a Thursday 16.00 - 18.00 See page 11 for the menu
- The **Defibrillator** is by the Entrance to the village and our First Responder is Robert Bucknell: 07860 521548

The first reader who contacts Tony Baker 07799 413191 will be given a **FREE TICKET** to this performance.



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Here is a **repeated Plea** to ALL users of the **bottle banks and surrounding area: PLEASE KEEP IT CLEAN**

Despite very clear notices about the legality of Fly-Tipping on the village hall bins, all manner of rubbish is just accidentally dropped OR left deliberately.



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DMP Fish and Chips	£18.00
Kids Fish and Chips	£10.00

VEGETARIAN

Veggie Burger	£4.50
Mozzarella Sticks x 5	£4.50
Chili Cheese Bites	£5.00
Chewy Wings x 10	£5.00
Holland Fries x 5	£5.00

CHICKEN

Spicy Chicken Bites x 10	£6.99
Southern Chicken Strips x 5	£5.50
Chicken Nuggets x 8	£5.50
Peppercorn Chicken x 20	£10.99

KIDS MEAT

Chicken Nuggets & Chips (10)	£5.90
Sausage & Chips	£4.90
(All the kids have included Fruit Salad)	

CHIPS

Small	£3.50
Medium	£4.00
Large	£4.50
Chunky Chips	£5.50

SAUSAGES & PASTIES

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STARTERS

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Butterfly King Prawns x 4	£5.50
Chili Sea & Pepper Shrimp x 10	£5.50
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A warm thank you to all who were and are involved in setting this up and maintaining it, especially Councillor Terry McCarty.



A little further along in the allotment, vegetable can be seen growing.

Please get in touch with Terry McCarty if you would like to be involved.





THE SALINGS

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The Hundred Parishes

Now that Spring is on its way, the weather should encourage us to make more use of bridleways and footpaths. Around 150 walk descriptions are available to download free from our website,

www.hundredparishes.org.uk. As well as saying when to turn left or right, our route de-

scriptions aim to point out things of interest along the way. Some of these will be marked on the local Ordnance Survey map.

Ordnance Survey ("OS") has been the UK's official mapping body since 1791 AD, having originated for military purposes. Its activities have left various physical markers which may still be encountered, albeit that mapping techniques have moved forward in recent times with the satellite-based GPS (global positioning system).

The two historic OS markers that are most likely to be encountered are "triangulation pillars" and "benchmarks". Several thousand triangulation pillars (also referred to as trig points) were installed all over the UK - solid concrete pillars about 4 feet tall, usually erected at a high point with a clear range of vision. Each has a place on top for positioning a map measurer's tool, a theodolite. The pillar's location and height above sea level have been precisely measured and recorded so that from here the map-maker can plot the surrounding landscape.

OS surveyors also left "benchmarks" in thousands of strategic locations. These are additional altitude reference points, a horizontal line indicating height above sea level - chiselled into a wall or milestone from around 1840 until the 1990s. The benchmark was sometimes indicated on a brass plaque attached at the appropriate height. On OS benchmarks, the horizontal line appears above an upward-pointing arrow.

Please look out for trig points and benchmarks. If they are on a Hundred Parishes walk route but not yet mentioned in the description, please let us know.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



Left: Triangulation Pillar on Newport - Wicken Bonhunt boundary at Grid Reference TL501348.

Right: Triangulation pillar in Castle Camps at Grid Reference TL625416.





Left: Incised benchmark on milestone 32 north of Stansted Mountfitchet.



Right: Incised benchmark on milestone 40 south of Littlebury.

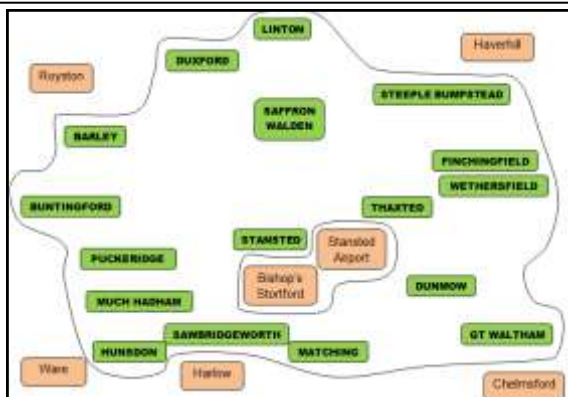


Left: Metal benchmark plate on Clavering Church wall.



Right: Incised benchmark in Barkway on wall of Clock House Cottage.

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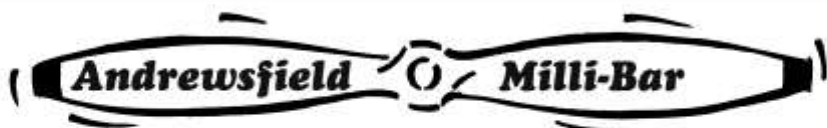
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After the snowdrop season in February, we sometimes have Group Visits in March but we typically don't fully re-open until the beginning of April. So, volunteers are focussed on preparations - some more spring pruning and moving of plants in the herbaceous borders; tidying; and the first planting of veg: broad beans, carrots and beetroot. Volunteers spring clean the history and information building, so that the archives can be enjoyed again by the first main season visitors.

We love to welcome new volunteers in March, as it is such a pretty season for showing them around and there is lots of work pending. Thursday is our main gardening and maintenance day for volunteering, while some volunteers work on Mondays, Wednesdays or Saturdays. And our Sunday Open Days rely on volunteers too - for catering and other front of house duties. So, if you like Gardens and being outdoors and fancy volunteering, please do get in touch.

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