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## Ingatestone & Fryerning Parish Council Launches New Website

Ingatestone & Fryerning Parish Council launched their new website [www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk](http://www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk) on 5th October 2015.

The new website is easy to use, with an improved navigation menu and various panels on the home page containing up-to-date information and quick links to further details. It is "mobile device friendly" - it has been designed to be responsive i.e. automatically resize to fit any device big or small.

The new home page displays big bold pictures of our lovely villages currently, so please feel free to send in any of your own photographs of our village for us to add to the website or our twice yearly newsletter. This slideshow will also be

used to advertise upcoming events or highlight things that have happened recently or anything else that might be of interest to our residents.

The website consists of seven main sections:

- ❖ Parish Council – all about our local Parish Council, including committees, councillors, staff, meetings, minutes, other documentation etc.
- ❖ Youth Council – all about our Youth Council, including councillors, meetings, minutes, other documentation etc.
- ❖ Planning – includes information about our Village Design Statement, local development plans and conservation areas.
- ❖ Local Info – includes details about local schools, churches, facilities/services, clubs/organisations and other useful contacts.
- ❖ Tourism – includes details about places of interest, village maps and the history of our villages and Parish Council.
- ❖ News – includes Parish Council and local news items.
- ❖ Diary – includes dates of upcoming Parish Council and Youth Council meetings, plus dates of any other local events (the Clerk has been notified of).

And finally there is a Contact Us page with details on how to contact and find the Parish Council.

Additionally, the website is now much easier to maintain, with the Parish Clerk doing all updates to the website herself. So if you see anything that is incorrect or wish to add details of your upcoming village event, contact details for your local club/organization, or add an interesting local news item etc., please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Abi Howe, 01277 353315.

For more information please take a few minutes to have a look at our brand new website [www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk](http://www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk) and please let us know what you think of it?

The website was developed by Sue Lees Consultancy [www.suelees.co.uk](http://www.suelees.co.uk)

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## **Chairman's report**

For the first time since I have been on the Parish Council 4 councillors did not stand for re- election last May.

Two of our councillors Joan Tench and Greta Wire, both of whom are over 80 years of age have retired. They each have worked for the Parish Council for

over 20 years. When they started, our office was in the Community Club, and 10 years ago we moved to 118 High Street.

Tony Williams joined us in 2007 and left in 2015 as he now lives in the Midlands.

Jon Cloke joined us in 2011 and left in 2015 as he is now one of our Borough Councillors.

We always lose ideas and knowledge when people leave. We now however have 4 new councillors and hopefully they will also have new ideas. Their names are Julie Fowkes, Phil Lackford, Kate Sutton and Jane Winter. I hope they enjoy their meetings and work on the Parish Council.

**Cllr Linda Boyce**

## **Churchyards and Environments Committee report**

I would like to start this report by thanking Mrs Greta Wire, who chaired this committee for many years and stood down from the Parish Council in May 2015 after many years of service and commitment to the villages.

I am writing this having just returned from the Essex Playing Field Association AGM where the Parish received two 'silver awards' for Fairfield Recreation Ground and for the children's playground within it. In addition Ingatestone & Fryerning Cricket Club also received a certificate of merit for the condition of the ground. This is a fine tribute to all the work that the Club has put in since taking over responsibility for both the wicket and outfield at Fairfield, including battles against moles and litter.

The Parish Council in 2014 devolved responsibility for the allotment sites to the newly formed Ingatestone Allotment Association and, as with the cricket club, real progress has been made with the Parish Council working in partnership with local organisations.

Work has just been completed on improvements to the youth play area at Fairfield with the installation of a zip wire and other pieces of equipment. This was financially possible because the Parish Council obtained significant grant funding which enabled us to purchase the equipment. In the children's play area, the junior swings have been replaced as they are showing signs of significant wear.

Over the past year cycle hoops have been attached to the railings outside Martins and together with the cycle racks at the Community Centre, we hope that this will assist local cyclists in being able to safely park their cycles while using local shops etc.

During 2016 it is hoped that two major projects will be undertaken. In Ingatestone we hope to carry out major work on the pond at Fairfield, enabling residents to completely walk around it, and if finance permits additional benches will also be placed in the area with the aim of making that area a pleasant location to sit and relax.

