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Hello from the new Parish Clerk

Hello, my name is Abigail Howe and I am the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for your Parish Council. I joined the Council on the 10th February after I finished Clerking for Marks Tey Parish Council, Colchester.

If there is anything that the Parish Council can help you with, please do not hesitate in getting in touch. Although there are many public services that the Parish Council does not have the legal power to deal with, I am more than happy to help guide you in the right direction. Alternatively, please come along to the Council meetings – all of them are open to the public

I am very excited about working for your Parish; it is a beautiful and historical part of the county and one that you are quite rightly proud. It will be a pleasure to help ensure that it remains that way and I look forward to helping the Parish Council improve the facilities and services provided for the benefit of the parishioners in the future.

Ingatestone and Fryerning Souvenirs

Are you going on a school exchange?

Want a souvenir of the village in which you live?

Fancy going for a walk around the Parish and learn about the natural and historical environment?

The Parish Council have a number of gifts and souvenirs for sale in their office including tea towels, books, notelets and photographs. We also stock leaflets for local walks in the parish which are free of charge as well as information on local bus services and community safety schemes.

The Parish Council also hold stock of garden and food waste bags available for when your own supplies run out.

Office opening hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Annual Assembly 2015 Chairman's report, **April 2015**

This is the end of the four years of our elected council; a first for me, and I think for the majority of us. The previous election was in the early 1990s.

I think most of us hope that we do not have another election as we had four years ago when eighteen people stood; our cost was over £5000 to Brentwood Borough Council. This time it would be over £6000, an amount of money we could use within the parish.

This year, in January, David and I went to Brentwood Borough Council for a meeting with Cllr Aspinell. He confirmed that our grant would stop within four years and suggested that we could generate income. He suggested that we could put energy generation on land and use small plots for two or three houses in partnership with Brentwood Borough Council. We have no land and

no money for either of these ideas. The houses would take more than ten years to pay back and more if interest went up.

The only land we have is Fryerning Cemetery so only by undercutting the price of other local burials could we make more money!

We know that Joan, Greta, Tony and Jon will not be standing for re-election again. We will miss them for their knowledge and their work for so many years for the people of Ingatstone and Fryerning.

I want to thank Rosemary and Jose for the extra work they did when Penny, our previous Clerk, left and then Jose all by herself when Rosemary went on her pre-booked and planned holiday. I thought that Jose should not be by herself on Tuesdays and Thursdays but when we were not there, she did it anyway!

I thank Mary, who with the help of a neighbour worked on getting our account package, Sage, up and running. Mary and Carolyn then spent weekends for over two months to get the paperwork up to date.

And last but not least, our new Clerk Abi, who started on the 10th February. I hope she will be happy with us and stay for a very long time.

Cllr Linda Boyce, Chairman

Parish Council Accounts

for 1st April 2014 – 31st March 2015 (unaudited figures)

Source	Actual	Budget	Variance
Brentwood Borough Council Grants	£38,275.96	£38,275.96	£0.00
Parish Precept	£98,021.00	£98,021.00	£0.00
Burials & Ashes	£23,880.00	£9,600.00	£14,280.00
Seymour Field	£1,163.00	£960.00	£203.00
Christmas Trees	£1,269.97	£1,400.00	-£130.03
Allotment rent	£815.00	£0.00	£815.00
Other Grants	£10,000.00	£0.00	£10,000.00
Other income	£584.86	£0.00	£584.86
Y in the Park - income	£1,399.32	£0.00	£1,399.32
Other Youth Council income	£887.19	£0.00	£887.19
	£176,296.30	£148,256.96	£28,039.34

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Items for resale	£1,074.73	£0.00	-£1,074.73
Christmas Trees	£7,470.11	£4,000.00	-£3,470.11
Y in the Park - expenses	£2,461.44	£0.00	-£2,461.44
Newsletter	£790.00	£900.00	£110.00
Horticultural Show	£360.00	£360.00	£0.00
Victorian evening	£0.00	£3,200.00	£3,200.00
Election	£0.00	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
CHIPS	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
Fryerning Cemetery	£20,257.89	£23,560.00	£3,302.11
Closed churchyards	£3,924.97	£3,600.00	-£324.97
High Street - planting and watering	£4,754.00	£5,680.00	£926.00
Fairfield	£29,714.36	£25,885.00	-£3,829.36
Seymour Pavilion and BMX track	£4,648.70	£8,900.00	£4,251.30
Allotments (water rates)	£1,492.54	£135.00	-£1,357.54
CCTV	£4,298.09	£4,000.00	-£298.09
Clock maintenance	£191.00	£220.00	£29.00
Staff salaries, training and expenses	£32,126.02	£46,964.12	£14,838.10
Office rent and expenses	£19,402.39	£19,424.00	£21.61
Legal and professional fees	£2,767.00	£1,925.00	-£842.00
Membership fees	£1,044.60	£1,065.00	£20.40
Councillor expenses	£72.35	£300.00	£227.65
Youth Council set up funds	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Petty cash	£0.00	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
	£136,850.19	£156,518.12	£19,667.93

