Editor’s Introduction

The replies to the Village Appraisal questionnaire made it very clear how much we value living here. However, it also highlighted the need for improved communications in the community.

People didn't know what was available to them and felt that more could be done to bring the residents together. Our Parish Councilors are keen to support this initiative and this new newsletter will incorporate the previous Parish Council News. We are hoping to produce a comprehensive and inclusive newsletter covering all aspects of village life and in part our aim will be to continue the publicity which was formerly done by the Preservation Society.

If you want to be involved, this will be a forum for you. We invite your letters, reminiscences, and features; please help us to keep it fresh with your own contributions, including those of your children.

We hope also to have a regular diary of all the events in the parish and this will also be available on the Parish Council website where up to date information will be found. If you are a member of a group meeting in the village which is not currently listed in this newsletter then please contact the editors. We also invite sponsorship by advertising from local companies and tradespersons. If you feel you could support this initiative please let us know. Hopefully we will produce three or four issues in our first year. We are very grateful to the sponsoring advertisers who have already contributed to this first issue, with their help costs can be kept to a minimum.

Although published by Herongate and Ingrave Village Appraisal Group on behalf of the Parish Council, the Village Newsletter is totally unbiased. We are unable to guarantee that the contents are accurate; please check where possible with organisers of events. We are unable to take responsibility for the services and goods offered by our sponsoring advertisers.

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The Editor
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Parish Council Update

Hello, my name is Alan and I am the current chairman of the Herongate and Ingrave Parish Council. I would like to congratulate the Appraisal group for the production of this first village newsletter. The Parish Council has suspended its own newsletter to partake in this village effort and all members wish it great success.

The Parish Council is a civil organisation not aligned to any political party and not to be confused with the church council. It is our desired aim to carry out minor improvements to the environment in which we all live and some of us work. We have limited responsibilities and powers and work in conjunction with the Borough Council which assists us with funding a number of projects and has overall responsibility for matters such as planning and highways.

The Parish Council may be used as a conduit for any concerns you may have. We most probably will not be the organisation responsible for such concerns but will be able to refer to your borough councillors or officers, or to county councillors and officers. If you should wish to attend a meeting there is one half hour at the start of each one to allow people to discuss matters of concern or interest. Your county councillor John Roberts usually attends our meetings.

We liaise with as many different groups and organisations which have an influence or input into the villages and are in a position to give assistance to some to improve communications and encourage awareness among those who have an interest.

Recently at Parish Council we have decided to preferentially purchase services from local businesses so if you work in the parish please make you abilities known to us. We also are looking into the provision of local housing available for those with a link to the parish and you will in the future receive a questionnaire, please complete and return it. We provide a bus service to enable people to get to the shops at Brentwood, Basildon and occasionally Thurrock.

There will be some support for our much cherished, but not very well known, village museum and we would like to ask for interested knowledgeable people to contact us.

We have been active in reducing the speed of vehicles through the villages on both the A128 and Billericay Road and we have maintained a watch over planning applications and made representations to the Borough as necessary.

I personally would like to meet with representatives from all organisations and businesses within our community so please get in touch.

We have nine parish councillors listed below, plus a clerk who is the administrative officer. There is currently a vacancy for a parish councillor so if you feel interested please again contact me.

I would also like to mention that we would like to engage with your personal interests. At present it would be desirable to bring on board up to five people who enjoy walking the footpaths to act as respondents back to us and the Borough Countryside Management Team on matters of concern. Also two or three Tree Wardens who have and interest in the woodlands and trees in the parish; training is available. All positions are voluntary including councillors, you give the time you can.

Your parish councillors are as follows.

