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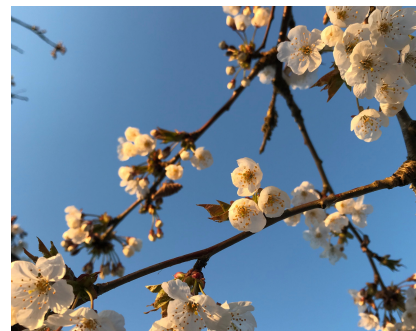


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— LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



On May 4th the new parish council will be elected. Some existing members may choose to stand for election again, others may decide not to seek re-election. There will be 15 places available - obviously, if there are more than 15 candidates, an election will take place. Otherwise all those properly nominated will be considered, duly elected.

I'd like to start by thanking all those who have served as councillors during the 2019-23 term. All parish councillors give their time freely, party political differences are left at the door as we all strive to serve the parish and its residents.

I have had the privilege and honour to serve as Chair for the four years of this term, having been re-elected each year by the council. It has been an eventful four years that perhaps will always be remembered as pre-Covid, lockdown, and post-Covid.

The dedication and commitment of our staff enables the Council to function at a high level and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them. Elsewhere in this edition you'll find an article on the service to the parish of Mrs. Josie Wise. Josie joined the staff of the Parish Council in 2005 and has recently decided to take a very well earned retirement. Her involvement in the parish and her keeping of historical records will be invaluable as the Ingatestone Museum begins to take shape.

The last four years have seen a number of significant achievements and developments:

- The complete overhaul and reequipping of the young children's playground on Fairfield
- The modernisation of Seymour Field Pavilion
- The passing of the Neighbourhood Plan
- The creation of a four year Action Plan for the Parish Council
- The equipping of a Council Meeting Room at our offices in The Limes allowing residents to see & listen to council meetings from their homes via Zoom.

I'd like to thank those residents who stopped me to say how informative they found our last edition, and hopefully you'll all find this one an equally enjoyable read.

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Spring Is Here!



Local Elections – Become a Councillor

Parish Elections are scheduled to take place on Thursday **4 May 2023**. IFPC support the national Make A Change campaign by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) encouraging residents to stand in the local (parish and town) council elections.

IFPC are urging enthusiastic and engaged members of the community who want to make a long-lasting change, have innovative ideas or have concerns about a specific issue to stand as councillors for the opportunity to make a real difference.

Becoming a local councillor

As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Local councillors are the champions of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood.

Local councillor responsibilities fall into **three main categories**:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

Local councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups and businesses, make decisions on local services, collaborate with district and borough councils to adhere to local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

There are six simple steps to becoming a councillor:

1. Check for elections in your area by emailing your elections officer (www.gov.uk/find-local-council).
2. Submit your nomination to the returning officer – learn more about the process and the criteria (www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/local-elections-england).
3. Wait for your nomination to be accepted.
4. Your nomination is made public by the principal authority.
5. Start your elections campaign.
6. Polling day.

Who is eligible to stand for election?

You must be:

- A British citizen or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union.
- 18 years of age or older.
- Live in an area that is served by a local council.

Find out more about the local elections and how to become a councillor: www.nalc.gov.uk/makeachange

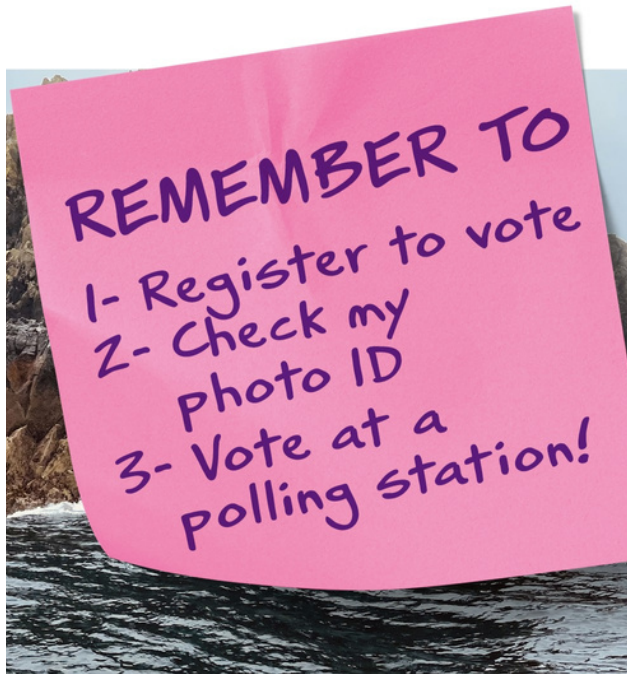
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COMMUNITY HEROES**



**IFPC
NEEDS YOU!**

**MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR**

Voter ID Requirement



From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections.