In Fryerning there have been ongoing discussions relating to improving the pathways in the cemetery, replacing the present pea shingle with a solid path. The main path to the far end of the cemetery is around 100 metres in length so again this will require significant funds, but the aim is to ensure that the cemetery is accessible to all who wish to visit graves there. It is hoped to also increase the number of benches along and near the pathway.

Finally I'd like to thank local residents who recently took part in Essex CC "Bin It" campaign and devoted a Saturday morning to clearing litter in the village. It really makes a difference. It is hoped to organise a "Let's Clean up Ingatestone" in March 2016 and I hope a good number of local people will be able to devote a couple of hours to this project.

If you would like to raise any issue concerning the environment or recreational facilities in Ingatestone & Fryerning I can be contacted at: [pauljeater@btinternet.com](mailto:pauljeater@btinternet.com)

**Cllr Paul Jeater, Chair of C&E Committee**

## **Planning News**

### **The Crown Development**

Brentwood Borough Council has approved the Planning Application to develop the Grade 2 Listed Crown Public House site. The plans include the construction of a rear extension to the main building, various internal alterations, conversion of the property into a house and 2 flats and the closure of the vehicular access on the South side. Access to the site will be via the existing entrance on the North side opposite Norton Road.

The stable block to the rear of the property will be demolished and replaced by cart lodge type parking facilities. At the rear of the site 3, two bedroom cottages will be constructed together with parking facilities. These cottages will be similar to those built on the old Ingatestone Motors site.

Following pressure from the Parish Council the original proposal to demolish the stable block on the North of the site was dropped and this will now be retained. The front part facing the road will be used as a retail unit and the rear part of the block will be used as part of a studio flat with a new extension built at the end of the block.

Although planning permission to convert the main building to residential is not ideal it should help to ensure the long term future of the fabric of this historic 16th Century Coaching Inn.

If residents would like to look at the detailed plans for this redevelopment they are available for inspection in the Parish Council offices.

### **Bell Mead development**

Plans have been submitted to Brentwood Borough Council for the development of the land at the rear of the Doctor's surgery. The proposal which, at the time of writing, is currently being considered by Brentwood is for the construction of a block of 10 flats and a second block containing 6 apartments. The Parish Council is concerned about a number of issues such as the size and bulk of the block of 10 flats, potential flooding in the surrounding area, the provision of additional public parking spaces and the construction of a footpath for public use to connect with the footpath at the lower end of Fairfield leading to the Railway station. As a result of these concerns the Parish Council has objected to this planning application.

A meeting with the developers has taken place and they will now be submitting a new application to include 10 additional parking spaces for public use in excess of those already available in the area as part of the development. They have also indicated that they will construct a bridge across the stream and a footpath for public use across the lower part of Fairfield to connect to the path leading to the railway station. This path will be lit and maintained by the occupants of the new development and therefore these costs will not be incurred by the Parish. We await the receipt of the new planning application for parking and the footpath and on receipt will respond appropriately. At this meeting it was made clear that even if the issues on parking and the footpath are resolved that the size and bulk of the block of 10 flats and potential flooding concerns still remain.

The plans for the flats and apartments are available in the Parish Council office where they can be inspected on request.

### **The Local Development Plan**

Brentwood Borough Council is working on the latest draft plan which when available will be issued for consultation. Members of the Parish Council have attended meetings and a workshop on the subject with other parish councils and have provided information to help inform the Draft Plan. A further workshop is expected to take place before the Draft Plan is published for consultation early in 2016.

**Cllr David Abrey, Chair of Planning Committee**

## **Voter Registration is changing**

### **Background**

In Great Britain, the household system of electoral registration has now been replaced by Individual Electoral Registrations whereby each person is responsible for registering to vote individually. In addition, the people can now register to vote online.

The revised registers to be published in December 2015 will form the basis of the registers to be used for the elections in May 2016.

The Electoral Registration Office (ERO) will remove entries for those electors not registered individually by the end of the transition on December 2015.

In December 2015, the published register will nationally contain approximately 920,000 fewer entries than the registers published in February / March 2014. The decrease is likely to be the result of home-movers, student registrations and those who will reach the age of 18.