Churchyards and Environment report

Unfortunately owing to Brentwood Borough Council's inability to guarantee more than one year's grants for the work we carry out for them, we can only

award maintenance contracts for one year at a time which is not really acceptable for either side. This makes it harder to plan ahead; however, we have managed to complete several objectives in the past year.

The Cricket Club is now independent and does its own grass cutting of the pitch and outfield. It now costs the Parish Council nothing and the Cricket Club nothing. An agreement has been signed by both sides.

The Allotments both in Roman Road and Stock Lane have formed a Committee and are now members of the National Association of Allotment Holders. They have also signed an agreement with the Parish Council and now control costs of the Allotments themselves.

The younger children's play area has been revamped, helped by grants the Clerk obtained. I have had good reports from parents and children. A litter bin that looks like a frog has been placed in the younger children's play area and we hope it will encourage the children and parents not to drop litter. Other litter bins have also been placed in Fairfield, although they are not frog shaped!

To save money, members of the Parish Council have been trained to inspect the play equipment and weekly inspections take place. This means that Brentwood Borough Council does not have to do it and the Parish Council do not have to pay for it.

The shelter on the older children's play area has been renovated and we are hoping to put more equipment in this area, such as a zip-wire that the young people have asked for.

In Fryerning Cemetery, we have put in new paths and the skip has been moved to the back of the new extension. You may have noticed that the hedge at the back of the site - Mr Spencer, a tutor from Writtle College and his students are undertaking the work for us. They hope to finish it at the end of this year or the beginning of next when the sap is not rising. They are not charging us for this as it is teaching the students the craft of hedge laying. We only have to supply the few natural bindings they need. It looks well and will only improve with age and the passing of time.

We are getting some bicycle racks to go outside Martins newsagents as the pavement is wider there.

We again are entering the Best Kept Churchyard and Playing Field competitions run by the Rural Community Council of Essex and the Essex Playing Field Association.

May I thank my Committee Members and the staff for their help and hard work over the past year. As I am not standing for election again, may I say I have enjoyed being on the Council for many years and wish them every success for the year to come

Cllr Greta Wire, Chairman C&E

Draft Local Development Plan Consultation

Brentwood Borough Council are required by Central Government to produce a Local Development Plan covering the period 2015 to 2030 showing their proposals for providing additional housing within the Borough. Government requires the Borough to increase the housing stock by 6,500 by 2030.

In 2013 a consultation exercise was carried out on the first draft plan and the Parish Council submitted a detailed and comprehensive response to the Borough. Since the publication of the 2013 draft plan the requirements for what needs to be included in Local Development Plans has changed as has the control of the Borough Council following the 2014 Borough elections.

This has resulted in a second plan being produced and issued in January this year. Consultation on this second plan closed on 17th February and just over 700 people responded to this consultation. The population of the Borough is around 60,000.

In order for this second consultation to be valid the Borough had to include all potential development sites that have been put forward by landowners and developers. Other Boroughs who have failed to do this have had their plans rejected by Government Inspectors whose job is to approve or otherwise the content of the plans submitted to them. This has resulted in a second Draft Plan which now includes a large number of potential development sites which did not appear in the first draft plan in 2013.

In the Parish of Ingatestone and Fryerning 11 potential sites are listed. Of these 1 has already been developed (Everglades Avenue Road), 1 has already been refused permission (Nutshell Stock Lane) and 1 has a planning application for development currently being considered (Bell Mead). 5 sites are in the Metropolitan Green Belt (Land at Parklands North of Docklands Avenue, Land to the South of Fryerning Lane opposite the Infants School and 3 sites adjacent to the A12 in the Heybridge area.)

