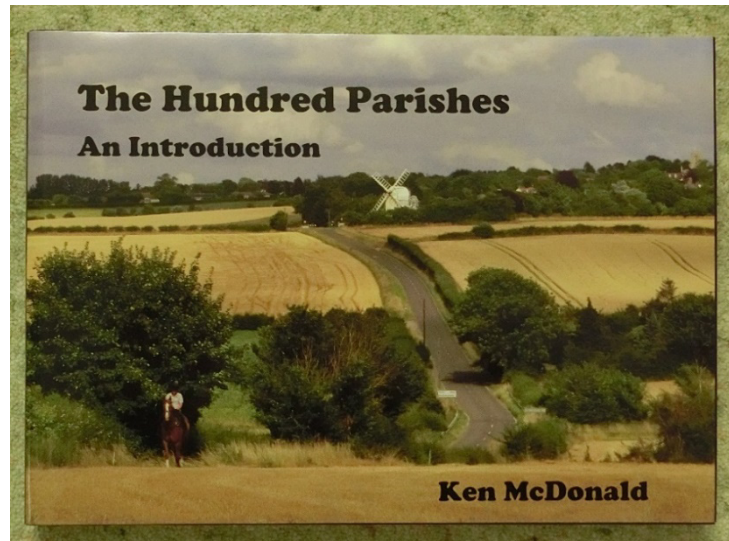




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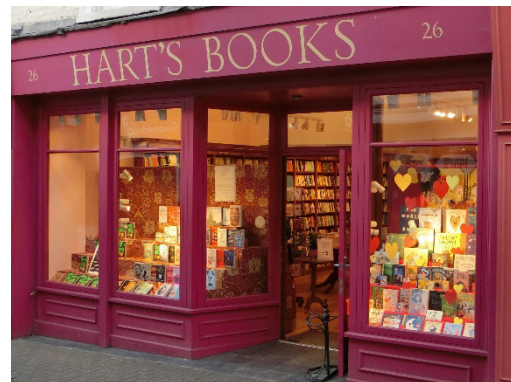
An introductory article on
BOOKS ABOUT THE HUNDRED PARISHES

In 2018, the Society published its first book, a 400-page hardback called "*The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction*". All 800 copies that were printed have now been sold. There will be no reprint, but copies are available from libraries. Since publication, several minor errors have been identified; these are listed in the article entitled *The Hundred Parishes Society activities*.

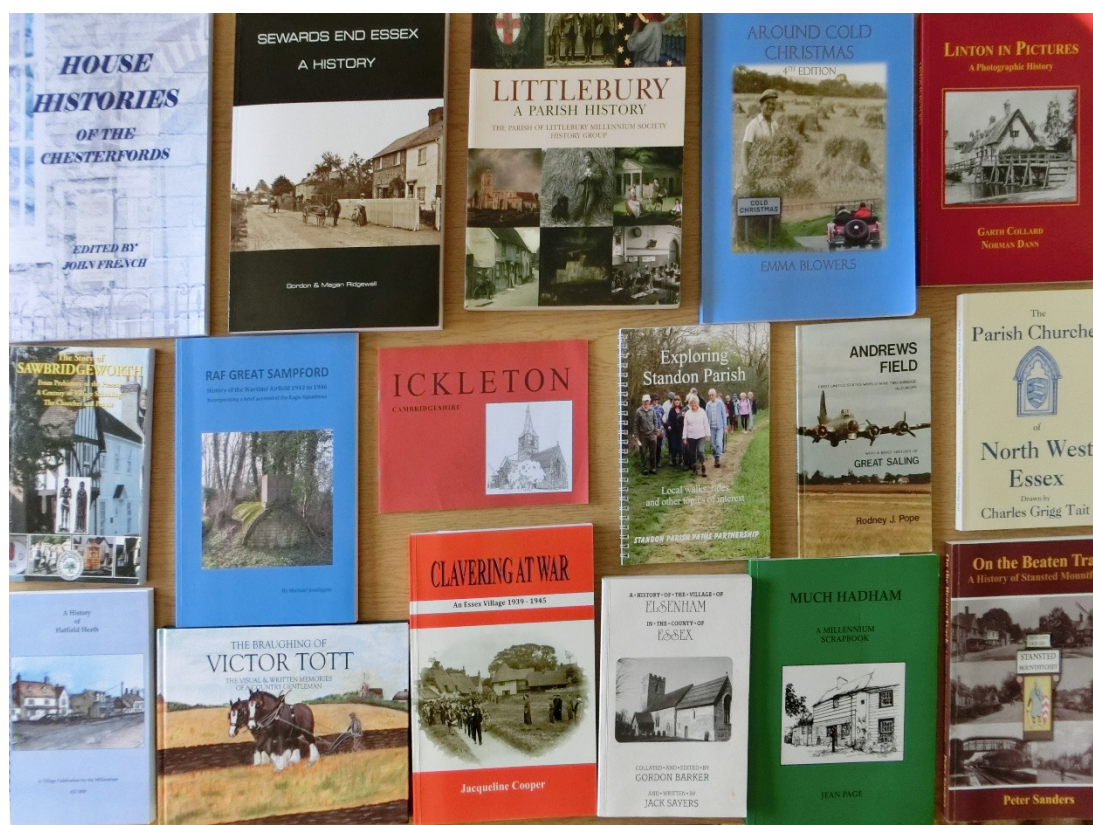


Preparation of the book took several years and was only possible because of the vast resource of what had already been written, in far more detail, about individual places, people and events. The Society holds more than 300 local books and pamphlets. On the Society's website, individual parish introductions include references to their share of available literature. If you are aware of any publication that is not listed, please let us know (via the Feedback form on www.hundredparishes.org.uk).

A good number of local books are available, in person or online, from the four excellent outlets that each sold many copies of the Hundred Parishes book: the Tourist Information Centre in Bishop's Stortford, Harts Books and the Tourist Information Centre in Saffron Walden, and Between The Lines bookshop in Great Bardfield. The last three are pictured here.



Here is just a selection of books about the local area . . .



A few parishes, as yet, have no book of their own, or perhaps just a pamphlet available in the church, whilst other places have extensive coverage.

Clavering's Jacqueline Cooper always seems to be working on yet another book about Clavering or Saffron Walden. Several local history societies have generated books or booklets, or have work in progress.

One of the Society's trustees, Peter Sanders, conducted research for 30 years before compiling a definitive history of Stansted Mountfitchet. Another easy-to-read classic, *Littlebury: a Parish History*, was produced by a team of authors. There is an excellent, largely pictorial history of Sewards End; while *Around Cold Christmas* is onto its 4th edition.

These are just a few examples of the wealth of written accounts of the local area. So rich is our local history that there is no shortage of reading material or potential subject matter.

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