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Iwade Observer

April 2013

I WADE DOES
COMIC RELIEF



Iwade was a hive of activity for this years Red Nose Day fundraising. We had Iwade Bake Off in All Saints Church, Iwade CP held a Mad Hair Day and Ickle Pickles had the children dress up in caveman or animal print outfits!

First up was Iwade Does Bake Off, raising a massive £520. Organised by Nicola McKenzie but ably assisted by a host of family, friends and unsuspecting volunteers from Iwade Does Facebook! Huge thanks to everyone who gave up their time to bake, to man the stalls and to serve hot drinks. To all those who bought cakes, guessed the weight of the cake, tested the baking or decorated a little cupcake .. THANK YOU!

Iwade CP School invited all the children to have a crazy hair day and they all looked fantastic!

Thank you to everyone who contributed a photo



WELCOME TO LONDIS!



Staff member Raj outside the new store

After a lot of rumours, the new lease holder for the old Budgens mini market is Londis. The Operations Manager, Uday Arul is very pleased to have everything finalised now and is looking forward to meeting his new customers.

Uday and his staff are very keen to become a part of the community, rather than just being 'a shop in the village' and have plans to support local events throughout the year.

At the time of going to press, Uday was using staff from another of his stores as they are already trained by Londis, but he hopes to employ 3 or 4 Iwade residents going forward. Future plans for the store also include a newspaper delivery service, new parking signs for the car park and of course, a permanent sign at the front.

The ethos of the shop is to offer great quality at low prices and to this end, it will always have some fantastic offers on. Stock is once again at

a high level and the quality of the fresh goods is clear to see.

Like with any new business, it will have it's teething problems and the one at the time of writing was the lack of telephone lines. The lines are needed to support the card and lottery machines, plus the stock ordering system, but the staff are pulling out all of the stops to get this fixed asap and appreciate the patience everyone has shown.

If you haven't visited the new shop yet, please do. You are assured a warm welcome by everyone working there and if there's something you'd like that they haven't stocked, just ask and they will try to get it in for you.

Uday would like to offer a 10% discount when you spend at least £10 in a single transaction (not inc tobacco products/lottery). You will need to cut out the coupon on page 3 and show it to the staff to claim the discount. Happy shopping!

LONDIS OPENING HOURS ARE 7am -10pm

IWADE HEALTH CENTRE - PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

It was clear that the 2 main gripes with Iwade Health Centre (IHC) were the telephone system and appointment availability. These 2 really went hand in hand though as the issues the staff have with the telephone system then impacts upon their ability to offer appointments.

Although the PPG were pushing hard for the system to be fixed, they had no clear date as to when this would happen and are equally as frustrated as we are. There seemed to be some confusion over 'urgent' and 'routine' appointments and it was agreed that the staff will start asking the patients which category they fall into when an

appointment is requested. For the 'urgent' criteria, it is reasonable to be offered an appointment within 2 days, but for 'routine', it can be up to 3 weeks.

Being delayed in the waiting area was also raised as an issue. There are couple of factors to this in that some patients wish for the doctor to take their time, be sympathetic and listen to multiple issues. For others, it's a case of get in and get out within the allotted 10 mins. Doctors also can be a factor in this as some are more aware of the time constraint than others. The management agreed that trying to let patients know of any delay would be beneficial to all and they will look into how they can bring

this process in.

The next meeting will be held at 10am on Saturday 18th May in IHC. If you are interested in shaping the future of IHC, please come along and give feedback. If you cannot make it, there is now a suggestion box in IHC reception.

EMPTY UNIT IN VILLAGE CENTRE

Andrew Wilson at Swale Properties reports that interest has been steady, although nobody has signed up yet. He hinted that there is a business case currently being drawn up by a potential tenant though.

Keep an eye on IwadeVillage.co.uk for more information as it becomes available.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 10 April 19:30 | Iwade Parish Council Meeting

Every second Wednesday of the month, residents encouraged to go to Parish Council meetings at Iwade Village Hall.

