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Kent RC Warehouse

Kent RC Warehouse originally started as a pop-up RC drift track in Teynham Community Hall in December 2014, this was called Slyde Dynamics RC. It was put together for a group of friends who wanted somewhere local to drift their cars. Then over the years we started to do track on tour where we've had a pop-up track at Oh So Retro in Margate for 3 years. We've also featured our track at Silverstone Japfest. As more people saw us, our community grew and so the need for bigger premises.

In November 2019 we secured our own unit and wanted to offer more than just a drift track, so we rebranded to Kent RC Warehouse.

At Kent RC Warehouse we host a huge variety of RC (radio controlled) cars for the local people of Kent and further afield. Onsite we have 48 individual LED-lit pit bays all with charging facilities. We host a range of weekly sessions and open practice from Wednesday to Sunday with monthly competitions. We attract a wide audience and provide a very social and family friendly approach to the world of RC.

Our knowledgeable onsite staff will ensure everyone is given the best service possible. Alongside our well stocked specialist RC shop, we have 2 floors dedicated to RC and host many different forms across 3 specific tracks including RC circuit racing, oval racing and RC Drifting.

Opening hours

Mon - closed Tues - closed

Weds - 10am - 10pm Thurs - 10am - 10pm Fri - 10am - 10pm Sat - 10am - 10pm Sun 10am - 6pm





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The Iwade Observer

Iwade Reading and Book Group

By Jackie Kemp

The book chosen for April's meeting, by Sylvia, was 'Lord of the Flies' by William Golding. It was published in 1954 and has been used over the years for GCE and GCSE course work and exams.

The story line is about a group of secondary age school boys on a deserted island following a plane crash. There is no evidence of any adults either surviving or even on the island. We have no idea where they came from nor where they were going. The story unfolds with some older boys electing themselves as leaders; the young boys, especially a young boy they named Piggy, were forced to build fires to try to attract passing boats, scavenge for food and with no comfort whatsoever. Eventually the boys were rescued by a passing boat.

The book is very much of its time, and is not at all politically correct by more modern standards. Bullying went on all the time, along with punishment with no care by the older boys for the very young. They divided themselves into teams but were not team-like in their actions. It was agreed by those who did read it, that the book is disturbing and has no satisfying resolution.

The book for the April meeting is 'Once Upon a River' written by Diane Setterfield, chosen by Maureen. In May, we will be reviewing one of Michael Morpurgo's books, 'Waiting for Anya'.

Much more exciting though was the visit to our group by Roger Stevens, brother of one of our members, and a nationally known and prolific poet, writing for and with children and for adults. He came along with a stack of books for children, youths and adults, almost all of it written and published in his name, but sometimes collaboratively with famous poets like Carol Ann Duffy, Brian Moses and Roger McGough. Roger, onetime teacher and artist, works with schools to encourage students to write and enjoy poetry. Lucky schools! A fascinating and enjoyable morning nicely rounded off with lunch at the Woolpack.





Iwade Health Centre

The surgery is not closed and we have not had any outbreak of Covid 19 in the surgery. Most surgeries have made the decision to change to telephone appointments to protect their vulnerable patients and staff. The clinician will decide during the consultation if you need to be seen, then a face-toface appointment will be made. You are able to come in to collect prescriptions etc. We are not closed. All non-essential appointments are cancelled for the time being - in keeping with current government advice. If you have an appointment booked- we will be in contact with you!

Feel free to ask any questions!

Iwade Community Help Group By Andrea van Schalkwyk

We would like to get volunteers to help with food etc., for the elderly, sick, etc. when needed with the outbreak of the COVID-19 Virus. This group is not here to create panic but rather to come together as a community and do as much as we can to help those in need. We are willing to cook/distribute small meals for those who are sick, and donate what we can to help, pick up groceries, etc. We are also willing to put together small craft/art bundles for those who are ill and are stuck at home. Any craft, sewing, art, books, etc. kits are welcome to help those who are stuck indoors and want something to do. Any volunteers, ideas, etc., are most welcome. Please post in the relevant announcements area what you can offer in the way of community help and service during this time. Thank you.

