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— LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Summer seems to have swiftly turned to Autumn, but the legacy of many weeks with little or no rain will be with us for weeks, if not months, to come, as our local pond is rainwater-dependent. The pond at Fairfield all but dried out; however, this has permitted the clearing of rubbish and removal of unsafe branches. About ten years ago, we used oak sleepers to establish a bank so that residents could walk completely around the pond. Gradually, some of the sleepers have rotted or been displaced, and it was time for the bank to be replaced. This is quite an expensive project, and we are grateful to local councillors Darryl Sankey and Hugh Gorton, who provided funds from their Locality Fund from Brentwood Council to enable us to have this work carried out in the weeks ahead.

During the early summer, solar panels were installed on the roof of Seymour Pavilion. It is good to report that, as a result, our electricity bills have fallen sharply. In fact, at the peak of the summer, we were only paying the standing charge! You will be able to read on the next page of in this edition that a group of parish councillors and local residents have been meeting together to investigate the possibility of establishing a Community Energy Group for the parish.

We were also pleased to see the 351 bus service extended from 27 July, providing direct links from Ingatestone to Basildon Bus Station and Basildon Hospital, as well as Brentwood Hospital. This is a welcome improvement to local transport, and I would like to thank Cllr Martyn Hart for his work in helping to secure the extension.

In the last couple of months, we have been able to visit a portacabin that Network Rail are prepared to donate to us to allow the creation of a Community Shed. The hope is to locate it at Seymour Field. Detailed plans are being drawn up to enable us to apply for planning permission from Brentwood Council.

I realise that many of us are deeply concerned about the major housing development applications affecting our parish. The parish council, our Brentwood councillors and many local residents have voiced their concerns and objections. You can read more about the applications and the parish council's response on the next page.

Finally, we were delighted to welcome two recently co-opted councillors, Richard Turner and Thomas Bridge, to the parish council. I hope they will enjoy their time as parish councillors, and I look forward to working with them. If you, too, have considered getting involved in local matters and helping to shape the future of our parish, parish council elections will take place in 2027, so you may wish to consider standing. More information will be included in this edition and our winter newsletter in early 2027, so keep an eye on our website and social media for updates.

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Housing Applications: Parish Council Agrees Further Action

Two major housing proposals are currently raising concerns for Ingatestone and Fryerning, particularly regarding their potential impact on the village and whether the policies in our adopted Neighbourhood Plan are being given sufficient consideration.

Application 26/00224/OUT proposes up to 32 homes on land opposite Seymour Field, to the south-east of the High Street and north of Docklands Avenue. At the time of writing this article, the application had been withdrawn from Brentwood Borough Council's planning agenda while further reports and objections are considered.

For application 26/00769/OUT, proposing up to 216 homes behind Woodfield Cottages, councillors agreed to object at the Planning & Highways Committee meeting on 22 October. IFPC is also seeking an extension from Brentwood Borough Council to allow sufficient time to prepare its response.

At a subsequent Extraordinary Full Council meeting on the same day, councillors approved funding for an independent planning consultant to review both applications. For the 216-home proposal, the consultant will carry out a detailed assessment, including a site visit, with the resulting report forming the basis of the parish council's objection. For the 32-home proposal, the consultant will review existing documents, identify any gaps and recommend whether further evidence or a report should be submitted. The parish council hopes this work will help ensure that our Neighbourhood Plan and the interests of our community are properly represented. Updates will be shared on our website and social media channels.

A Community Energy Group for Ingatestone and Fryerning

The parish council is taking the first steps towards creating a Community Energy Group for Ingatestone, Fryerning and the surrounding area.

The idea is simple: to use our community's resources to generate more of our own clean energy, reduce energy costs and invest the benefits back into the community.

The parish council is exploring how projects, such as solar panels on the roofs of community buildings, could be developed. The Community Energy Group could raise money to install these systems and then use the income from the energy they generate to pay for the investment and develop further projects.

The Group is intended to become a not-for-profit Community Benefit organisation. It would be owned by local people and organisations who become members by buying shares, rather like a co-operative. Any surplus would be used primarily to develop more local energy projects or help local households improve their energy efficiency.

The parish council's role is to encourage and facilitate the creation of the Group, rather than to own and operate the energy projects itself. The aim is to create an organisation that belongs to the community and can continue to develop long after the initial project has been completed.