Thursday 11 April 11:15-11:25 | Mobile Library

Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of identification required to join. Why not give it a try?

You can contact the Mobile Library on their mobile on 07740 183758

Sunday 14 April 10:00-13:00 | Iwade Village Market

Iwade Market under the management of stall-holder Steve Theobald is getting bigger and better each month.

New stalls are being added each month along with the old favourites too. Visit the Iwade Village Market web page to find out more...

Every second Sunday of the month, breakfast available from 9am, see you there!

Wednesday 17 April 19:30 | W.I. Meeting

To find out more about joining the Iwade WI, contact Secretary Hilary Foulds on hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk or on 01795 474686

Thursday 25 April 11:15 - 11:25 | Mobile Library

Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of identification required to join. Why not give it a try?

You can contact the Mobile Library on their mobile on 07740 183758

Sunday 28 April 15:00-16:00 | Songs of Praise Service

A service organised by Iwade Parish Church in Iwade Village Hall with light tea (cakes & sandwiches). It's a great opportunity to meet friends old and new, enjoy the tea and sing some of your favourite hymns.

For further information tel. Sylvia Francis 01795 427777

Monday 29th April 19:30 | Psychic Evening

Join us at The Woolpack for an evening of psychic readings. Tickets costing £10 per person and should be purchased in advance from the bar

Tel: 01795 472656.



INTRODUCING OUR
NEW PCSO -
MATTHEW LINK

Although I am new to Iwade, I am not a new PCSO. I have been working for Kent Police for nearly 6 years now and have worked in

Sittingbourne throughout most of my career covering numerous areas including Murston, rural villages and Grove (Quinton etc). I have also worked in Ashford for a year.

I look forward to meeting you in the future and working with the residents of Iwade.

If you have any need to contact me, please do so at the following email:

56826@kent.pnn.police.uk

Regards, Matt

IWADE HERONS FOOTBALL CLUB

Iwade Heron's current Under 9's (School Yr4) and Under 10's (School Yr5) are looking for experienced players to strengthen the squads for the coming season in September.

We would like to invite players to trial during several friendly fixtures throughout April, May and June. For the Under 9's, please contact Mark Foster at mark.foster@southbankcentre.co.uk or 07817 326 965. For the Under 10's, please call Simon Beard (FA Level 2 Coach) 07732401571

Answers to the quiz:
1: B 2: A 3: D



ALAN WILLICOMBE

Unlike many of the candidates, I very seldom write to the papers expressing views on hot vote winning topics that happen to be around at time.

I am very much a people's councillor, I am not in politics to make a name for myself, I am there to help and fight battles for as many people in the community as I can.

I was fortunate to be elected to KCC in the 2009 elections for Swale Central.

I am also a Swale Borough Councillor and have been for the past thirteen years.

At KCC I sit on the following committees: Planning, Health Overview and Scrutiny and the Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee.

I am also on the Joint Kent & Medway NHS Scrutiny Committee, Swale Locality Board and am the KCC rep on Swales Rural Forum. Lastly I sat on a special committee looking at how best we could tackle Domestic Abuse.

During my time at KCC I represented members of the public on appeals for transport and choice of schools.

I have attended as many Parish Councils as I could and worked with the local highways officers to deliver swift repairs to roads, snow clearance and salt bin installation and filling.

I have supported many groups with grants, Parish Councils across Swale Central and various charities and churches in their work with the youth and needy.

I am deeply passionate about Swale and want to carry on to fight for what is right for us all.



ROGER TRUELOVE

People in Iwade will remember that I was their County Councillor between 2005 and 2009. I worked very closely with local people, backed the Parish Council and kept the village involved through twice yearly Newsletters.

I have been generously thanked many times for unlocking Kent County Council funding, for broadband and also highways money to put right the junction at the east end of School Lane.