- Mr Alan Marsh 812115 Chairman
- Mr David Harman 812177 Vice Chairman
- Mr Marian Bianek 811349 Financial Control
- Mr Alan Bayless 810196 Press liaison & HR
- Mr Vic Davis 810318 Transport and Highways
- Mrs Sheila Murphy 811543 Commerce and Museum
- Mrs Kelly Pegram 811682 Youth and Tourism
- Mr Stewart Theobald 811682 Footpaths & Countryside
- Vacant (You?) Planning

District councillors
- Mr Gordon Maclellan 810945
- Mrs Linda Golding 810531

County Councillor
- Mr John Roberts 225039

Many thanks for reading this. Please get in touch with us if you have any area of interest or concerns.

Alan Marsh.

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Telephone: 07942 345042

Details of Parish Council Meetings are listed in the Village Diary section of this newsletter.
Welcome To Our New PCSO Kelly Field

Police Community Support Officer Kelly Field has taken over from George Shepherd who left the parish beat to work near Stansted Airport. We welcome Kelly to the villages and hope that she will be very happy working here. Kelly has been given the full list of those of you who volunteered to get involved in our Neighborhood Watch Group.

A Letter from PCSO Kelly Field
I Joined Essex Police in 2005 as a Police Community Support Officer and since then I have been the beat officer for the area of Warley, I previously worked at Stansted Airport in the operations department of a company that refuelled the aircraft but felt I wanted a total change of career and here I am.

I have mostly enjoyed my time so far with Essex Police and like any job it’s had its ups and downs. As most of you may be aware George Shepherd was your local officer for the area but in Jan 2009 he moved on to work at Stansted Airport and the surrounding areas, and I was asked to take over his beat and give up Warley which I happily accepted.

I will be out and about around the village and I hope to meet as many residents as possible, if any of you have any problems you need to speak to me about or any events/meeting you would like me to attend, below are my contact numbers.

I look forward to meeting you.

Mobile 07757044898
Direct dial 01277 262212 ext 75344
Email :Kelly.Field@essex.pnn.police.uk

Call for New Special Constables
Essex Police are looking for people to become Special Police Constables from the villages this would certainly help with keeping our parish a safe place in which to live. If you are interested in volunteering please contact

www.essex.police.co.uk/specials

Call Recruitment on 01245 452277
A message from Jody Greenfield our Crime Reduction Officer

With regard to ringmaster, the position is largely unchanged. The old system has broken beyond repair and the cost of a new system is approximately £6,000. We consulted with Neighbourhood Watch members and asked if they would like to use an NW fund to purchase a new system. However, any such decision has to be taken in the knowledge that Essex Police are looking to implement a county wide system sometime in the future. We reviewed all of the responses from NW members and there were far more in favour of not using the local funding and to wait to make use of the county wide system.

In the meantime we still operate the email updates and anyone wishing to be added to this list simply needs to send me their email address and I will add them to the circulation.

In terms of crime, the overall figures for this year show that total recorded crime is down by 9.1%, however there are on going issues with dwelling burglaries, in order to steal car keys. Most of these crimes are taking place at properties where UPVC doors have not been fully secured. It is vital that people lift the internal handle and use the key to lock the door as well. I would urge that people take time to make sure they are locking UPVC doors in the correct manner.

Although the trend continues for crimes being reduced compared to the previous year, we have had an increase in thefts from sheds, garages and outbuildings. I would ask that with Spring arriving, you take the opportunity to review the security around any such premises that you own or have responsibility for in the Brentwood area. The crimes that have been taking place have not been specific to any one area within the Borough and have mainly been opportunist thefts with insecure areas being entered and items such as tools, sporting equipment and gardening materials being taken.

Any shed, garage or outbuilding should be secured at all times, when left unattended. Secure good quality locks and padlocks should be used, with consideration given to shed alarm devices. Anyone requiring further information or advice can contact me directly on the number given below or via email.

I would also urge that when in any of the High Street areas in the Borough, care is taken to keep purses and wallets in view and safe at all times. There have been groups of people targeting retail areas across Essex, waiting for people to leave purses or wallets unattended on counter areas or in trolleys etc. With this type of crime, if the opportunity to take the purse/wallet does not exist then the crime does not take place, so we can all make a difference to help to reduce crime.