It is important that residents are prompted to register if they have not already done so. If in doubt you can check with our local ERO at Brentwood Borough Council (Philip Ruck).

More details can be found on [www.gov.uk/yourvotematters](http://www.gov.uk/yourvotematters).

It is worth noting that if you do not register to vote, you might find it harder to get a credit card, mobile phone contract and a passport, and to change your energy supplier.

### **New Registration Process**

You can register to vote on line – [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) and you will need to fill in your name, address, date of birth and a few details. You will need your National Insurance number.

If you have difficulty in registering and would like some support, please contact **Cllr Jane Winter on 01277 353830**

## **351 BUS SERVICE**

Essex County Council (ECC) has published a lengthy review (251 pages) of the bus services paid by them. The Sunday and Public Holidays 351 timetable is one such service paid by ECC. I can summarise this 251 page review for the 351 service by reporting that the 351 service will be tendered for one year and reviewed in 2016.

I hope bus users have, like me, found that generally our bus service is reasonable and far better than in the past when failures were not uncommon, although there was a spate of complaints in July. I was unable to identify from First Buses any particular reason for this problem.

As covered in this Newsletter our new Parish Council website is up and running and bus service complaint forms can be downloaded from this site [www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk](http://www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk). From the home page open "other useful links" then "bus travel/bus complaint form", from there "useful documents" and obtain a form copy through the PDF box. Complaint forms are also available from the Parish office.

Please advise the Parish office if you don't receive answers to your complaints as we don't seem to receive copies.

Please return a complaint for any bus problem as these help us to review, and where necessary, formally complain about the service during our regular meetings with First Buses and ECC. 351 bus timetables can be shown through the internet by calling up "First Buses Essex 351 timetable" on the web search and selecting the website from the list given.

If you wish to report the service from a bus driver, either (hopefully) for an act of kindness etc. or for a complaint, then attach your bus ticket with details of the incident. Drivers can be identified from the ticket. You can pass these details to the parish Office and I will do the rest.

Unfortunately the installation on the 351 service for real time information system (RTIS) has been delayed once again. I quote from the latest information that I requested from ECC "The enhanced data for the 351 service is yet to be received and no testing has taken place on this route. Both First (Buses) and the core system provider are working with us to introduce further routes as soon as possible so that testing can take place and councillors are very keen to launch real time in Essex".

I will not print my observation why ECC kept giving forecast dates for this introduction! In my view until we have a 21st century public bus system with the twin essentials of reliability and real time information, then greater increase in bus use cannot be expected.

Finally please remember bus drivers are only required to stop when passengers put their hands out to hail them.

**Cllr Donald Frost**  
**Passenger Transport Representative**

## **A message from the Head - Anglo European School**

There has been a secondary school at the heart of Ingatestone since 1959. As I am sure you are aware, children attending the three local junior schools are entitled to a place here and succeeding generations of Ingatestone children have done just that. At any one time that gives us about 300 youngsters. To make the school viable we need upwards of 1000 students and in recent years the population of the school has stabilised at 1350-1400 which means every day large numbers of young people come in to the village to be educated – plus 200 staff.

The railway line and First Buses are our life-blood in this respect. So why is it that so many young people, supported by their families, make that commitment to Ingatestone? It is entirely based on a reputation which is spread by word of mouth, a reputation based on our international ethos and great examination results. We are a state comprehensive school which has secured and developed a unique selling point.

Our international ethos is based on a strong commitment to a broad, baccalaureate education including languages, the humanities, technology and the arts as well as mathematics, English, Science and Citizenship. We require all of our students to study languages which they do very successfully, giving a lie to the myth that the British are not good at languages. We have a network of over 20 partner schools in Europe as well as Africa and China. Our students learn locally but think globally knowing that they cannot be good global citizens unless they are good local citizens. We also have a mission based on the philosophy of the International Baccalaureate Organisation, a philosophy based on the principle that other people, with their differences, might be right. These are our 'pillars'.

The Anglo was opened in 1973 as the Secondary Modern was closed. We have never looked back. It was a bold decision made by the local authority and supported by the local community who did not want to lose their school. It is a school like no other – none of the pillars listed above will you find in quite the same way in any other school. The way in which they all interact makes for a relaxed, friendly but purposeful school which is not complacent and knows that it can always do better.