This will apply to:

- Local elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- UK parliamentary by-elections
- Recall petitions

From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

Please note: the photo ID requirements only apply to box voters, and the existing verification process for postal vote applications remains unchanged.

The deadline to apply for a postal vote or a proxy vote is **5pm on Tuesday 18 April**. You must also be registered to vote by **11:59pm on Monday 17 April**.

The following forms of photo ID will be accepted:

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country;
- Driving licence issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state
- A blue badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Oyster 60+ Card
- Freedom Pass
- Scottish National Entitlement Card
- 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)
- Biometric immigration document
- Ministry of Defence Form 90 (Defence Identity Card)
- National identity card issued by an EEA state

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document (Voter Authority Certificate).

The following information is required in order to apply for a voter authority certificate:

- Name and address;
- Date of birth
- National Insurance number
- A passport style photograph which is a true likeness of the elector

Applications for voter authority certificates must be submitted by **5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023** either by post or **on www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate**.

A Step Forward in the Pylons Scheme

IFPC are delighted to announce that a move forward has been made in the Pylons issue – just recently, Alex Burghart, MP for Brentwood and Ongar, shared the news that ‘an independent review into the East Anglian electricity transmission’ will be carried out by National Grid ESO. Mr Burghart stated that ‘the review will include full consideration of offshore routes.’

See full text of his Twitter message below, as well as the statement from the ESO:

Alex Burghart (@alexburghart)

**Very* pleased to welcome an independent review by @NationalGridESO into the East Anglian electricity transmission which would put #pylons through #ingatestone.*

**Crucially* the review will include full consideration of offshore routes – thanks to everyone who made this happen.*

This is a victory for people in and around #ingatestone who have campaigned to have their voices heard.

An offshore alternative to the #pylons will now have to be considered. This is a major step forward but there is still a long way to go.

ESO

Impact of the outcome of the Early Opportunities workstream on investment needs in East Anglia

Impacts of Early Opportunities on transmission reinforcements

Following the conclusion of the Early Opportunities workstream (and finalisation of associated decisions around connection of the relevant offshore windfarms), the ESO will undertake an analysis of the implications for the transmission system in East Anglia and beyond.

Proposals for transmission reinforcements in East Anglia currently include:

- upgrading of the existing circuits;
- a new circuit from Bramford to Twinstead (under construction);
- planned HVDC offshore link from Sizewell to Richborough (SeaLink); and
- a new circuit from Norwich to Tilbury, via a new substation at Clacton (East Anglia Green).

The Early Opportunities workstream is considering the interaction of connections for two Offshore Windfarms (Five Estuaries and North Falls), two interconnectors (Eurolink and Nautilus), and the planned SeaLink transmission network reinforcement. The outcome of the Early Opportunities workstream therefore may have implications for the requirement for, or design of, the other three transmission reinforcements listed above.

Outline Scope

The analysis will:

- Examine if the changes in connections alter the requirements for any of the planned reinforcements
- Identify other options that could address these changed requirements including consideration of offshore routes
- Assess the relative merits of the options
- Benchmark the costs of options against those in other projects across Britain and internationally

Methodology

The assessment of the options / alternatives will use the same criteria as utilised in the Holistic Network Design which includes cost to consumers; deliverability and operability; impact on the environment and impact on local communities.

The alternative transmission reinforcement options will be developed by National Grid Electricity Transmission (provision of designs, costs, and timelines) and will include onshore and offshore options that meet the required network need.

Timeline

We expect to have preliminary results from our analysis after approximately three months.

Health and Wellbeing Working Group

Recently the H&WB working group met with members and residents to discuss a variety of issues including the IFPC Dementia Action Plan. It has been confirmed that there will be a notice board installed in the New Folly Surgery – it will be specifically for advice for those living with Dementia and their carers; this board will be maintained by the Alzheimer's Society.