Regards

Jody Greenfield

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Direct Dial. 01277 223639
email. jodygreenfield@essex.pnn.police.uk
Emergency Strategy

The Parish Council and Appraisal Group have noted from the results of the questionnaire that there isn’t a provision within our community for a major emergency.

We have taken this idea on board and are in talks with Brentwood Borough Council about this. We hope to have a strategy in place for caring for the vulnerable in the event of severe weather or other unexpected events.

If you have any ideas and suggestions about this we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Councillor Vic Davis

Public Transport

The 565 Regal Bus Service. As people who use this service will know we are having a lot of trouble with Regal Buses not running. I have complained to Essex County Council about this and to John Roberts our County Councillor who is trying to put a stop to this.

As you will see we have a new bus service 265 which runs from Brentwood to Lakeside but I think not enough people are using this service so I don’t think it will run for long. The bus runs at the following times: Green Man Herongate 09.22, 11.22 on school days only and 14.22 and 16.22 on non school days. I am still trying to get a Sunday service running.

It arrives at Lakeside Bus Station approximately 38 minutes later. The return buses leave Lakeside at 1015 and 1415 for a return journey on school days and at 10.15, 12.15, 15.15 and 17.15 on non school days. Note no busses run on Public Holidays. The cost of a single Brentwood to Lakeside is £3.00 and £5.00 for a day return. Child rates from 5-15 are around half price. This is a request stop so it is important to signal clearly as the bus approaches. For more information contact 020 8709 0343.

Councillor Vic Davis

Highways

We have got a new 30mph sign coming into Herongate on the A128. Hopefully this will help slow traffic down as the other two have. We have also put in an application for a grant for a zebra crossing at Middle Road which was one of the most popular requests in the Village Appraisal.

We have also applied for other safety measures for Billericay Road. There are a number of other things to improve our road safety which have been agreed by Essex County Council, for example, new 50mph speed limits between Common Road and Running Waters and between Button Common and Station Road West Horndon.

Councillor Vic Davis

R. S. Sheaf
General Plumbing Services
Bathrooms & Tiling
Local Tradesman for 25 years
01277 810560 / 07768065775
R. S. Sheaf, 75 Cricketers Lane, Herongate, CM13 3Q8
First Response Training On Hold

Our appeal for people willing to train to act as first responders was met with some enthusiasm. We have a small team of volunteers who were expecting to go for training with the Essex Ambulance Service early in 2009.

Sadly plans to have our own dedicated First Response team have been put on hold for the foreseeable future due to funding cuts within the Ambulance Service. This year funding is only available to five parishes and those furthest away from emergency services take precedence.

We hope that in the future our parish will receive funding and training to put the scheme into action.

First Aid Training

Would you like to know how to respond in an emergency? The Parish Council will be holding a series of first aid training days for residents. To register your interest in this training please contact the editor of this publication.

History Group

Peter (Champion) Stevens was the enthusiastic collator of news and history of the parish. Over a number of years he gathered every scrap of information and amassed a complex card system along with many artifacts all of which are housed in the village museum. Barbara Phillips and Enid Booth both followed in his footsteps, however now the museum is without a curator.

Newer residents may be unaware of the existence of the museum which is open by appointment with its key holders. The contact details are in the list at the back of this publication.

It has become clear that as a community we are not recording the history of the future. We hope to begin to put in place a number of initiatives that will ensure that this valuable data is not lost. The original local paintings will be sent for cleaning and restoration and stored in a more stable environment.

We are also looking for a number of volunteers who would be able to take on the work of transferring the existing card record system onto a computer. If you have some time to spare and would be willing to help with this please let us know.

We have a number of residents who have been here all their lives, we not sure who is the oldest resident or who has lived here the longest. Can you help us with this? We know that our older residents have a wealth of interesting stories to share about their lives here and would like to start an occasional history group where reminiscences can be recorded.