With exception of a small site adjacent to the A12 designated for Commercial/Employment, the Parish Council have strongly objected to the development of these Green Belt sites and have put forward detailed planning

reasons why development should not take place in these areas including the danger of villages merging into each other. The Parish Council are determined to do all they can to prevent another totally inappropriate development in the Green Belt such as Trueloves occurring again in our parish.

The list also includes development of Ingleton House in Stock Lane and the Parish Council have made it clear to Brentwood that we are totally opposed to any action that would remove facilities for sheltered housing from Ingatestone. The remaining sites on the consultation list are proposals for further development of the Travellers sites at Poplars Farm (on the boundary with Margaretting), and Willow Farm in Stock Lane. The Parish Council have objected to any further development on these sites both of which sit within the Green Belt.

Although the Ingatestone Garden Centre and the land adjacent to it are not in our parish the impact of a large number of properties being built there will be felt in Ingatestone. Pressure on schools, medical services, traffic, parking and infrastructure such as sewage disposal will increase and the current facilities will be unable to deal with the extra demand that large numbers of additional properties will create. In our responses to both the 2013 and 2015 consultations Brentwood have been made aware of the Parish Councils serious concerns about the effects these proposed developments will have on our parish and its services.

From previous issues of the Newsletter residents will know how strongly the Parish Council feel about developments in the Green Belt and Special landscape area surrounding our parish. We have always been totally opposed to inappropriate developments such as that currently taking place at Trueloves. As a statutory consultee we always object to planning applications for inappropriate developments which cause damage to the Green Belt and to the environment in which we live and we will continue to do so.

Cllr David Abrey, Chair of Planning

Charles Cox Trust (Registered Charity No: 1015014)

This small trust, set up by the Parish Council in memory of Charles Cox, a long serving former member, aims principally to provide funding for youth activities and education for young people in the parishes of Ingatestone and Fryerning. The committee have given money to people who are still in school. In July three people are taking part in the World Challenge – Costa Rica, two are from the Anglo European School and one is from Westcliffe. They have to help in schools teaching English and undertaking repair work. They each have to raise £3000 to go and the Trust gave them each £250. One of the boys going to

Costa Rica is also going to Nepal as part of the Boys Club and he also received £100 for this trip.

One person is going to Cambodia and she was given £100 as she has previously received money from the trust.

All of these people send letters to the Trust asking for money and telling us how they are raising the rest of the funds, and on their return, they often send photos.

£750 pounds was given to children from the Junior School; this was for two separate trips, one to France and the other to Watersfield outdoor centre.

Financial Statement for the year ended 5th April 2015

	2014	2015	Notes
Income and Expenditure			
Income:			
COIF Deposit Fund	79.12	38.60	
COIF Investment Fund	72.89	476.21	
HM Treasury Stock	260.42	0	
Donations Received	43.50	336.50	1
	£455.93	£851.31	
Expenditure:			
Grants made	600.00	1950.00	
Secretarial Honorarium	40.00	40.00	
	£640.00	£1990.00	
Surplus / Loss for Period	-£184.07	-£1138.69	
Statement of Assets			
Barclays Community Account	2140.52	1001.83	
COIF Deposit Account	8200.00	8200.00	
COIF Investment Fund	11917.33	13021.61	2
	£22257.85	£22223.44	
Accumulated Fund			
Opening balance	22321.47	22257.85	
Cost / adjusted market value of investment securities	120.45	1104.28	
Surplus / loss	-184.07	-1138.69	
	£22257.85	£22223.44	
Notes			
1.	Churches Together	2014 - £43.50	2015 - £51.50
	ProBus Club of Ingatestone	2014 - £0	2015 - £285.00
2.	COIF Investment Fund quoted at market value. Original cost £11,000		

Youth Council report

The Youth Council have had another busy year. Our main focus was the music festival, Y in the Park which took place in July 2014. There were lots of things that had to happen prior to the day and with Phill, Penny and Rachel's help we were able to achieve this. Seymour Field had to be booked, a temporary events licence applied for, bands and DJs booked, barriers, first aid, stage sound system marshals, refreshments and toilets organised to name just some of the tasks. Several members appeared on radio to promote Y in the Park. The day was a great success cut short by the rain. We would like to thank Phill and Penny for all their help on the day.

In March 2014 we assisted the Parish clerk to complete the application for the 'Best Kept Village'.