You might expect me to say this, but the KCC record has not been a glorious one over the last four years, with prolonged uncertainty over Icelandic investments, enormous sums wasted

on a short term Chief Executive appointment and serious failings in children's services. It is never in the public interest to put too much power in the hands of one party. I want to see the £2.1 billion budget spent more fairly, more efficiently and with more open scrutiny for the public.

Iwade has grown very rapidly and needs time to settle. I will continue to oppose the Coalition Government's determination to impose unreasonable housing growth on Iwade.

I will do all I can too, to back all those people locally who are trying to build up small and micro sized businesses.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

GHLIN WHELAN



Iwade, with its unique identity, self contained community, the only farmers market, village hall and its own village magazine etc. needs to be protected from the ravages of over development and poor planning and design. It should not be overwhelmed by 100's of new houses, nor any houses where there is a risk of flooding.

As regards the larger picture we would like to see the Northern Relief Road completed from the Eurolink out to the A2 at Bapchild and continuing with the Southern Relief Road on to the M2.

As regards regeneration of the division, the youngsters should move ahead urgently with the requested Skate Park to spearhead the next stage of the development of the area.

As regards the County Council I think that the least well off residents need protecting and the squandering of money on extravagant salaries and pay offs at the higher levels within KCC needs to be curtailed.

The record on child protection in particular is appalling and the protection of the elderly not much better.

MIKE WHITING



With the coming election, it seems right to look back at the past four years as your county councillor. I was pleased to lead the charge against Swale Council and proposals to build another 400 homes. Thankfully, Swale agreed that there should be no new allocations. As I said at the Parish Council, "Enough is Enough".

In serving Iwade I have supported various community projects like the youth club, allotments, annual village clean up and village hall car park, and worked with the parish council to provide grant money for the new bus stop, village map, replacement village signs, new street lamps in Sheerstone and salt bags for use by residents in areas not normally gritted by KCC. I also had KCC redesign the junction at Ferry Road and School Lane and had zig-zags, yellow lines and wooden posts installed in School Lane to improve safety. Ridham Dock lorry signs have helped stop lorries coming into the village and the 30mph speed indicator sign has cut speeds.

In support of residents, I got the Health Centre to answer questions at the Local Engagement Forum about issues at the surgery.

As the village continues to grow, I have ordered a feasibility study to see if Iwade school can enlarge to offer 210 new places for Iwade children.

Representing Iwade is a real privilege, and I hope that residents will allow me to continue after May.

April brings us more discount vouchers from local companies. Please make use of these discounts and support our local businesses.
Just cut out the offer and take it with you!

LONDIS, VILLAGE CENTRE

10% off any spend over £10 in a single transaction.

Please show this coupon to the cashier to validate discount. Coupon can be used 3 times but only once per transaction

Tobacco and lottery products are excluded from this promotion.

HEAVEN HAIR & BEAUTY, FERRY ROAD

£5 off a regular pedicure (normally £20)

£10 off a regular pedicure with Shellac (normally £35)

Free blow dry when purchasing an Intense Fibre Filling Deep Conditioning Hair Treatment for £15

Please mention that you have a voucher when booking.

Like us on Facebook at Heaven Iwade

01795 435958

LEXIE ROSE BOUTIQUE - Scarves|Jewellery|Accessories|Bags

Receive a free gift if you book a party during April. This is in addition to the standard 10% commission hostesses receive.

Like us on Facebook at Lexie Rose Boutique

Email lexierose@btinternet.com

07956 422258

IWADE W.I.

Another month has flown by and as usual members have been busy with a number of outings and activities. More lunch trips are being planned to the Mid-Kent College where students cook and serve delicious food which is very reasonable priced. Try it, its worth a visit and some lunches come with entertainment by the drama students; the pantomime at Christmas was excellent and beat any professional production I've ever seen.

Some members took a trip to Maidstone studios to see the recording of a new quiz show with Jo Brand which was very entertaining , the programme is called Jo Brand's Great Wall of Comedy and will be on Sky Gold channel, look out for us in the audience!