The first of these will be on Friday 17th July at 2.30pm at St Andrews Church all are welcome and refreshments will be served. Please let us know if you can come along, so there is enough cake! Phone 811813 or 810318.

During the past year one young local photographer has been keeping a record of the parish and its surrounding countryside, however we invite you to help out with this by submitting your photos to the editors of this newsletter where in turn they can be kept for the future and perhaps published in this newsletter.

Please email your photographs to the editor.
The Multi Use Games Area has met with a positive response from the youngest children to the older residents who are delighted to see this wonderful new resource being enjoyed. It was officially opened in 2008 and since then there seems to have been a great deal of activity taking place there.

*Councilor Kelly Pegram* and the Parish Council put in a great deal of work to get funding and to take the project from the proposal to construction stage. Well done and thank you to all concerned.

## Anyone for a game of ball?

Would you like to play an informal game of basket ball or netball or any other sport on the Multi Games Area (MUGA) or playing field but haven’t found a way of getting a group together? There’s an easy way to find like minded people.

Simply go to: http://tinyurl.com/d9hr9o

## Ingrave’s Got Talent

Would you like to get involved in a friendly and fun choir or group? If you would like to get together in a newly forming choir who will be singing for pleasure and from their own choice of music please sign up to http://tinyurl.com/d9hr9o or contact us via the editor.

We also need an enthusiastic choir leader, is there anyone out there who would be willing to help with this?

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## Young People Page

On face book you can leave suggestions for the future funding of activities for young people in the parish. Please help us to make life better for young people.

Write to us and have your letter printed in the next newsletter. Tell us what it is like growing up here and what could be done in the parish to make life more interesting for you.

Or come along to the *May Fete or Hog Roast* where the Parish Council and Village Appraisal group will have a stall where you can tell us what you think.

Parents, could you help with running activities for our young people? If you would be willing to give some time to support a youth worker please contact the editors.

[Computer Doctor]

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Do you ever get the feeling as if our world is striving for perfection? The desire for a perfect body, perfect car, perfect home and perfect children seem to be adding to our stress levels rather than bringing the happiness we expect.

I’m reminded of the story of an elderly Chinese woman who had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole, which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. “I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.”

The old woman smiled, “Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot’s side? For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.”

It was Jesus who said that his power is made perfect in our weakness. This message goes out to all my crackpot friends in our parish. Remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path.

See you soon

Paul

phamilton@talktalk.net

There is a Revelation Course starting on May 13th, 8 - 9:30pm at St Stephen's Church, St Stephen's Cr, Ingrave.
For further details see the church website.
The past few weeks have been as busy as ever. We have had lots of visitors to school including; Diana O’Brien and her colleagues from Basildon Women’s Aid who have been working with Class 4, Baseline Group who have been working with Class 5 and colleagues from Brentwood County High School and St. Martin’s who have been working with children throughout the school.

We have enjoyed lovely assemblies led by Fr. Paul, Joan Dewhurst and Rev. Hawkes this month and we also were treated to a very exciting Class Assembly led by Class One. We held our termly Eucharist Service this month too. The theme for this was ‘Unconditional Love’ which seemed to really capture the hearts and minds of not only the children but the congregation too.

In the sporting world, we have been competing non-stop (or so it seems!). We’ve taken part in football, basketball, gym, High-Five and cross-country in this month alone! I am grateful to all the staff who give freely of their time to enable us participate in so many areas.

At the time of writing my February news, I was unaware that the school was about to be notified of our OFSTED inspection. The inspectors came to call, so to speak, on Thursday 12th February. It was quite a gruelling day all round but we were delighted to receive the following summary judgement:

‘Ingrave Johnstone is a good school. It has some outstanding features and has moved forward well since its last inspection.’ OFSTED 2009

Pure testament of all the hard work from EVERYONE associated with our school!