In April 2014 we were consulted about new equipment for the older children's playground. We suggested a zip wire, seating and a swing seat. Penny applied for grants so hopefully the zip wire will become a reality soon.

In November 2014 several Youth Councillors helped at the Billericay Round Table Firework display. We were involved with building the bonfire, ticket sales on the gate and clearing the equipment at the end of the night. Billericay Round Table gave us a donation towards our funds for all of our efforts.

In December several members of the Youth Council helped at the Victorian evening by directing traffic, helping on a stall or working in the shops.

Our focus for 2015 was to host another Y in the Park unfortunately, due to timetabling constraints we will no longer be having a Y in the Park event but we hope to return in 2016.

We now need to look at recruiting new members as several of us will be going to University in September. If you know anyone aged 11 or above please tell them to contact the Parish Council.

Cllr Rachel Lee, Youth Council Mentor

Ingatestone & Fryerning Parish Youth Council

"We're looking for new Members"

Youth Council Membership is open to anyone in Ingatestone, Fryerning, Mountnessing and Margaretting between the ages of 11 and 18....

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at the Seymour Field Pavilion and at the Parish Council Office (usually) on the 3rd Monday of each month... from 5 'till 6pm....



In the last few Years we've "Saved Christmas"... by paying for all the High Street Christmas Trees and lights...

We've visited the **Houses of Parliament** by special invitation...



We held the Villages first Music Festival, 'Y' in the Park..!!

Run Stalls at the Horticultural Show and the Victorian Evening.

Helped 'build' and 'Marshall' the Billericay Round Table Fireworks Display...

We've just arranged for a new 'Zip Wire' and hopefully a new seating area to be installed by the Skate Ramps at Fairfield...

....and SO much more....

If you're interested in getting involved with any Village projects, new or old ideas, or finding out about how the Youth Council and local Parish and Borough Council works... please come along to any of our meetings... You don't need to book in... just turn-up.

If you'd like more information contact the Parish Clerk, Abi... on



01277 353315(clerk@ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk)

Summer Evening Jazz Concert

On **4th July** the **Rotary Club of Ingatestone** is holding the **19th 'Summer Evening Jazz'** in the gardens of **Ingatestone Hall**. Originally run by the former Shenfield and Hutton Rotary Club, with the support of sponsors and ticket sales, this popular event has amassed over **£141,940** from the previous eighteen years.

The continued generosity of Lord Petre allows approximately **1000** of the paying public to enjoy the beautiful setting of Ingatestone Hall. Every year people bring their families and their picnics, and settle down to listen to an evening of classic **New Orleans Jazz**. This will be provided by the **Frog Island Jazz Band** and **The Salty Town Six**. A licensed bar will be run by **Brentwood Brewing Company** with real ales on tap, so no need to bring your own drinks. In addition, hot dog, coffee and ice cream stalls will only add to the enjoyment for all ages!

A raffle is held during the evening and excellent quality prizes are on offer. Another highlight is the Umbrella Parade which simulates a New Orleans wake procession, with the bands leading the 'mourners' with their gaily decorated umbrellas around the Hall gardens. Three prizes are awarded to the adult, child and under 5s, who have the best decorated brollies.

Once again, the chosen charities this year are the **Farleigh and Saint Francis Hospices, Essex St. John Ambulance** and other **Rotary worthy causes**. The Hospices have been providing care to thousands of people with cancer and life limiting illnesses across Essex for many years. It is only through the generosity of the people of Essex that they are able to continue to provide this essential service.

The gates open at **5.45pm** and the concert begins at **6.15pm**. Accompanied children under 17 are admitted free, and there is free car parking. Admission is **£14.00** by ticket and **£15** at the gate (if available).

BOOK YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLINE

via the website: www.summereveningjazz.co.uk

Tickets are available from these local outlets:

TEDDYS BATHROOMS & KITCHENS and AVROHURST LTD, INGATESTONE

Please note: no refunds available

Challenge your pooch?

Dog Activity Trail opened in Thorndon Country Park South

With a new Dog Activity Trail opened in Thorndon Country Park South on Sunday April 26th a dog's life has never been more fun. A happy and healthy dog needs plenty of exercise and mental stimulation. This new trail blazing project is the perfect opportunity for both dog and owner to interact and have fun while getting fit, what more could a dog ask for.