It is a rich, diverse and successful community of young people with a global reputation at the heart of Ingatestone. It may have a global outlook but it is your school. On the one hand it educates your children but it is also available for your use as a community. We know it brings its own pressures but we believe it is something we can all be proud of.

**David Barrs, Anglo European School**

## **Facilities for Hire at the Anglo-European School**

- ❖ Comms room with video conferencing facilities
- ❖ Sports hall
- ❖ Playing fields
- ❖ Gym
- ❖ Classrooms
- ❖ IT facilities
- ❖ Assembly Hall
- ❖ Translation and languages services

Please contact us on 01277 354018 for more information on hiring any of our facilities

## **Life in the Anglo Sixth Form**

As my first term as an Anglo European Sixth Former draws to a close I have learnt that A levels are in fact as hard as people say they are, free periods aren't always 'free' and I should have cherished my lunches more in previous years. Although, I feel this change is making me a more conscientious learner with an accumulation of responsibilities that I must now harbour. The next two years will offer a bounty of opportunities - being an Anglo Sixth Former will hopefully be that bit more rewarding.

Day to day life has changed dramatically due to my new found independence. My previous understanding of free periods was that they were a luxury to Sixth Form students to spend socialising, however that is far from the truth. As your subject number decreases the intensity and work load increases. Therefore most frees are used for studying in a more relaxed environment rather than in a classroom with a teacher supervising. My subjects are much more tailored to my interests; sixth form is the place where you begin to understand who you are and what you want to be. The jump from GCSEs to A levels is astonishing but achievable if you use your time wisely and efficiently – which I hope I have been doing. The Anglo offer different routes in getting your qualifications; either straight A Levels, the IB Diploma, a combination of the two or the IBCP. With such a variety of subjects and courses the Anglo is a great choice of for the undecided student as there is usually an educational path that will suit anyone.

The diverse subject availability is not the only niche that the Anglo Sixth Form offers but also the opportunities that arise due to its international relations. This

year I am able to go on a work experience exchange to Spain, a Biology trip to Wales and a visit to Geneva to experience a UN conference, which will be very helpful with one of my chosen subjects: Politics. Next year after completing my A2 exams World Challenge will be available to my year and the current year 11s. This trip in the past has proven to be extremely worthwhile where new friendships and skills are developed. These opportunities really do make the Anglo unique.

Evidently, this recent change in my educational routine has not only inspired me to be more of an independent, free learner but also to further appreciate the international I receive from just being a part of the Anglo European School.

**Mollie Nicholson**

## **Ingatestone and Fryerning Community Association**

During the summer we have had a busy time at the Community Centre making improvements to our main hall. We received a £10,000 grant from the Community Initiative Fund (Essex County Council) and were able to have ceiling tiles and lights replaced and the wooden floor sanded, stained and re-lacquered. From our own funds we had the old wall tiles stripped off, replaced by plasterboards and the whole hall painted in three shades of grey to match our lovely new tea bar. Altogether the hall is looking very smart, with new grey chairs and tables and newly dry cleaned curtains.

We hold a Coffee morning in the hall on the third Tuesday of every month to which everyone is welcome. There are delicious homemade cakes and scones (with cream and jam) and we have a few tables where there are items for sale. This is a friendly relaxed morning. Why not come along and try it? It starts at 9.30 and finishes at 12 noon.

If you want to know any information about hiring the hall or events taking place in the hall please ring the office on 01277 352064

**Lilian Hunter**

## **Age UK Essex**

**Could you spare 2 - 4 hours a week to help someone with dementia to live a more active life?**

Age UK Essex is recruiting volunteers in your area for Dementia Connections, a short-term programme designed to help people with dementia to stay active.

As a Dementia Connections Volunteer you will:

- Work with each client for up to 12 hours (total per client over a number of weeks e.g. 3 hours 1st week, 2 hours 2nd week etc.)

- Help each client to achieve their personal goal. This could be, for example, attending a local social group, joining a keep fit class or going for a walk.
- By the end of the 12 hours you will have helped your client rebuild their confidence and enabled them to reconnect with the local community.