This is an opportunity for local people to work together to produce energy locally, keep more of the benefits within our community and help Ingatestone and Fryerning become a more energy-efficient and sustainable place to live.



Visit Ingatestone Museum

Free entry – open most Friday and Saturday mornings, 10 am-12 noon. Please check website for details: ingatestonemuseum.org.uk

Ingatestone Museum is situated next to the railway crossing on Station Lane, in a restored Victorian railway gatekeeper's cottage dating from the 1840s. The cottage has been brought back from a state of serious dilapidation and water damage.

Visitors can enjoy their latest main exhibition, Ingatestone High Street: Past to Present, and admire the art display by the Ingatestone Meet and Paint group.

The museum showcases life as it was when the cottage was last occupied, in the late 1950s, and highlights the history of the parish, from the sarsen stones and Roman villa to the stagecoach and railway eras. Visitors can also follow the trail of Ruffles the railway cat!

Free visits for small groups of around 6 to 16 people are very welcome and can be arranged for a suitable date and time. To arrange a visit, contact imt.secretary@gmail.com.

Would you like to help?

The museum currently has a vacancy for a Treasurer. The role mainly involves dealing with running costs and occasional grant expenditure, with around 10 Zoom meetings a year.

They are also looking for volunteers to welcome visitors, ideally for around one session a month. Two volunteers are welcomed per session, and full training is provided.

Anyone interested in helping can contact the secretary at imt.secretary1@gmail.com or visit their website: ingatestonemuseum.org.uk.



Fairfield Pond Update

Fairfield Pond has now dried up and is heavily overgrown with green vegetation. The Parish Council's Facilities Committee is looking into the situation, and a risk assessment will be carried out. We have also sought advice from the Essex Wildlife Trust, who recommend allowing the pond to refill naturally with winter rainfall rather than adding water, as this can be harmful to wildlife. We may also explore the possibility of carefully desilting the pond, taking advice on how best to protect its wildlife and natural habitat.

In the meantime, please do not enter the pond or throw rubbish in or around it. Some silt remains beneath the vegetation, which could make it dangerous. We ask residents to take care and keep children away from the pond while the situation is assessed.

Remembrance Day

IFPC has been placing poppies throughout the village in commemoration of Remembrance Day, honouring those who have served and sacrificed.

On Sunday, 8 November, parish councillors will join residents in marking the occasion with services and wreath-laying ceremonies in both Ingatestone and Fryerning. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

9.45am: Remembrance Parade sets off from Ingatestone Library. Members of the public are welcome to join the parade at the back.

10.00am: Service at St Edmund and St Mary's Church. All are welcome to attend, regardless of faith or denomination. The names of the fallen will be read during the service, which will be followed by the laying of wreath (just before 11.00am).

10.15am: Service at Fryerning Church, followed by the laying of a wreath.

We look forward to joining residents in remembering and honouring all those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Could you help shape the future of Ingatestone and Fryerning?

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in local matters? Or perhaps you know someone who lives in our village and would like to help make a difference? Becoming a parish councillor is a great way to have a say in the issues that affect our everyday lives and help shape the future of our villages.

The next parish council elections will take place in May 2027, so if you or someone you know might be interested in standing, now is a good time to think about it. There are lots of different ways to get involved, from considering local planning applications and looking after our community facilities to supporting local events and exploring ideas that could benefit residents.



If you have a particular interest, skill or area of experience, you may be able to put it to good use on the parish council. Whether your background is in business, finance, planning, the environment, communications or something entirely different, your perspective could bring something valuable to the team.

You don't need to know everything about how the parish council works before getting involved. Training and guidance are available to help new councillors understand their role and feel confident in contributing. It can be rewarding to see an idea develop into something that benefits the community, work alongside other councillors and local organisations, and play a part in decisions that matter to the parish.

Being a parish councillor does require a commitment of time to attend meetings and get involved in local issues, but there is flexibility in how you contribute. You can bring your own interests and experience to the role and find ways to get involved that work alongside your other commitments.

Interested? We would love to hear from you!

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Ingatestone Summer Show – a Big Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to this year's Ingatestone Summer Show in July and helped make it such a success. It was one of our best-attended shows in recent years!