The trail is made up of 10 stand-alone obstacles which are sure to get tails wagging. The obstacles take their inspiration from those used in dog agility competitions so it's a great way to get a taster of what agility is like. It includes jumps, weaves, A-frame, tunnel and a log walk. Most obstacles are in two sizes to accommodate dogs of all types and abilities. It is approximately 500 metres in length, is free to use and it can be started at either end. The two starting points can be seen from Thorndon Park South Cafe and the trail runs around the edge of the field.

The scheme for the Dog Activity Trail is an initiative created collaboratively by the Forestry Commission, the Kennel Club and dog agility experts. This is the 3rd trail countrywide to be built under this scheme. In Thorndon Park it was built by a team of volunteers from Thorndon Guardians. The challenging concept was enthusiastically voted for by its members as a perfect project for the group. They were able to use their various skills and talents in planning and delivering the project. Graham, TG chairperson, said "It was a lot of fun and a privilege to work with the other members, everyone really got involved, it was great".

Thorndon Country Park is keen to promote responsible dog ownership and this latest project by Thorndon Guardians provides a great facility especially for dogs and their owners. Feedback from the other two trails in the country was overwhelmingly favourable and reported a positive impact on the lives and health of dogs and their owners. Thorndon Guardians are eager that visitors have this same opportunity.

Thorndon Guardians, a formally constituted community group, work alongside the Rangers planning and undertaking projects such as this Dog Activity Trail, conservation work, construction tasks and wildlife surveying/recording. They also undertake warden activities, such as checking on grazing animals, reporting safety issues, undertaking some general admin tasks and fund raising. Being involved with our projects brings the opportunity to make new friends, have fun and learn many new skills. We welcome new members so if you are interested in joining us then please contact us via our website www.thordonguardians.co.uk

Remus Horse Sanctuary

Remus Horse Sanctuary nestles amongst fields at Buttsbury Ford and is proud to have been part of the Ingatestone & Fryerning Community for over 20 years now.

The Sanctuary is home to over 200 animals including 75 horses and ponies, 11 donkeys, 45 sheep, 25 goats, 2 cows and 16 cats – all of which have been victims of man's inhumanity.

The UK is in the grip of the biggest equine crisis the Country has ever seen and this is putting enormous pressure on the Sanctuary, our workload and our finances

The Sanctuary has regular Open Days during the summer months on the first Sunday of the month May to October from 1pm - 5pm for people to visit and see the work that we do. Refreshments are available. There are a variety of stalls. There is a Fun Dog Show in July and September and music from popular local duo Midnite Blu.

We specialise in elderly horse care and have many older horses here. At present Orchid is our eldest at 49 yrs and we were home to Shayne, who was the oldest horse in the world at 52 yrs.

We also specialise in blind horse care and have over 12 blind horses including Holly and Grace who were found roaming loose on roads despite being heavily in foal and completely blind.

There are so many ways that you can get involved and help your local Sanctuary including Volunteering (jobs available for all abilities), attending our Open Days, save your used stamps, old coins, clothes, good quality bric a brac etc. You can become a member of the Sanctuary or sponsor an animal as a gift for yourself or a loved one

For more information please contact the Sanctuary on 01277 356191, info@remussanctuary.org or at www.remussanctuary.org

Donate now to help our work to:-
• **Care for the many animals at the Sanctuary**
• **To help those horses caught up in the Equine Crisis**
By cheque to Remus Horse Sanctuary.
Little Farm, Buttsbury. Nr Ingatestone, CM4 9NZ
or by card on 01277 356191

Remus Horse Sanctuary Free Admission Offer!

Free Admission to a family of up to 4 people on receipt of this voucher

**May 3rd, August 2nd, June 7th,
September 6th, July 5th, October 4th**

Stall, refreshments, tombolas, live music, dog shows etc

The ProBus Club of Ingatestone

The simple 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 50 members who meet monthly for a pleasant lunch at Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite in Hutton. Lunch is very often followed by a short talk on a variety of subjects of interest to members. We also arrange day trips to places of interest which can be easily reached by coach from Ingatestone. In the near future we are going to St Albans to visit Verulamium, the Cathedral and the De Havilland museum. Later this summer, a mystery tour has been arranged and, in the autumn, we hope to visit the Houses of Parliament.

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.

Ingatestone and Fryerning Community Association (IFCA)

If you have been into the Community Centre recently you will have noticed a great improvement in our facilities. Gone are the old toilets, replaced by smart new ones, the shabby carpet tiles in the entrance hall and up the stairs to the office have been replaced with modern acrylic wooden type flooring and the dressing rooms behind the stage have had a complete new makeover.