In return you will benefit from valuable training from Age UK Essex and Alzheimer's Society

This interesting role will suit you if you are caring, a good listener and able to give, up to, four hours per week (usually less)

To find out more please contact our volunteer manager on 01245 207011 or email [volunteer.manager@ageukessex.org.uk](mailto:volunteer.manager@ageukessex.org.uk)

**Donna Miller, South West Essex Coordinator - Dementia Connections**

## **Community Agents Essex – One Year On**

Community Agents Essex has been operating successfully in Essex for just over 12 months.

In that time agents have supported 3,550 clients across the 12 districts/boroughs of the County helping improve the health and wellbeing of older people and their informal carers, supporting older people to maintain independent living and thereby reducing the demand on health and social care services in Essex.

Over 75% of clients are over the age of 65 and more than half (63%) are female. The majority of referrals (55%) to Community Agents were made by social care and 12% by health services.

Most clients wanted information and advice, closely followed by independent living support. But agents also provided social inclusion, income maximisation, home adaptations and mobility solutions.

Community Agents do not duplicate services but work alongside established community groups and organisations to connect people back into local life and help them to achieve their goals.

Over the 12 months from July 2014:

- 4,461 activities were recorded
- 80 organisation/teams became involved in 2,345 cases
- Less than 8.5% of all cases (2,966) resulted in referral to Social Care
- More than 68% of those cases have now been closed
- Delivered 135 presentations to local groups

It is a person centred approach and feedback shows that 61% of clients said their needs had been fully met. More recent monitoring indicates over 84% remain living at home three months after their case was closed.

Project Lead, Brian Goodwin said: "We set out to work within the local community to support older people who are becoming isolated, or frail and more vulnerable. One year on I think we can celebrate the fact that we are doing exactly what we set out to do."

Community Agents is funded by Essex County Council and delivered through a partnership between Rural Community Council of Essex, British Red Cross, Age UK Essex and Essex Neighbourhood Watch.

**For more information or to request the support of a Community Agent please contact us on:**

**Tel:** 08009 775858  
**Email:** [enquiries@caessex.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@caessex.org.uk)  
**Website:** [www.communityagentsessex.org.uk](http://www.communityagentsessex.org.uk)

### **Case Study**

Mr X was referred to Community Agents by his local council.

He has a mobility scooter but deteriorating health meant he was having problems getting it out of his garage. The garage door was too heavy for him and he hated relying on his neighbours, who although they were happy to help were not always around when he needed to go out.

One of the options suggested by Ben, his Ingatestone Community Agent was to make the door remotely controllable. Mr X was enthusiastic about this, so further investigations were made.

Ben sought advice from the Papworth Trust and searching on the internet contacted a local company that could supply and fit remote control garage doors. Having explained the situation and spoken with the company owner Ben was satisfied that the company was reputable so he arranged for Mr X to deal direct with the company.

He stayed in touch with Mr X throughout the process in case he needed further support/advice. The company even managed to keep the cost of the conversion down by using the existing garage door. Afterwards Mr X said he was pleased with both the standard of work and the price.

"Although there were secondary outcomes around his benefit entitlements (which were referred to DWP) the central issue was in essence a simple one," said Ben.

"Mr X remained very much in control of all the decisions and felt responsible for solving the problems he faced, something which was quite important to him."

"I really appreciated Ben being there and the help he gave me," added Mr X.

## **Restorative Justice in Essex**

A scheme which will allow victims of crime and anti-social behaviour (such as neighbour disputes) the chance to communicate with the perpetrators has been launched.

The Essex Restorative Justice Hub facilitates safe communication between those involved in a crime or conflict and allows victims to ask questions and receive meaningful reparation for the harm that has been caused.

Restorative Justice results in high victim satisfaction and a reduction in reoffending as it encourages those who have caused harm to take responsibility for their actions. It is a voluntary process and everyone must consent to take part.