Despite the lack of sunshine, we had a fantastic day at Seymour Field. It was wonderful to see so many families, friends and neighbours enjoying the entertainment, horticultural competition, stalls, food and everything else on offer. The Dog Show was also a great success, with the dogs and their owners tucked under the trees – as a precaution in case the sun decided to make a strong appearance.

A big thank you to all our local clubs, charities, community groups, stallholders, exhibitors, entertainers, food vendors and vintage vehicle owners for being part of the day. Special thanks go to Ingatestone & Fryerning Horticultural Society for their contribution and for organising the Horticultural Competition, which remains a key part of the show. We were also delighted to welcome the Mayor of Brentwood, our local MP Alex Burghart and other guests. Finally, thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes, both in the run-up to the event and on the day itself.

We hope to see you all again at the Ingatestone Summer Show in 2027! If you would like to secure a stall for next year, run an entertainment activity or simply share an idea, please get in touch.



Community Carnival

The carnival parade on 16 September was a wonderful celebration of different countries and cultures, with colourful masks, music and plenty of enthusiasm from the children taking part.

Organised by Anglo European School, the event brought together pupils from Ingatestone Infants and Juniors, Mountnessing and Margaretting primary schools. It was lovely to see so many residents and parents lining the streets to cheer them on.

Thanks go to Essex Music Hub for providing a samba workshop beforehand, Deputy Mayor of Brentwood, Cllr Ben Rigby, for joining the parade, and everyone who donated to the Alzheimer's Society collection. Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council was pleased to contribute by helping to marshal the parade and ensure the event ran smoothly.

The carnival formed part of the Brentwood International Cultural Festival, celebrating the diversity and community spirit of the borough.



Halloween Fun Across the Borough

Brentwood Connected, the Business Improvement District, organised a series of Halloween events across Ingatestone, Brentwood and Shenfield, bringing families together for spooky fun and activities.

Ingatestone's High Street hosted a Trick or Treat Trail, with spooky characters, Halloween treats and free face painting at the library. Brentwood's Festival of Frights featured family activities, performances, creepy characters and a spectacular fire performance, while Shenfield's Spooktacular offered interactive Halloween experiences, treats, face painting and live entertainment along Hutton Road.

The events brought a seasonal buzz to our local high streets and offered plenty of Halloween fun for residents of all ages.



Did You Know? Facts About the New Folly Surgery

1. If you live alone can register this with the surgery and it will be flagged each time you ring or make an appointment. You can also register a POA which will be flagged when contacting the surgery.
2. The number of patients served by the surgery is 7,200
3. The average age of patients served by the surgery is 30 – 60 years.
4. The number of phone calls *received* on average is 538 per week (September 2026 data), the number of phone calls *made* on average is 609 per week (September 2026 data).
5. Additional clinical staff available to residents are clinical pharmacist, nurses, advanced nurse practitioners, paramedics and Healthcare Assistants.
6. There is a Patients Reference Group available for general discussion about the practice (not for personal items)
7. The surgery received 1879 triage requests during September 2026, with an average of 100 people on Monday wanting an appointment or advice from a GP.
8. You can take your prescription to a pharmacy of your choice – the surgery can print off your prescription for you to do so.
9. The surgery has a dementia champion who is part of the reception team and has community information on activities available in the area for patients and carers.
10. All samples requested for patients to complete by the surgery need to be returned to the surgery before 2pm Monday-Friday. The surgery pathology courier service collects the surgery's samples on a daily basis and these are tested at Basildon Hospital.
11. The surgery is able to print off blood test forms for patients after 2pm Monday-Friday.
12. The surgery is a training practice and welcomes many medical students throughout various stages of their education; the surgery clinicians give them vital learning and 1-1 mentorship. You may be given an appointment with a medical student, but these are always supervised by a GP.
13. The surgery issued 2404 prescriptions in September 2026.
14. Please help the surgery by submitting your request for an appointment as early as possible so that they can plan your appointments better and be available to respond to any questions via text or a call.
15. You can also get antibiotics from a pharmacy without needing to see a GP for commons conditions.
16. You can ask a friend or family member to request appointments if needed or still call and speak to a member of the reception team if you cannot use a computer/phone and they will be able to complete a triage request on your behalf.