Ingatestone Junior School intend to make their premises Dementia Friendly and hope to achieve Dementia Friendly status.

Ingatestone Rotary Club are also aiming to achieve Dementia Friendly status and chose to aid our local 'Fundangles' support and singing group, which is open to all residents. 'Fundangles' meet regularly in Seymour Pavilion.



Our local Co-Op are also in the process of organising Dementia Awareness training for their staff as well as establishing a Food Bank collection point in their Ingatestone shop.

Dementia Awareness week runs from 15th to 21st May this year and it is hoped that the village can support the Alzheimer's Society once again.



The Parish Council have installed 'Chatty bench' signs on benches in both Fairfield and the community garden near Bell Mead, it is hoped that these benches will be used by all residents as an opportunity to help ease social isolation. The new path in front of the seating in Bell Mead has now been completed.

Coronation Weekend

On 6-8 May this year, the country is going to celebrate the King's Coronation. We will be organising a High Street competition and are encouraging residents to hold street parties, while Mountnessing Village Council have announced a lovely programme, including fireworks by Starburst Firework Effects:

Saturday 6 May

Coronation Celebration on Coronation Field

Children's Afternoon Tea – 4 to 6pm

Fireworks Display – provisionally 8.30pm

Follow Mountnessing Village News on Facebook for more updates closer to the day!



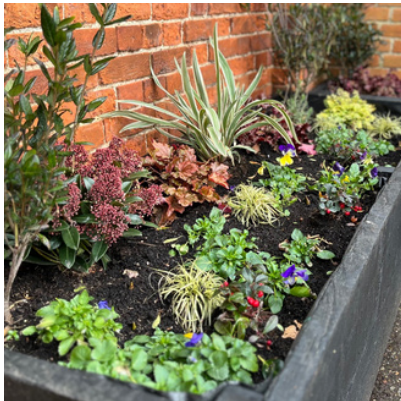
Popular £2 Bus Fare Cap Extended Until 30 June

The £2 cap on bus fares in England has been extended for three months – until the end of June. You can get a single bus journey for £2 or less on most routes across Essex – please visit www.gov.uk/guidance/2-bus-fare-cap for full details and list of operators and routes included in the scheme.

Climate Emergency Working Group

In January, some of our councillors met with representatives from RHS, St. Mary and St. Edmund Church and Allotment Society, as well as students and teachers from the Anglo European school and volunteers to mark the start of the Rewilding the Churchyard project, led by the Church and sponsored by the IFPC.

The students did a great job planting bulbs and flowers in the raised planter, and the corner of the yard has been beautifully brightened up.



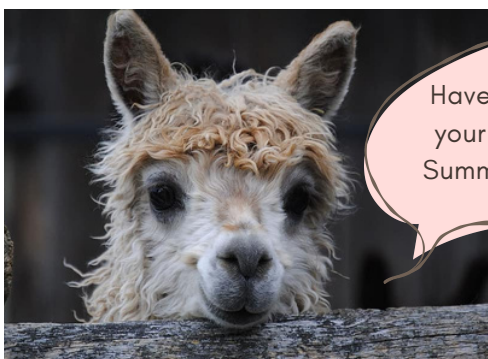
Now in March, the garden is still progressing. The wooden planters are full of colour, and bulbs have flowered. Soon there will be seating and tables located in the area. It is hoped that this will provide a peaceful and contemplative location for residents to enjoy.

The proposition for a Green Burial Ground to be established in the village is ongoing.

Summer Show - Bring On the Fun!

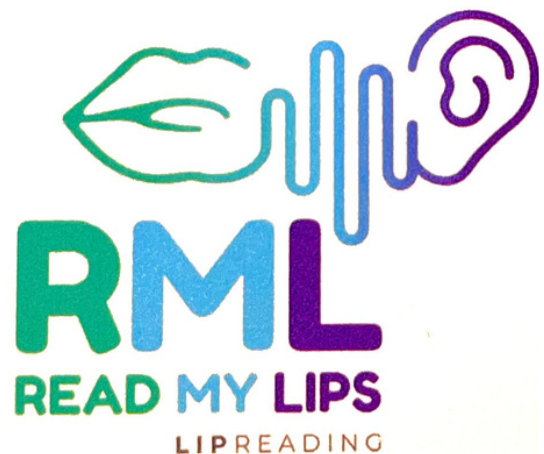
This year, IFPC are taking over the organisation of the Summer Show. We aim to return to the format of a fun traditional village fair that includes a horticultural show, children's races, dancing, music, a dog show, food & drinks, traders' and farmers' stalls... and, yes, you guessed it right - our dear local llamas will be there, too!