If you have been involved in crime or Anti-Social Behaviour and you feel that this process could help you

Or

You would like to become a volunteer Restorative Justice Facilitator and become part of the RJ Hub (full training is provided)

Please contact [restorativejustice@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:restorativejustice@essex.pnn.police.uk)  
or Janet Lunn on 01245 291621

Further information can be found on the Essex PCC website  
<http://www.essex.pcc.police.uk/restorative-justice>

## **The ProBus Club of Ingatestone**

The aim of ProBus is to provide fellowship for its members who are retired (or partially retired) professional or business people. The Ingatestone Club has about 55 members who meet monthly for a pleasant lunch at Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite in Hutton but in December we are looking forward to our annual Carol Supper. Lunches are often followed by a short talk and in recent months we have had talks on rescue lights for merchant seaman in World War II and from 'Safer Brentwood'. We also arrange day trips to places of interest which can be easily reached by coach from Ingatestone. We are planning a trip to the Houses of Parliament and Greenwich in November.

New members are always warmly welcomed and if you think that you may be interested in joining us, our Secretary Bob Furley (01277 352917), President David Oxley (01277 354382) or Strachan Heppell (01277 353418) would be very pleased to tell you more.

## **The Photograph!**

I was disturbed to hear a rumour that Abi our Parish Clerk intended to shoot me, and I wondered what I have done to deserve such drastic action. I was therefore relieved to receive an email from Abi stating that she needed photographs of parish councillors to insert in our new website and that, if necessary, use her camera to "shoot" our photo. However, I decided to take up Abi's offer and provide my own picture.

My problem, unlike the ladies (wife, daughters) in my life, I am not photogenic. I either look like the pantomime idiot or like the mug shots you see on Crime Watch. You know "wanted for six vicious assaults, on no account approach this man".

Anyway, I charged up my camera and persuaded my wife to take a head and shoulders picture. After about 30 attempts and much bad temper (from me) I selected the least worse and sent it off to Abi. It is now for all to see on our new website. By the way, from the website photographs, from how many of my male fellow councillors would you buy a second hand car?

I kid myself that I don't really look as bad as my picture. At least people don't cross the road when they see me and mothers don't snatch their children in when I pass by.

**Cllr Donald Frost**

## **What exactly do you do?**

To the outside world, the role of the Parish Clerk is shrouded in mystery and confusion and perhaps that is the way that most Clerks like to keep it. I am often asked if I work for the Church or if I do secretarial tasks to which I reply I do neither. Then there inevitably is the sign of confusion on the face of the questioner followed by "So what exactly do you do?"

The role of the Parish Clerk is one of Managing Director, Finance Director, HR, Marketing, Communications and Office Manager all rolled into one. The Clerk has overall responsibility for ensuring that the Parish Council meets its legal and financial obligations as laid down in law. I am in essence, a Civil Servant working at local, parish level. I must ensure that the Parish Council spends its

precept appropriately and responsibly, for the betterment of the Parish and maintain the financial records as such.

I also work with 15 passionate local residents and 2 excellent members of staff and make sure that playground equipment, the cemetery and grounds maintenance in the parish are maintained and something to be proud of.

I have many hats, some of which I have to wear at the same time and no two days are ever the same. Take today, for example, my work load has included filing a VAT return, ordering Christmas lights for the High Street, negotiating a support contract and finding a builder for some work around the parish... and it never stops.

So now you know, I have let you into the secret world of the Parish Clerk and it doesn't just involve taking minutes...

**Abi Howe, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**

## **Ingatestone and Fryerning Angling Club**

We are looking to increase our membership and for a limited time we are waiving our joining fee, normally £30. This leaves only the annual subscription of £70, for which members are able to fish at our three local lakes and two stretches of the River Wid. We are a very friendly club and all our lakes are well stocked, peaceful sanctuaries where our members are free to enjoy every aspect of angling.