A few of our ladies belong to a singing group based in Hartlip called the Hartbeats under the leadership of choirmaster Matthew Raisbeck. They plan to sing for Borden W.I. and then in April for the Newington group meeting which is being hosted by Iwade. Anyone is welcome to join this group (men too!) which meets at 2.00p.m. every Friday at Hartlip village hall, no audition necessary and you don't need to be able to read music.

With all the usual activities of card -making, rummicub and craft club its hard to find time to fit everything in but If you want to make new friends why not come along as a guest we'll even accompany you on your first visit, for more details telephone our secretary Hilary on 01795 474686

APRIL FOOLS DAY QUIZ

(answers on page 7, bottom right)

1. April fool's day was first celebrated around which year ;

a 1479

b 1582

c 1600

d 1304

2. It is generally accepted that the April fool's day tradition started in ;

a Spain

b Italy

c Britain

d France

3. Until the late 1500's March was considered the start of the year ;

a True

b False

SAFER CROSSING AT IWADE SCHOOL

A long-awaited lollipop patrol in School Lane, Iwade, will soon be a reality thanks to a local County Councillor.

Residents, the Parish Council and Iwade School have all felt for some time that a crossing patrol would improve safety. Despite previous efforts it has not been possible to provide this.

However, following interventions by local County Councillor Mike Whiting (pictured right with Executive Head Teacher of Iwade School Katrina Ware), a highways survey of the site was done and funding found to train and employ a crossing patrol person.

Katrina said, "I am delighted that we can at last have a crossing patrol at the school. It is what parents have been asking for and I am grateful to Mike Whiting for making it happen for us. This really would not have happened without him driving it forward."

"We have recruited a patrol person, and are ready to go as soon as they can be trained and fully licensed. This will really help the situation in School Lane each morning and afternoon, which gets very busy with parents dropping their children off before school and picking them up at the end of the school day."

Mike Whiting, Kent County Councillor representing Iwade said, "I have been lobbied by residents, the school and the Parish Council to try to get something provided. I think this will make a great difference to the safety of those crossing the road at the busiest times of the day in School Lane, and expect that we can complete the formal recruitment and training quickly so that the lollipop will be a regular and welcome sight on school days."



INCG Great Crested Newt Survey Work

On the 17th March members of the Iwade Nature and Conservation Group undertook some training to enable them to survey Great Crested Newts. There are many ponds around Iwade and the GCNs present in the village are well known but there are a number of new ponds that have been installed in the village in recent years and some survey work is needed to see how the population is doing.

GCNs are highly protected so members of the group that completed the Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group course are now licensed to carry out survey work on the ponds in the village. If you see a small group of people hanging around ponds with bright torches one night, don't worry it'll just be the newt searchers.

Big thanks to KRAG for providing the training and to Iwade Parish Council for giving the group funding to enable a venue to be hired for the classroom work. Photo courtesy of Jason Steel.



ICKLE PICKLES

We had lots of our lovely Mum's in at Ickle Pickles this week to celebrate Mother's Day. The children enjoyed sharing a continental breakfast and showing the mums what breakfast time is like at nursery (see photo below left). We are also busy preparing our fund-raising for Red Nose Day - with a fancy dress theme of cave-men and women or animal print clothes, a bring and buy cake sale and a 'guess the number of red sweets in the jar' competition. Editors Note: Report for Red Nose Day on the front cover

Ickle Pickles is full but you can call to look around: 01795 474551

Iwade Parish Council Notes taken from the meeting of 9th January 2013

Matters Arising from the Minutes- Clerk advised that the Diamond Jubilee commemorative plaque has now been installed and as everything is now in place it was agreed to arrange an unveiling ceremony to take place on Monday 28th January in the morning. Clerk to invite John Bourne from Knauf, who donated £1500 towards the trees, to unveil the plaque and to send out invitations to other dignitaries and the local press.