We are now taking bookings from all local organisations, charities, traders and clubs. Contact us on 01277 676759 or email Anna on commseingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk for details.



Have you booked your pitch at the Summer Show yet?

New Lipreading Lessons



New lipreading classes are starting in Ingatestone in April - they will be held at the Seymour Pavillion and will help those who have hearing difficulties to improve communication and to manage hearing loss in a relaxed atmosphere.

Please contact Jacqui on 07879 621 927 or on rmls.lipreading@gmail.com for details.

Essex County Council Introduces a New Recycling Centre Booking System

Earlier this year, it was announced that from Monday 13 March 2023, a booking system is to be trialled for all vehicles visiting Essex County Council recycling centre. On February 9, IFPC met with Cllr Malcolm Buckley – we raised our concerns with the booking system for the Mountnessing Recycling Centre (minutes of the meeting can be found on our website). IFPC subsequently formally wrote to Cllr Buckley about the matter. Please find the text of our letter below:

Dear Cllr Buckley

Re: Recent visit to Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council regarding the planned booking system for the Mountnessing Recycling Centre

I have been instructed to write to you following your recent visit to our Full Council meeting on the 9th February 2023. Firstly, the councillors would like to thank you and Mr Searles for attending the meeting to address the concerns raised regarding the planned introduction of the booking system; your attendance in person was appreciated.

Despite your best efforts to allay the fears of local residents and parish councillors there are still grave concerns about the introduction of the new scheme, and I have been asked to communicate these with you and request a formal response that we can then broadcast with residents.

The first concern relates to the lack of consultation that both the parish council and residents have experienced with the introduction of this scheme. Councillors felt that it demonstrated a lack of regard to other tiers of local government by Essex County Council and that it was discourteous. At the meeting, you advised that County Councillors were made aware of the planned roll out with two months' notice, but I hope you understood from the feedback at the meeting that this information had not been cascaded to either the borough or parish council. This is clearly an internal matter for Essex County Council to consider and act upon. Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council would like to be kept fully informed of all developments during the trial and expect to be invited to assist with the public consultation planned for the end of the summer.

The parish council also strongly disagree with the conclusion that fly tipping will not increase with the introduction of the booking system. Councillors found it surprising that the conclusions made by Essex County Council suggested that as fly tipping is on the increase now, before the introduction of the booking system, that the booking system will not be a direct cause of increased tipping. There was mention of a DEFRA study that showed no relationship with fly tipping and booking systems and the council would appreciate you advising us of this study so that it can be circulated.

Finally, Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council would appreciate knowing what Essex County Council will monitor, their parameters and what values they would need to be within, for ECC to conclude that the trial of the booking system shows that it is successful. As it is a particular concern for our residents, it would be appreciated if you could provide details of how you monitor the levels of fly tipping (both commercial and domestic) and what the percentage increase or decrease is, during the period of the trial. Councillors also requested that monitoring includes analysis breaking down the percentage of residents booking in online against those that are phoning in.

I look forward to receiving answers to the above questions and confirmation that Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council will be involved in the public consultation over the coming year. Please note that this letter will be published on the parish council website and social media channels as will your response.

Yours sincerely,

Abigail Wood, PSLCC, CerTHE Community Governance, CiLCA
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council

IFPC will continue lobbying against the booking system on the grounds of increased fly tipping. We will keep residents informed of any progress made. The planned ECC public consultation due at the end of the summer will also be promoted and residents encouraged to respond.

Response from Cllr Malcolm Buckley:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council once again for providing me with the opportunity to address you directly about the trial booking system. Whilst I am of course disappointed I have been unable to allay the concerns of the Parish Council I remain committed to operating this trial in an open and transparent manner and welcome your comments. I will respond to each of the issues raised in your letter in turn.