Our latest project has been a very successful conversion of the old bar in the corner of the main hall. It is now a coffee/tea bar for all hall users, which can also be used as a bar for social events. The first time it was used was for a fund raising McMillan coffee morning, followed closely by our Christmas tea for senior members and friends. Subsequently we have started a monthly coffee morning on the 3rd Tuesday in the month (10.00 -12.00). You do not need to be a member and it is an opportunity to meet others for a chat. There are homemade cakes and scones with jam and cream. It is a very nice way to relax. If it proves popular we will make it fortnightly.

Our next major project is the complete refurbishment of the main hall, with new ceiling tiles and lights, walls decorated and the wooden floor sanded and re-lacquered. We will need to close the hall for a few weeks during Summer school holidays but when it reopens it will be so much more attractive for everyone to use.

Most of these improvements have been made possible with grants from Awards for All, Essex Environment Trust, Biffa Awards and the Community Initiatives Fund as well as our own careful financial management.

A project we are about to initiate is the upgrade of the main bar. We have not been able to get funding for this but we are hoping that members and supporters will help us to replace ceiling and lights, renew old furniture, redecorate and get some new carpet. Donations would be very welcome. The Trustees have agreed that we would match-fund the donations. We have already had some so we hope we may receive more to swell the coffers. We are aiming at raising £20,000.

An innovation is our monthly talks on the first Thursday in the month at 2pm in the Conference Room. So far interesting talks by John Cavill have been about trips to exotic places. There are plans for various speakers on many topics. Some of those attending the talks have previously enjoyed a lunch, held weekly for Seniors. There is lunch available every day with fish and chip suppers on a Friday evening to eat in or take away and the Sunday lunches are very popular. If you are not a member and would like to join ring the office – open Monday-Thursday (10.00 – 1.00) or email us at welcomeifcc@live.uk. They will be pleased to give you any information or you can collect a form from behind the bar. You can also find out more about the facilities at the Community Centre via our website at www.ifcc.org.uk.

This Community Centre is an important part of our village life and enjoyed by many. It has been given a new lease of life and it is gratifying to see that the hard work is paying off and we can have somewhere to be proud of. We will be able to enjoy our New Look facility for many years to come.

Lilian Hunter, Chair

Ingatestone & Fryerning Cricket Club

The 2015 cricket season starts in Ingatestone on Saturday 2nd May and runs through to Sunday 29th August. Most Saturdays there is a fixture on Fairfield as Ingatestone & Fryerning Cricket Club have two Saturday teams so when one team is playing at home, the other is away.

In addition there are Sunday afternoon fixtures and a number of T20 games that start on Wednesday evenings in June. The Club is actively seeking additional players and training takes place on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. A complete fixture list is available from the Club.

Youth Cricket starts at Fairfield

Ingatestone & Fryerning Cricket Club are starting youth cricket this season. On Thursday afternoon and early evenings there is youth cricket for both boys and girls organised by the Club under the guidance of a qualified cricket coach. The times are as follows:

- 7-9 year olds 4.30-5.30 pm
- 9 years of age and over 5.30-6.30 pm

The cost of each session is £3 on a pay as you play basis.

Social Membership

This is available for residents of Ingatestone who might not play cricket, but who would enjoy to use the Club's facilities and attend social functions etc. Please visit the pavilion on a match day or training evening for further details.

SUPPORT SPORT IN THE VILLAGE - THE SUMMER STARTS AT FAIRFIELD

Young Expressions

Do you enjoy singing, acting and having fun? Secretly believe you've got the X Factor or dream about auditioning for Britain's Got Talent?, or just simply love the thought of being on stage, then come along and join the happy cast and crew of Young Expressions.

We produce two shows a year, a Pantomime at the end of November and a Summer Spectacular at the end of June. We meet weekly on a Sunday morning between 10am and 12pm at the Ingatestone and Fryerning Community Centre.

If you're aged between 8 and 14 and interested in joining and making new friends, then please contact Jenny on 01277 350823 or via e-mail at jenanddavid2004@yahoo.co.uk.

Young Expressions is run by a wholly voluntary committee of parents who employ professional producers to direct specific shows. All profits go towards the funding of future performances. Members pay a show fee, plus a small weekly contribution.