Lorries in Iwade – Three new signs directing Lorries to Ridham Dock have now been installed; one at Bobbing, one in the village and one on the Grovehurst Road. At the Sheppey Bridge end the signpost needs to be relocated. The Police are sending a report to KCC Highways on this and it is hoped KCC will relocate the sign. The sign near to the roundabout on the Grovehurst Road needs moving too; this area comes under the jurisdiction of the Highway Authority, who will also be sent a copy of the Police Report which will indicate that this problem needs solving..

Cllr. Hunt advised that he has had an acknowledgement from the Police regarding the complaint concerning the incident with the lorry that damaged property within the village. He was amazed to learn that there is not a Traffic Policy for Swale.

School Lane Playing Field – Clerk advised that she has posted a notice on the entrance to the playing field (twice because the original was removed) informing villagers that the land has now been passed over to the developers; the same notice has also been displayed on the village website and she has requested that it be placed in the local paper by the Parish Correspondent.

Community Warden - Aaron, the PCSO, advised that crime is down in Iwade

but he is still getting loads of complaints about parking. He has sent letters to offenders; moved vehicles parked on pavements and now the Police are looking at issuing tickets for cars parked on footpaths. Nick and Aaron have spent time at the school monitoring parking, which has improved. He is going to speak to Nick Mayatt and they will try and increase the amount of times they are outside the school during dropping off and picking up periods.

There has been some anti-social behaviour outside Budgens at night time; officers at the Police Station are aware of this. He has spoken to the children waiting at the village centre bus stop about damage being done to the shelter and will keep a watchful eye on this.

Complaints about dogs mess have risen and Aaron asked about progress with the Green Dog Walking Scheme; Cllr. Hunt has some people interested in organising this. Cllr. Wastall raised the issue of children walking dogs and not being aware that they have to clean up after their animals; perhaps the Dog Warden could visit the school to give a talk on this? Aaron will talk to the School Liaison Officer, to see if he will visit the School to talk to the children about dogs mess and litter.

Finance- Replacement of Notice Boards

It was proposed by Cllr. Rook and seconded by Cllr. Gale, agreed to purchase a 3 Bay 9A4 Noticeboard in manmade Oak effect material from Greenbarnes, at a cost of £3181.83p. Clerk to contact the Village Centre Management Group, Chamonix (who have agreed to it being located in the Centre) concerning installation.

Localism Meeting (Swale Borough Council)- The Parish Council was invited by Swale Borough Council to attend a last minute meeting with Cllr. Mike Cosgrove, the Swale Borough Council Cabinet Member with responsibility for Localism. Basically because of the development that has gone on within Iwade over a number of years, Swale Borough Council wants to see how they can reel out localism and have chosen Iwade as a good place to do that; they are looking to put a lot of energy and resources into Iwade.

Interestingly they are very keen to see that a new village hall is built in Iwade, and were sad to hear that work on this has gone quiet at the moment. They felt with the right facilities it would become a central 'hub' for the Village. They are also looking to bring the Barn into use, so that it can become a community place, rather than just a tool shed for the Cemetery.

Meeting with Wards Homes re proposals for the S.E. Sector of Iwade- About 18 months ago the Parish Council looked at a document issued by Swale Borough Council (SHLAA), which identified areas for housing in Iwade. The Core Strategy Consultation arrived and as a result of Parish Councils talking to each other R.A.H.M. was formed; a group that could put forward unified objectives on behalf of the Parish Councils and their residents in response to this consultation. The outcome at the end of the day was that we were informed that there would be no more housing for Iwade, and this was backed up by a statement in the local newspapers, made by Cllr. Lewin in March, 2012.

The Parish Council was therefore rather surprised to receive an invitation from Wards Homes to meet with Members to discuss options for land to the South-East of Iwade, which turned out to be the area mentioned in the SHLAA document, reference SW/123, for 300 new homes. The Parish Council pointed out to Wards that we had been promised there would be no further housing in Iwade, apart from areas that already have planning permission. Furthermore Members stated that residents would be angry to see a 'U' turn had been made on developing this area, and added that there was insufficient infrastructure to support the additional houses and population.

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All useful contact details are also listed at www.iwadevillage.co.uk

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