1 Consultation Approach: Essex County Council (ECC) is committed to consulting with the public and stakeholders before any decision is taken on whether to adopt a booking system on a permanent basis. I am sorry if you feel we have looked to exclude the Parish Council and can only assure you that this was never our intention. We will of course take your points on board and will consider how we can communicate service changes of this nature better in the future to ensure parish and town councils in Essex are kept informed before public announcements. With regard to your request for ECC to keep the Parish Council 'fully informed of all developments during the trial' please could you provide some detail on what the expectation is from the Parish Council so I can confirm whether this is achievable. Whilst I will of course keep partner authorities updated on progress, I am sure you appreciate that we do not have the capacity to provide detailed bespoke analysis to all 180 parish and town councils in Essex on actions at each site. As confirmed during our meeting the public consultation is programmed to take place during the trial period so users and residents can provide feedback on the trial. We anticipate the consultation will be hosted on the ECC website with an opportunity for offline responses to also be made. We will of course share these details with you so the Parish Council can communicate this within the local community.

2 Fly-tipping: I fully understand the fly tipping concerns of the Parish Council, however I believe the point I raised at your meeting may have been misunderstood. The amount of fly-tipping recorded in the Brentwood area has fluctuated, even when waste services provided by ECC, and Brentwood Borough Council (BBC) have remained broadly unchanged. This indicates that other factors other than ECC and BBC waste services are likely to be predominately impacting fly-tipping levels. The rising cost of waste disposal is likely to be the key factor, leading to an increase in industrial and commercial waste fly-tipping and the emergence of illegitimate waste collection services being offered to unsuspecting households. The number and type of fly-tipping incidents are recorded by all local councils enabling local and national fly tipping trends to be studied, and appropriate actions to be put in place and resource allocated to tackle the root cause and identify the perpetrators. For your information, the level of fly-tipping recorded in Brentwood over the last 10 years as reported to DEFRA is detailed below (a fuller breakdown is available on the DEFRA website):

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Recorded fly-tips	446	474	727	665	558	692	689	462	585	586

My statement that ECC believes fly-tipping levels will not be impacted by a booking system is based on the experience we have from the limited booking trial we have been operating since last year, and information from similar county wide schemes operated by other County Councils. As I confirmed fly-tipping levels, locations and types will be looked at as part of the overall evaluation of the trial to test this expectation. The DEFRA funded study I referred to into possible links between fly-tipping and booking systems can be found at www.researchgate.net/publication/367254616_HWRC_booking_systems_and_incidents_of_fly-tipping_-_research_into_possible_links_Technical_Report_for_Defra

3 Evaluation of Trial: The key parameters that will be considered as part of the trial evaluation are detailed in the decision paper and can be found at <https://cmis.essex.gov.uk/essexcmis5/Decisions.aspx> and searching by the reference number 594/12/22. However, in brief the evaluation criteria will be a combination of qualitative and quantitative assessment at a site and network level of fly-tipping data/information, feedback from users and stakeholders, operational impacts, tonnage changes and observed congestion levels. As there are a range of factors that will be considered, some of which are qualitatively assessed it is not possible to provide specific percentage ranges. However, as explained the purpose of the trial is to tackle congestion and use of the service by those not permitted to use the sites in a manner which has no significant adverse impacts for the user or the environment. As I am sure you will recognise there will be a balance that needs to be struck between these issues, however it will be in this context that future decision will be made. Regarding your request to include an analysis of those that book on-line and those that book via the ECC contact centre I will endeavour to include this within our analysis. Once again, I thank you for your interest and engagement in this trial activity.

Cllr Malcolm Buckley

Portfolio Holder for Waste Reduction and Recycling

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Legal & Finance

During the year there were ongoing discussions with Ingatestone & Fryerning Cricket Club regarding the use of Fairfield Recreation Ground that has been the club's home since 1858. The end result was the creation of a license that enables the club to use Fairfield for matches, coaching and training until 2047, when the lease on the ground is due to be renegotiated.

Finally the last couple of months councillors have been grappling with next year's budget, in the knowledge that the grounds maintenance contract for the parish is currently out to tender and we have no clear idea, like many households, what our energy bills are likely to be after April. There was a prolonged discussion regarding at what level the precept should be set for 2023-24. Finally, the view of the majority was that the precept should rise by 8%. In monetary terms this means a Band D home would face an annual increase of £5.86, while a Band H home would face an £11.71 increase.



Personnel



It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Jose Wise, who is retiring after having been a dedicated member of our team for many years.