We hold regular matches and competitions for those who wish to test their skills against other members; some of which are held at venues such as the Rivers Yare and Thames.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer, or simply want to find out more, please visit our website [www.ingatestoneanglingclub.co.uk](http://www.ingatestoneanglingclub.co.uk) or contact Martin Peters on 01245 2487580 or [martinpeters21@hotmail.com](mailto:martinpeters21@hotmail.com)

## **Who is responsible?**

Quite often the Parish Council is contacted as the first port of call for all manner of parish issues and concerns. So we have put together this list detailing which authority is responsible for what issue. However, if you would like help, please do contact the Parish Council Office on 01277 353315 and we should be able to point you in the right direction

**Essex County Council – report via Essex.gov.uk website**

- ❖ Grass cutting on highway verges (Spring / Summer months)

- ❖ Rural area grass verges twice a year
- ❖ Weed spraying in some urban areas (three times a year)
- ❖ Trees and hedges on road verges (uprooted, fallen trees, broken branches, dead/dying/diseased trees, obscuring sight lines, falling leaves and fruit, obstruction of phone lines)
- ❖ They don't look after trees, hedges and shrubs on private land that is next to roads and pavements
- ❖ Repairing potholes
- ❖ Unblocking gullies
- ❖ Mending broken kerbs

### **Brentwood Borough Council**

- ❖ Can issue Tree Preservation Orders
- ❖ Hedges and their cutting (if council owned)
- ❖ High hedges complaints on private land

### **Brentwood Borough Council Neighbourhood Action Team** (please contact via the Parish Council) – Brentwood BC land only, not private land

- ❖ Cutting back vegetation, including site lines and hedges
- ❖ Edging pathways
- ❖ Planting trees and shrubs and subsequent pruning
- ❖ Weeding flower beds
- ❖ Bulb planting
- ❖ Painting play equipment, litter bins, benches and railings
- ❖ Blitz litter picking and bubble-gum removal
- ❖ Graffiti on Council property
- ❖ Picking up Fly tips

### **Brentwood Borough Council Street Cleansing Team**

- ❖ Bin emptying and litter picking on Council land and roads (every 12 weeks)
- ❖ Removing graffiti
- ❖ Clearing broken glass

### **Essex Highway Rangers on 0845 603 7631 – dealing with paths and footpaths**

- ❖ Clearing and recycling untidy areas
- ❖ Sign cleaning
- ❖ Removing unlawful signs
- ❖ Street clutter
- ❖ Clearing overgrowth
- ❖ Weeding pavements
- ❖ Hedge trimming
- ❖ Simple road repairs
- ❖ Poor roadside drainage
- ❖ Fly tipping

## **Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council**

- ❖ Total maintenance of Fairfield and both churchyards up to the High Street – hedges, grass (except the cricket outfield, furniture, trees
- ❖ Emptying of parish council owned bins
- ❖ Total maintenance of the Fryerning Cemetery and its Lychgate – hedges, grass, furniture, trees
- ❖ Total maintenance of play equipment at Fairfield
- ❖ Maintenance and rental of Seymour Pavilion

## **The Two Facets of Rotary**

Our main event last month was our Cheque Presentation evening at the Ivy Hotel and Restaurant, Margaretting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September. With plenty of input from many members, the evening went off without a hitch. Forty-six attended, which included Lord Petre, members and wives of the Rotary Club, guests and the representatives of the seven charities and organisations.

Following an excellent meal, President John Metcalfe gave a very good synopsis of the events that have raised the funds being donated on the night. These were a Quiz night in March, a Golf Day at Maylands Golf Club in May and our annual Jazz Concert in the grounds of Ingatestone Hall.

Lord Petre then presented the cheques to Prostate Cancer UK, Farleigh and St Francis Hospice, the Helen Rollason Cancer charity, SNAP of Brentwood, the ATC and St Johns Ambulance. A total in excess of £14000 was given out.

Socially, we have had three events. Firstly an excellent BBQ that was held in the lovely home of our President, John Metcalfe and his wife Lindsay. It was held on a stunning day, with great food, music from a Jazz trio, and the golf and rifle shooting competitions were keenly competed.

Our other event was a two day visit to the lovely Burford – the gateway to the Cotswolds – by ten of our member, where they were able to explore the town and surrounding areas. This was followed by a very entertaining evening at the Cliffs Pavilion with Pam Ayres.

**Barry Turner**

## **Ingatestone & Fryerning Cricket Club Report**

The 2015 season was one of consolidation on the field and progress off it. The Saturday First XI finished a comfortable 5th in T Rippon Mid Essex League Div 1. Meanwhile the 2nd XI finished 6th, in Div 6 of the T Rippon league and were able to give experience to younger players.