Our summer production of Annie Jr will be held on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th of June at the Ingatestone & Fryerning Community Centre. Tickets are available from Avrohurst. Come along and enjoy what will be a fantastic show!

We look forward to seeing you there!! www.young-expressions.org

Lissa Doyle and Jenny Coe

351 Bus Service

You may have seen and returned a recent questionnaire from the Essex County Council "Getting Around Essex" to promote the county's bus services. We returned the questionnaire emphasising that a reliable bus service is important for all our residents, particularly those without private transport who have to make visits for medical reasons as well as for shopping etc.

I know that I am tempting providence in recording that we have only received one complaint this year in January about the 351 service. Although I have found the buses generally running on time with the odd 3 to 5 minutes delay, nevertheless has the service been that good? I would like to think so, but I repeat what I always ask: please put in a complaint form through the Parish Council office, which is available from either the Parish Office or downloaded from www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk. We can then take up any bus service failings with First Buses.

Although I am not aware of any major timetable changes, nevertheless it is a good idea from time to time to check these times. Unfortunately ECC, whose responsibility it is, have been very slow in changing the time tables at bus stops. The 351 service details can be taken from either the First Buses Essex website or the following direct link:

http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/essex/journey_planning/timetables/index.php?p?operator=8&service=351&page=1&redirect=no

The latest forecast for the 351 service to have the real time information system (RTIS) up and running has gone back again from February to July. We will pass on information on where and how real time information will be available. If we had a never late and no cancellation service, then RTIS would not be needed, but although the buses seem to have improved we still should have the

information on delays so that we could wait in a better location other than shivering at an exposed bus stop on a cold rainy day.

As a school governor I sponsored a bus poster competition by the Anglo European School and thanks to the students, and particularly to the teachers, it was very well supported and the winning poster can be seen on our local buses.

Although not buses but trains, and for those of us that buy senior railcards, it is always worth looking for the best deals. Repeating one such saving given in an earlier Newsletter is to use a £15.00 Tesco clubcard voucher to purchase a 12 month senior railcard, which costs £30.00 without any discount.

It is only by all of us, and particularly by those that have other travel options, using our 351 service that will help to ensure that we keep this essential half hour service.

Cllr Donald Frost, Passenger Transport Representative

Community Agents Essex

Community Agents Essex is a countywide network of agents and volunteers who support older people and informal carers to find and develop independent living solutions from within their local community.

It is an innovative new partnership:

- Promoting health and independence
- Reducing social isolation
- Finding practical solutions to daily living
- Providing confidential trusted Information
- Informing choice and reducing confusion
- Increasing individual and community resilience

The service is delivered through a community and voluntary sector partnership consisting of Essex County Council, Rural Community Council of Essex, British Red Cross, Age UK Essex and Essex Neighbourhood Watch.

Community Agents can help with the following:

Mobility issues - where equipment, adaptations, or technology could support independence, or where, travel, social interaction and physical activity could sustain and improve wellbeing

Practical living skills - after a significant life event, such as bereavement or hospital stay, supporting people to gain or regain practical skills such as paying bills, taking medication or getting to appointments

Social inclusion - connecting people into one-to-one and group interactions or activities; or supporting the use of technology-based interaction and social media

Healthy living - enabling or supporting people to prepare meals or linking individuals into community activities such as lunch clubs

Caring for someone - for people new to caring or for people who have been caring for some time and struggling to cope in their changing role. Helping them to access practical support, information, advice and peer support

Individual resilience - by providing advice and support that ensures correct entitlement to benefits and pension and increases personal safety and security.

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Call FREE on 0800 9775858 or email enquiries@caessex.org.uk**

Dog Owners

Over the past year while walking through the Village and surrounding area, there has been a continue disregard by those dog owners who allow their dogs to foul on the pavements etc. As for the dog owner who thought it was OK to allow their dog to use our one and only telephone box as a toilet, well shame on you.

Those who do pick up the mess and then throw the bags on the grass verges or leave hanging on trees branches, please do the decent thing and make yourself familiar to where the many dog bins are situated within the village and use them. Alternatively now you can legally use ordinary rubbish bins instead.