Jose moved to Ingatestone in 1965 and quickly became involved in the community, taking a particular interest in environmental and conservation issues. She worked at the Writtle college as an academic librarian for nearly 30 years, building junior libraries and inspiring young minds.

Jose first came to work in IFPC in 1998 when she was asked to cover for a maternity leave. Since 2005, she has been a permanent employee - over the years, Jose saw the change of three offices, eight clerks, and six chairmen.

Jose's work at IFPC has been varied, and, aside from maintaining the archives, labeling files, and sorting through historical documents, she was also involved in everything from allotments to High Street Christmas trees, bus passes and newsletter delivery. Jose's background as a librarian prompted her to start collecting interesting pieces from the files, such as articles about the history of the village, archaeological findings of Mill Green Common, information about famous people who lived in the area, and much more. It all came in handy when a few years ago the Ingatestone Museum was initiated - Jose contributed a lot of her time to this project, and her help couldn't have been more appreciated.

We are sad to see Jose go, but we are grateful for all that she has done for IFPC and our community over the years. You will be missed, Jose!

Planning & Highways



The Planning & Highways Committee continues to meet fortnightly on Thursday mornings at 9.30am in the Parish Council Chambers.

It's been encouraging to see that the new 'grasscrete' parking bays have finally been installed in the New Road by the football pitches. The Parish Council have worked with Highways to secure these for a number of years. Hopefully, this will greatly reduce the damage to the soft verges in New Road by vehicles using it for the school run and football pitches.

Speeding throughout the parish continues to be a big problem. The Parish Council was pivotal in getting the 20mph speed limit in the High Street during the lockdown. This limit has been retained and now extends to the majority of the roads in the centre of the village. The new speed limit signs have been installed. While we can't guarantee that road users will abide by this new safer limit, it does give the police authority to enforce and prosecute those who break the new limit.



We were pleased to join neighbouring Mountnessing Parish Council at a police 'Speeding & Highways' meeting recently and hope to host something similar within Ingatestone soon. Please contact IFPC if you're interested or would like to volunteer for a Speed Group. Recognising that neighbouring parishes share common issues is a powerful step towards working together to hopefully improve the situations for everyone.

Planning applications continue to be examined by the Committee, and our parish's Neighbourhood Plan is proving a powerful document in ensuring the Committee can share the views of the community and

support planning law around the parish. We also continue to keep a close eye on the larger developments in and close to our parish boundaries.



The three developments due to start around both the A12 slip-roads still cause concern, again for volume of traffic reasons, but also for infrastructure of the parish, and the Committee continues to work with Brentwood Borough Council to ensure the parish is proactive in this respect – and not reactive.

All the P&H meetings are open to the public, so if you wish to attend to see what happens, or to speak about any Planning or Highways related topics in the parish, you are always welcome.

Facilities: The Future of the Seymour Field

In 2018 the Parish Council secured a 25 year lease from Brentwood Council for Seymour Field and Pavilion. This allowed the council to go into partnership with the Football Foundation via Essex County Football Association, which resulted in the modernisation of the building permitting the creation of separate team changing rooms and showers and a referees changing facility. The Hall was reequipped and has subsequently been upgraded. However, for many of us on the Parish Council this was seen as a phase one of the project.



The end result of the initial phase was that our changing facilities are regarded as some of the best in local leagues, but sadly our pitches lag a long way behind. The Council employs a ground maintenance firm to cut the grass and mark the pitches, but there is a need for significant remedial ground work.

The last 5 years have seen specular growth in girls' and women's football and also the development of walking football for the over 50s. The fact that more people want to play the sport is wonderful, but unfortunately the growth in pitches has not kept pace.

In truth our pitches have suffered decades of neglect with only basic maintenance. The Parish Council decided to seek advice and this led to a survey being undertaken. The aim was to create a second full size adult pitch that could be used to reduce wear and tear on the pitch closest to the pavilion and improve significantly the remaining pitches. The survey suggested that the estimated cost would be £180,000. There was no way that we could ask residents to pay this bill through the precept, when there was little more than 20 years remaining on the lease. Over the last year the Parish Clerk and Cllr Jeater have been meeting senior officers and the leader of Brentwood Council to see whether a solution could be found.