The Club also entered the Warsop & Stebbing Sunday League, which focuses more on fun and taking part rather than fielding competitive sides. Flexible rules, such as batsmen retiring at 50 and bowlers only allowed 4 over spells, ensures that all members of the Club including youth players are able to get a game.

A recent development has been midweek T20 games – at least 8 fixtures were played during the longer summer evenings (June, July) and these fixtures allowed some players a game who couldn't commit to weekends, or who simply prefer the shorter format of the game.

2015 saw the rebirth of youth cricket at Fairfield. Thursday late afternoon and early evening saw both boys and girls, from ages 6 to 13, learning and being coached in the game. Youth cricket will restart after Easter 2016 and run through to the end of September. It is hoped that we will be able to enter a team into a youth league. Parents and guardians of children who might be interested can find more details by emailing [ingykidscricket@outlook.com](mailto:ingykidscricket@outlook.com).

The Club always welcomes new players from the village and also offers social membership to local residents who would like to spend time on summer weekends watching village cricket while using the club's facilities.

**Paul Jeater for I&FCC**

## **Stick Man trail at Weald Country Park**

On Friday 30 October Essex County Council had its official opening of the much anticipated Stick Man play trail.

Essex County Councillor Kay Twitchen, Deputy Member for Customer Services, Libraries, Planning and the Environment, will join a group of young park visitors to officially open the play trail and explore the equipment located around the park.

The trail is approximately 2km in length and consists of a number of climbing frames, slides, swings, Stick Man's family tree and a giant swan's nest. The equipment is located near the visitor centre and in locations specifically chosen to maintain the natural beauty and outstanding views within the park.

The trail is open to everyone and is free to use, however there is a charge for car parking.

## Health Trax

Brentwood's healthy walking scheme, Health Trax is a FREE health walk programme that has been running for over 14 years. The scheme is run by volunteer walk leaders, supported by Brentwood Borough Council and Walking for Health. Health Trax provides safe walking routes around local parks and countryside led by trained volunteers.

Regular walks can:

- ❖ Reduce your blood pressure and cholesterol
- ❖ Aid weight loss
- ❖ De-stress and relax
- ❖ Improve Stamina and endurance
- ❖ Strengthen bones

Each walk has at least two trained leaders to take up front stop and back stop, which means you can walk at a pace that suits you. Walking is a FREE and easy way to better health, its safe and a simple way to meet new people and make friends.

For more info contact Sarah Walmsley on 01277 312801 or email [sarah.walmsley@brentwood.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.walmsley@brentwood.gov.uk) you can also find your local walks at [www.walkingforhealth.co.uk](http://www.walkingforhealth.co.uk) using the online walk finder tool.

### **Articles and News for the next Parish Newsletter**

The Parish Council welcomes articles and news from local societies and associations, advertising future events or telling the parish about what you do. If you would like to submit something, please contact the Clerk. Next copy deadline for the June edition is the end of April 2016

## Parish Council Meetings for 2016

	<b>Full Council</b>	<b>Youth Council</b>	<b>C&amp;E</b>	<b>P&amp;R</b>	<b>Planning</b>	<b>Other</b>
Jan 16	7 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Feb 16	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	
Mar 16	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup>	
Apr 16	7 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	
May 16	12 <sup>th</sup> (BBC Elections on the 5 <sup>th</sup> )	12 <sup>th</sup> (BBC Elections on the 5 <sup>th</sup> )	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Council meeting
June 16	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Assembly
July 16	7 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	
Aug 16	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>	
Sept 16	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Oct 16	6 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup>	
Nov 16	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Dec 16	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>	

### **Meeting times and locations**

Full Council	7.30pm, Seymour Pavilion, New Road
Youth Council	5.00pm, Seymour Pavilion, New Road
Policy and Resources	7.30pm, Parish Council Offices, 118 High Street
Churchyards and Environment	7.30pm, Parish Council Offices, 118 High Street
Planning	9.30am, Parish Council Offices, 118 High Street

**All Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public. At every meeting there is an agenda item for public participation where members of the public are entitled and welcome to ask questions or raise concerns**

**Please note that meetings can be subject to change and it is advisable to check the noticeboard and website in advance of the meeting for up to date agendas and information.**