Ann Robinson

Twice a year, we ask our school community to clear out their cupboards and wardrobes. We are after as many quality second hand ladies’, men’s and children’s clothing, as well as bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags as we can get. All items are for RE-USE!

For details about the company (not charity) and how the fundraising works, please visit their website.

This is an easy way for us to raise funds. We are currently paid 0.40£ per Kilo and average 900 Kilo of “stuff”!

Dear Friends

I always find this part of the year the most exciting. As you drive along you are aware that the trees and hedgerow are now clothed in tinges of pink and green, as the buds begin to push their new life into the world. The once dead and sleeping has broken the hold that winter has had on it.

Sometimes our lives reflect the same pattern... there is a time when everything seems dark and empty ... then quietly a glimmer of hope appears. The warmth of love is restored, the person’s spirit soars and reaches new heights, the gloom and despair is below and away out of sight.

In the Easter Story the same powers are at work. The gloom and anger of Good Friday is overthrown. The people who wept over the dying Christ, laugh. Peter the weeping coward, is restored. Thomas who doubted cries “My Lord and My God!”: This is God’s Love and power breaking into our world.

If we are spiritually open we can also be surprised by that same powerful love.

However you are feeling today the same Power and Love of God is there, near you. Look for it in creation; look for it in your neighbour. When you find it, become immersed in it, allow yourself to be part of it, enjoy it; and then pass it on to others.

Rev. Frazer J. Hawkes
Minister of St Andrew’s Methodist Church
The Church @ The Cross Roads
Sport and Fitness

Herongate Cricket Club has been a part of village life for 158 years and is one of the oldest village cricket clubs in the county of Essex. In recent times the club has fallen into disrepair and financial hardship. At an Emergency General Meeting earlier last year the decision was taken to wind up the old club and form a the new Herongate and Ingrave Cricket Club and instead of the committee being staffed by players the new committee would consist of players and villagers with the aim of combining cricket and village life. Our social calendar is included in the village diary section of this newsletter. We warmly welcome new members both playing and social.

For more information please see our website: http://www.herongateandingravecc.co.uk

The objectives of the new committee are fivefold:

1. Continuation of League Cricket in the T Rippon Cricket League (Saturdays)
2. Village and social cricket to be played on Sundays
3. Training and coaching of young people in the village from ages 6-15
4. The integration of the cricket club into village life
5. To re-develop the club house and facilities offered.

Herongate and Ingrave CC currently field two teams in the T Rippon League. Our Saturday 1st XI play in Mid Essex Division One and the Saturday 2nd XI play in Mid Essex Division Seven Sundays are reserved for social cricket where everyone is encouraged to join in regardless of ability, age or previous cricketing experience. Please note, teams are picked on Tuesday nights at the club, if you wish to play come along to the club at 8pm or drop us an email to: herongateandingravecc@googlemail.com

Herongate Athletic Football Club has a long history in the village and many of the Under 12 teams are from Ingrave Johnstone School. New members are always welcome to start up new teams. There are also Under 15’s and Under 17’s as well as a ladies team. On Saturdays a 1st and 2nd team play as well as two vet teams and a super vet team. There is also a Sunday team. This year the club is celebrating its Centenary and a couple of events are planned to mark the occasion. On 13 June there will be a Junior Football Tournament for the Under 9’s – Under 12’s and on 16th May there is a reunion game for long serving members. This will be organized by Ivor Kettle a very long standing member of the club

Further information is available from the club website: www.clubwebsite.co.uk/herongateathletic

Please contact Gary Duck on 07717 756748 for further information.

The club also hire out their Hall which holds up to 140
for members of the public to use.