People who own the dogs have a responsibility to clear up after them; you also have a duty to ensure that your fellow residents have a right to walk in places without fear of treading on and taking home your dog's deposits. If this offends those dog owners that don't fall under the above category, please accept my sincere apologies

Clr Mary Bryant

Historic Windmills in the Borough

Windmilling in Britain is thought to have begun in the late twelfth century, by which time water mills were already well established. By 1825 - 35 when windmilling in Essex was at its peak, there were about 285 mills in the county. One hundred years later, only a handful were still at work and by 1950 the last working mill had stopped. The decline of both wind and water mills from about 1850 followed the arrival of the steam-driven roller mill and improvements in sea, rail and road transport. Grain could be brought from abroad to the huge dockside mills and the new roller-milled white flour could be distributed easily, even to remote country areas.

Mill preservation and restoration

By the end of the nineteenth century, concern was being expressed in Essex at the demolition of Great Bromley post mill and the threat of a similar fate to Upminster smock mill following severe gale damage. The year 1929 marked the first successful attempt to preserve an Essex mill at Bocking, and nine years later Essex County Council began to issue orders which prohibited the demolition of six more mills. After the second world war, the mill protection movement gathered momentum, usually just preserving the mills as scenic landmarks. Preservation was later extended to include the machinery and by the early eighties even more ambitious targets were being achieved. Four fine mills have been restored by the County Council, most being in working order. These and other mills within the county are opened to the public on a regular basis and at other times by arrangement. They represent an essential part of the county's industrial and social history and offer glimpses of rural life in a simpler and more robust age.

Mountnessing Post Mill, Mountnessing, CM15 9NE

Seen easily from the A12 near Brentwood, the nearest Essex mill to London see lots of organised visits. Fully restored by the County Council.

Open: Third Sunday in the month April to September 2pm – 5pm

Stock Tower Mill, Mill Lane, Stock, CM4 9NE

Very popular and complete tower mill, with several floors of machinery. The mill guides will explain how the grain was converted into flour at this historic mill

Open: Second Sunday in the month April to September 2pm – 5pm

**For further information on all the sites – Tel: 0845 603 7624,
country.parks@essex.gov.uk**

National Citizen Service

If you live in Essex and are or will soon be aged 16 - 17, you can take part in the National Citizen Service.

Along with thousands of other people your age, you can take part in different outdoor activities, develop skills you didn't even know you had, learn new things, help your local community and best of all make a load of new friends. You can also create a project you really care about and bring it to life in your local area.

For more information and details of how to sign up visit www.ncseast.co.uk or contact our team at Essex County Council on 01245 436632.

Lifestyle Essex app launched

Essex County Council has launched Lifestyle Essex, a new app for advice on healthy living.

The app is aimed at both members of the public and professionals working with members of the public as part of their job. The app gives advice on a range of health issues, including smoking, weight management, mental health, physical activity, drugs and alcohol.

We all know that making the changes to a healthy lifestyle can be hard on your own, so Lifestyle Essex will signpost users to local support services in their area and tell them how to access them.

The app is available now for both Android and iPhone by searching for Lifestyle Essex in the app store.

Copy for the next Newsletter

If you would like to submit a report from your Social Group, Community Association or Sports Club for the next Newsletter, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk. Please note that we do not take articles from businesses.

The next newsletter is due for distribution in December 2015.

Parish Council Meetings for 2015-2016

2015/16	Full Council	Youth Council	Policy & Resources	Churchyards & Environment	Planning
June	4 June 2015	4 June 2015	22 June 2015	8 June 2015	13, 27 June 2015
July	2 July 2015	2 July 2015	20 July 2015	13 July 2015	11, 25 July 2015
August	6 August 2015	6 August 2015	24 August 2015	10 August 2015	8, 22 August 2015
Sept	3 Sept 2015	3 Sept 2015	21 Sept 2015	14 Sept 2015	5, 19 Sept 2015
October	1 Oct 2015	1 Oct 2015	19 Oct 2015	12 Oct 2015	3,17, 31 Oct 2015
November	5 Nov 2015	5 Nov 2015	23 Nov 2015	9 Nov 2015	14, 28 Nov 2015
December	3 Dec 2015	3 Dec 2015	21 Dec 2015	14 Dec 2015	12 Dec 2015
January	7 January 2016	7 January 2016	18 January 2016	11 January 2015	2, 16, 30 January 2016
February	4 Feb 2016	4 Feb 2016	22 Feb 2016	8 Feb 2015	13, 27 Feb 2016
March	3 March 2016	3 March 2016	21 March 2016	7 March 2015	12, 26 March 2016

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	10am, 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