Initially, we proposed to Brentwood that they transferred the Field & Pavilion to the Parish Council. This is known as an 'asset transfer'. We pointed out that when we took the lease the site was not an asset but a liability, and that with the Football Foundation we had already spent £250,000 upgrading the pavilion. Brentwood Council resolved to obtain a valuation of the site. Their survey showed that the site was worth the reasonable sum as recreational land but many millions if it was available for development. As a result it became abundantly clear, not surprisingly, that an asset transfer was off the table.

There is an indication that Brentwood might extend the lease, something we asked for during the initial lease negotiations. A length of 40 years has been mentioned. Brentwood also suggested that they would support the Parish Council's attempts to find alternative sources of funding.

In February we met with an officer of Essex County Football Association. The end result is that we have 2 prospective projects: overall pitch improvement and creation of a second full size pitch.

Indications are that there are funds available from the Football Foundation for pitch improvements at grassroot level. The first step is to undertake a pitch assessment, via a tool called 'Pitchpower'. We need to undertake a survey looking at grass coverage, looking at root growth, and the subsoil structure. This we hope to undertake during the next couple of months. If successful, there will be a scheme of groundworks drawn up and funding coming some of the expenses over a three year period. It is hoped at the end of the process the pitches will have improved to a level where less stringent annual work is required. Obviously, as discussions and decisions are made, we will make sure our pitch users and local residents are kept fully informed.

Writtle Forest Circle Walk From Ingatestone Station

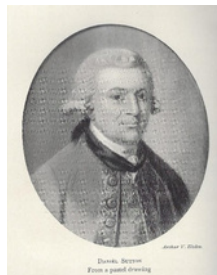
On Saturday 4 March 2023, some 30+ walkers with ESSCRP staff Jayne and June, and led by Robert Fletcher from the Friends of Ingatestone Station, took a leisurely stroll from Ingatestone Station to The Viper and back. Passing the Sarsen stones at the church and at the Fryerning Lane junction, along High Street and up New Road and Little Hyde Lane we followed a route across country to Mill Green Common for a half-way stop at the newly refurbished pub, deep in the woods, before returning to the station. Along the route up, and on the return, we were able to hear about various archaeological, historical and natural history facts relating to this fascinating area.



Thomas Brand Hollis
The Hyde



Camille R Bonseigneur
Grove Wood



Daniel Sutton
Maisonette

New Road and Little Hyde Lane forms the boundary of the old Hyde Estate and the home of radical Thomas Brand Hollis. He entertained John Adams, future second President of the United States here for a week in July 1786, together with his family. An amusing visit to a rich banker's house in Mill Green that week led Adams to remark that he thought these Essex people simply

'Have no Taste'! Just across from The Hyde and bounded by Back Lane is Maisonette, the country house of smallpox inoculation pioneer Daniel Sutton, purchased in the 1760s, who is thought to have owned and used properties in High Street in his business and had at least two inoculation houses at Mill Green. Through Grove Wood we enter the site of the death of Canadian RAF Pilot Officer Camille Bonseigneur in September 1940 during the Battle of Britain.

On reaching Mill Green Common by The Cricketers the route leads through the main sector of the Public Open Space here opposite the car park which passes directly through the site of the WWI trench warfare school, then skirts the ancient earthworks called Moore's Ditch to arrive at The Viper where we stop for refreshments. Beyond Stoneymore and Deerslade Woods at the rear of the pub lies the site of the medieval "Hermitage" at Monks' and Barrows' Farm which reflects the early history of the area as the Royal Forest of Writtle.

The route back along the whole of High Street enables you to study the impressive tower of Ingatestone Church and the mural on the wall of the Chequers in Market Place which refers to various events in local history since Roman times and the links to the Essex Great Road.

Behind Market Place lies what is thought to be Sutton's place of worship for patients at Chapel House, opposite the turning to Bakers Lane, and then on High Street, Brandiston House which is linked with Sutton and could have been his practice office. Further down, just before Station Lane, are the 'new' Alms-houses from 1840, built from monies received when the railway came through the Petre family lands, hence the similarity in the diaper brickwork to the 1846 Station Master's House and Ticket Office.

Suitably, having passed the four 1880s Sherrin houses in Station Lane, including The Gatehouse, you come back from the ancient Essex forest of Writtle to two magnificent Californian Sequoias at Ashleigh Court. They were at the front of old Nithsdale House before demolition in the early 1960s and must date from the 1850s when these trees were first introduced to the British Isles.