Please contact SueTozer on 07930 656 876

Body Moves is a group that meets to improve fitness through exercise movement and dance. We meet every Tuesday evening from 8 -9.30pm at Ingrave Johnstone School. This is a friendly group open to all

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Sport and Fitness (Cont)

ages and abilities with a Keep Fit Association/REPS advanced level qualified tutor. Contact Chris 01277 211050

Trail Net is a not for profit group that organises and leads Health Rides in Thorndon Country Park. The first two sessions are free, thereafter £3, which includes bike and helmet hire. For more information on these and other bike related activities, see the website: www.trailnet.org.uk or Phone 811012

Dance Fitness is a group that meets on Monday evenings at St Nicholas Church Hall. Currently the group is full but a new course will be starting in the summer. Contact Debbie Harper 810596

Yoga Classes are held on Saturday at 9.30am and Monday at12.45 (this session is currently full) and 6.00pm in St Nicholas Hall. Contact Dulcie Antrobus 810947

Jackie Dartnell’s Theatre School holds jazz, ballet and tap dance classes for 3-18 year olds at the Football Club on Tuesday afternoons. Also adult fitness classes at 9.30am and tap at 10.30am also on a Tuesday. Contact Jackie Dartnell on 01277 350746.

Systemeffect is a form of Russian Martial Art. It has been developed for a relaxed and friendly attitude, it will suit all ages from 14-80 years old. It is an effective self defence system incorporating knife, gun and stick attacks locks and take downs and many more methods. We welcome male and female alike and meet at St Nicholas Church Hall on Wednesday nights from 8-9.00pm Contact 812130 for more information.

Social and Church Groups

Open Door is a group that offers on going support for the bereaved, elderly and those living alone. Anyone of any age and situation is welcome. The group has a regular attendance of 20-30 people. The afternoon starts with a cup of tea (or coffee). Some people play scrabble, upword or other board games, others prefer to just chat. A second cup of tea and homemade cakes are served later in the afternoon. The group meets every third Tuesday at 2.0pm. Contact Pat Horton 810123

Thorndon WI offers a welcome to women who live in the villages and towns to help them improve the quality of life in the community. We can influence decision makers at all levels and are a strong lobbying body, not bound by political or religious affiliations, which enables the organisation to speak freely on any issues. There is something for everyone, opportunities to enjoy friendship, to learn, to widen horizons and to influence local and national affairs. We hold monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at St Nicholas Church Hall, with varied speakers and many social activities. Membership is £29 per year

The Mothers Union is a Christian charitable organisation caring for families Worldwide. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Nicholas Church Hall, and all are welcome to attend these meetings. For more information contact Caroline Lowe 810095.

Moose International is an organisation open to anyone. It is non-political & non-denominational, in that our Members represent all beliefs & faiths. We endeavour to look after our own Members and give support to others less fortunate than ourselves. We are an open organisation with a desire to help others either within or outside of Moose. To this end our branches (referred to as Lodges) not only support our own internal charitable endeavours, they give support & raise money for worthwhile local charities and other creditable organisations. In addition each year we adopt a National Charity, our last being, Macmillan Cancer Relief for whom we raised £127,000. Contact 810874

The Ladies Circle is a group of retired ladies who meet on the first Thursday of the month, generally in the church room at St Andrews Church for a chat, tea and biscuits. We organise the occasional coffee morning and other charity events including a Strawberry Tea and fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you would like to join us, just come along to one of our regular gatherings.

St Nicholas Toddler Church. This is a short service in the church (approximately 15 minutes) then playtime and refreshments in the church hall. It is especially for babies, toddlers and pre-school age children and their parents, grandparents and carers.
Social and Church Groups (Cont)

The short service consists of children’s songs with plenty of action, a short story and some prayers. Then we go to the church hall for more fun and play which normally includes play dough, toys, story books, aqua painting etc. Refreshments are served and the finish is at 3.00pm. Contact Pat Horton 810123

The Bell Ringing group are actively seeking new ringers. We meet at 7.45pm in the church on Wednesdays. No previous experience is necessary and anyone from 11-111 years of age, who can climb the steps to the ringing chamber, is most welcome. Please contact Caroline Lowe 810095

The Citizens Advice Bureau visits the parish every other month at St Andrews Methodist Church. Dates are included in the diary pages and booking for a consultation with one of their experts is essential. For booking and more information please phone 220248.