Post Office Move

The Post Office has now temporarily closed and, following some delays, is expected to reopen at Ingatestone Library on 9 November. The Post Office and Library teams are working together to make this happen and restore this important village service.



New Wayfinding Signage Coming to Ingatestone

Residents and visitors will soon see new wayfinding signage being installed in Ingatestone as part of Brentwood Borough Council's town centre improvement programme, designed to make it easier for people to navigate and discover local destinations. The project aims to create a welcoming and distinctive identity for our town, while improving accessibility and helping visitors find key locations.

As part of the scheme, Ingatestone will receive a new monolith sign featuring bespoke character artwork created by local artist, Charlotte Robinson, and inspired by local people. The artwork forms part of a wider wayfinding project developed through community engagement and designed to celebrate the unique character of each town within the borough.

A new fingerpost sign will also be installed near Ingatestone Railway Station, helping direct visitors and new arrivals towards the town centre and its shops, services, and attractions – including the Ingatestone Museum and Ingatestone Hall.

The new signage is expected to enhance the visitor experience, support local businesses, and create a stronger sense of place for residents and visitors alike. Installation is anticipated as part of the wider programme being delivered across Brentwood, Shenfield, and Ingatestone in late 2026 and early 2027.

Further updates will be shared as the project progresses.

Festive Events in Ingatestone, Brentwood and Shenfield



It's almost time to start getting ready for the festive season! The parish council's three large Christmas trees will be installed a little earlier than usual this year, ready for the Lighting Up Brentwood event on 21 November. As in previous years, they will be located by St Edmund and St Mary's Church, at the Market Place and by the Community Centre. The smaller wall-mounted Christmas trees and lights will also be returning to the High Street, with IFPC once again working with Brentwood Connected BID, who are liaising with local businesses and contractors to bring some extra festive sparkle to the village.

There are also plenty of festive events to look forward to across the borough this November and December.

Ingatestone Festive Fair – Sunday 29 November, 12-5pm

Ingatestone High Street will come alive with festive entertainment, live music, walkabout acts and traditional Christmas market stalls at The Bell pub and along the High Street. Visitors can browse food, gifts and handmade items, enjoy refreshments from local businesses and take part in a Christmas Toy Trail. Entry is free, and the event is supported by Brentwood Borough Council.

Brentwood Christmas Lights Switch-On – Saturday 21 November, 12-6pm

Brentwood High Street will host a day of festive entertainment, market stalls, food, funfair rides, a Santa Parade and Santa's Grotto, culminating in the Christmas lights switch-on by the Mayor of Brentwood and special guests. Entry is free, with free parking at the Coptfold Road multi-storey for the event.

Festive Shenfield – Sunday 6 December, 12-5pm

Hutton Road will welcome festive market stalls, live music, entertainment, funfair rides and activities from local businesses, alongside a Christmas Toy Trail. Entry is free.

For further details, keep an eye on local event announcements and Brentwood Connected social media.

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2025

Jack AND THE Beanstalk

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Nov 27th, 28th & 29th 2026

Ingatestone Community Centre

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Brentwood Community Facility Support Fund 2026

This fund provides capital grant funding to eligible owners or leaseholders responsible for community buildings.

APPLICATION WINDOW:
1st October to 31st December 2026

Small grants:	Large grants:
£1,000 to £10,000	£10,001 to £50,000

The fund will support repairs, restoration, refurbishment and improvement works that protect valued local assets.

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.brentwood.gov.uk/funding>

Visit www.ifcc.org.uk to see the 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: 0345430430
- 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
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- 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

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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) – 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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Members of the public are entitled and welcome to join in our meetings to ask questions or raise concerns. You can also participate remotely via Zoom – let us know in advance so we can set it up and send you the link to join the meeting.

It is advisable to check the noticeboard and website in advance of the meeting for up to date agendas and information.

Full Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm (next: 12 November, 10 December).

Facilities Committee meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30pm (next: 16 November).

Legal & Finance Committee meets bimonthly on the 4th Monday of the month at 7.30pm (next: 23 November).

Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Committee meets bimonthly at 7pm (next: please check the website)

Planning & Highways Committee meets every other Thursday at 9.30am (next: 5 & 19 November, 3 & 17 December)

Personnel Committee meets bimonthly at 4pm (next: 1 December).

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