Ingatestone Pedallers: Rides, Walks and Other Events

This year, Ingatestone Pedallers Social Cycling Group are celebrating their 10th Anniversary. Please find below the schedule of rides and walks for this year.

SUNDAY 23 APRIL: Edward Thomas-Tye

SUNDAY 21 MAY: RHS Hyde Hall

SUNDAY 18 JUNE: Edward Thomas-Shellow

FRIDAY 23 JUNE: Longest Day Walk – The Cricketers, 19.00

SUNDAY 02 JULY: William Byrd Fantasia – 400th 1623–2023

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST: Long Ride – Log Church & Philosopher

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER: Chelmsford Riverside

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER: Edward Thomas-Pickerrels

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER: Comrades, Nudists & The Bomb

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER: Mary George – Christmas Ride

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER: Boxing Day Walk – The White Hart, 10.00



Please contact Robert Fletcher for any queries or if you would like to join: 07910 679379 or rfletcher189@gmail.com

Fryerning WI / Ingatestone WI

Ladies from Fryerning, Ingatestone village and beyond meet monthly: Fryerning WI every 1st Wednesday, and Three Stones Ingatestone every 3rd Thursday at the Community Club.

Both have a full and varied programme of meetings and exciting events.

Camera Club

The Ingatestone & District Camera Club meets every Friday from September to May, at 7.45pm at Seymour Pavilion, New Road, Ingatestone, CM4 0HH.

Please visit www.ingatestonecamera.club or call 01277 353645 for more details.

Visit www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk/local-info for the full list of clubs and events.

Community Centre

Coffee Morning

INGATESTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE
In the main hall

Every Tuesday
10 am - 12 noon

A friendly welcoming atmosphere.
Come alone or bring a friend.

Contact 01277 352064
welcome@ifcc.org.uk

Community Cinema

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL, 2.30PM
DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE SHOW STARTS

THE MISSION (PG)

18TH CENTURY SPANISH JESUITS TRY TO PROTECT A REMOTE SOUTH AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE IN DANGER OF FALLING UNDER THE RULE OF PRO-SLAVERY PORTUGAL.

THURSDAY 18TH MAY, 2.30PM
DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE SHOW STARTS

BELFAST (12)

BELFAST IS THE HUMOROUS, TENDER AND INTENSELY PERSONAL STORY OF ONE BOY'S CHILDHOOD DURING THE TUMULT OF THE LATE 1960S.

TICKETS	£4 MEMBERS	£6 NON-MEMBERS
AVAILABLE FROM IFCA OFFICE OR CALL 01277 352064		
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, 7 HIGH STREET, INGATESTONE CM4 9ED		

Visit www.ifcc.org.uk to see all upcoming classes and events at the Community Club.

Useful Local Contacts

You can contact **Essex County Council** for the following:

- General enquiries – 03457 430 430 or contact@essex.gov.uk
- Environmental issues: local flooding, conservation areas, emergency planning and more – 0345 43 0430
- Potholes – 0345 603 7631 or www.essexhighways.org/Report-a-problem.aspx
- Highways – 0345 603 7631 or text 0345 758 5592
- Blue badges – 0345 603 7630 or blue.badge@essex.gov.uk
- Bus passes – 0345 200 0388
- Schools – 0345 603 2200
- Social services – 0345 603 7630
- Protection for children & adults – 0345 606 1212
- Adult community learning – 0345 603 7635
- Births, ceremonies and deaths – 0345 603 7632
- Family information service – early years' education and paying for childcare – 0800 055 6874

Essex County Councillor

Lesley Wagland – cllr.lesley.wagland@essex.gov.uk

You can contact **Brentwood Borough Council** for the following:

- Fly tipping – 01277 312 500 or www.brentwood.gov.uk/index.php?cid=370
- Environmental health: Dog warden, food safety, health & safety, noise, pollution – 01277 312500
- Housing: Applications, sheltered and special needs, transfers – 01277 312500
- Homeless enquiries – 01277 312500
- Operational services: Cemeteries (other than Fryerning Cemetery), grass cutting, parks and countryside, refuse and bulky waste collections, recycling, trees (council) – 01277 312500
- Planning: Advice, applications, listed buildings, trees (on private land or with preservation orders) – 01277 312500
- Parking (car parks) eg fines or season tickets – 01277 312583
- Parking (on street) eg fines and resident permits – 01245 606710

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