Hall Bookings:
St Nicholas Church Hall Bookings:
Rita Hodgson 811179
St Andrews Church Hall Bookings:
Douglas Hibbard 811795

Services

The Mobile Library visits the parish on alternate Mondays. It stops at Ingrave near to St Nicholas Church Hall at 9.40-10.00am, moves on to Glebe Gardens Herongate from 10.15-10.35am then back to Middle Road Ingrave from 10.45-11.15am. To check dates you can visit www.essexcc.gov.uk/libraries then go to the Mobile Library section and select Loughton week 1, which is our mobile library route.

The Community Policing Rural Bus visits every other Thursday between 1.00 and 2.00pm. Contact PCSO Kelly Field on 262212 ext 7534

Sponsors Welcome
Would you be willing to sponsor this publication by placing an advertisement for your business? If so please email or write to the editors. We are very grateful to those who have already helped in this way.

Wanted
Do you have experience of editing a newsletter? We are looking for a permanent editor for this publication. This will be a paid position. Please contact the editors for more information. Thank you.
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Ingrave and Herongate have changed more since 1945 than in their previous history. The villages’ population has grown, as more houses have been built, and occupations have changed as many people now work outside the villages, in a greater variety of jobs. These notes will therefore concentrate on the period before 1939, so as to gain a wider perspective on the villages’ history.

Down to 1939, the emphasis was very much on farming and local employment. The history of Ingrange goes back to Anglo-Saxon times, as indicated by the ‘ing’ element in the place-name; Ingrange was part of the Gegingas district south-west of Chelmsford, and other villages in this group include Margaretting and Mountnessing. The ‘rave’ element in Ingrange derives from the Domesday tenant, Ralph, son of Turold of Rochester; Turold is depicted on the Bayeux tapestry. Herongate was part of the parish of East Horndon; the tradition that the name derived from a herony there is apocryphal, and it probably derives from the Heron family who held Heron Hall into the fourteenth century.

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The Petres were also involved in village affairs. Robert James, eighth Lord Petre, was responsible for building Ingrange church between 1734 and 1736 to replace the churches of Ingrange and West Horndon which were demolished; the new church was said to have been sited at an equal distance from the two former churches. The eighth Lord Petre is best known for his work on the gardens at Thorndon and for his introduction of new plants. In the 1730s, he was also remodelling Old Thorndon Hall, and it is possible that some of the men who worked on the Hall also worked on the church. Certain items were brought from the old churches: the font came from the old Ingrange church, and the brasses from West Horndon. The Petre family were Roman Catholics and did much to foster Roman Catholicism in the nineteenth century. White recorded in 1848 that Ingrange had three schools, one run by the rector of the parish church, and two schools for Roman Catholic children, patronised by Lord and Lady Petre. John Kinder was listed as Roman Catholic schoolmaster in 1863 and Rose Smith as the schoolmistress.

White’s Directory of Essex, published in 1848 and 1863, and Kelly’s Directories of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries provide a fuller picture of the villages. According to the 1841 census, Ingrange had a population of 530 people, and Herongate and East Horndon 529. The population had dropped a little by 1921. In 1848, several of the leading inhabitants were farmers, but there were a number of shopkeepers and it was possible to buy food and meet everyday needs locally. Herongate had three grocers and two bakers, and at Ingrange there were two bakers, one of them John Ablin, and a butcher. Isaiah Steel ran the post office and Ingrange, and there were four shoemakers, two blacksmiths, one saddler and one wheelwright in the two villages. Thomas and Joseph Boardman worked as carpenters, while Ann Boardman was described as a shopkeeper. William Fitch, victualler, ran the Old Boar’s Head, Eleanor Oliffe, victualler, the Green Man, and Robert Young, beerseller, the Cricketers.

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