See Facebook (search Iwade Community Help Group) for further details and to get in touch with how you might be able to help or how to access help.

Iwade @ The Barn and Corona Virus

The trusteesmet following the Prime Minister's broadcast on 16th March and, taking into account advice given at that meeting, have made the extremely hard decision to close the barn for the time being.

This has been a tough decision and hasn't been taken lightly, however the health and wellbeing of the barn users is our priority. Whilst we have considered allowing the current bookings to continue we are unable to ensure that the barn is cleaned appropriately after each use, which would be the only way that we could be sure that we have done what we can to ensure that the virus doesn't get passed on to other users.

The closure is currently in place until the 6th April and we will review the situation before that date. We will continue to monitor government guidance and post updates on Facebook (search Iwade at the Barn)

News from Ickle Pickles

By Gemma Wallace

The past month or so at Ickle Pickles has been filled with fun

We have used empty bottles part filled with cream and then used lots of energy shaking the bottles. We watched the cream slowly get thicker and thicker and it eventually turned into butter. We then used this butter to make some yummy cakes.

We have celebrated World Book Day with dressing up all week and lots of parents joined us, coming in to read stories with the children.

We have a Mother's Day breakfast coming up where we have invited mums to come in and have breakfast with us and enjoy some fun activities.

Any enquiries please contact us on 01795 474551 or email: info@icklepicklesnursery.co.uk



Monday Friendship Group By Sylvia Francis

On Monday the 2nd of March the Friendship group gathered together for morning coffee and a chat. We welcomed our PCSO Adam who came to inform us about the security cycle marking in Iwade Garage on April 2nd. Adam also updated us on various issues around the village. Always very interesting.

Our next meeting on Monday 16th of March had to be cancelled due to the escalating threat of Corona Virus, as was the meeting due on 30th March. At the moment, we do not know when we will reopen but will continue to review the situation.

Patient Participation Group News

Patients are invited to come and meet members of the PPG to discuss any matters relating to hade Health Centre. Experiences good or bad together with suggestions are most welcome. Help IHC obtain a rating of Outstanding at the next CQC review. Come and join us on 3rd Tuesday of the month @2pm 3pm commencing 17th March at Mews Brewhouse.



We recently came across this picture of All Saints' Iwade painted in 1807 – interesting to see it compared to how the church looks now.

Photo of watercolour picture of Iwade church 1807 by H Petrie ©Kent Archaeological Society



Ed's Note

What a difference a few weeks makes!! Who'd a thought that "self-isolation" and "social distancing" would ever become a thing! Covid 19 though has brought out the best in humanity — see item about Iwade Community Help Group. We had one of their leaflets through our door today and it was like being given a hug by a kindly neighbour. Stay safe EVERYBODY.

Obviously, many of the items in this month's issue will be overtaken by events so just because it's in here doesn't mean it will be going on. Watch out for information from other sources.

We have decided not to publish a May issue as we really do not how far self-isolation and social distancing will have become embedded by then, and we need to ensure that our distributors are not unnecessarily put at risk.

Finally – doesn't our village look brilliant in the Spring sun (when we see it) with ... "host(s), of golden daffodils; Beside the lake, beneath the trees, Fluttering and dancing in the breeze." (apologies to Wordsworth!). What an uplifting site and thanks to all those responsible for further beautifying our village.



Food for thought: When a butterfly flaps its wings.....

A butterfly flaps its wings and triggers a storm on the other side of the world. Or as may be more apt at the moment, one person sneezes and the world catches a cold. This is the so-called "Butterfly Effect". It is the idea that the effect of a seemingly insignificant action in one place can ripple out and have significant impact elsewhere. As I write these words on 15th March it seems we are in the eye of an unprecedented storm with the rippling effect of the Coronavirus leading to a lockdown of countries all across Europe. A new phrase "self-isolation" has entered everyday language as an understandable means of protecting the most vulnerable in our families and communities. Yet also we hear of supermarkets needing to ration items such as toilet rolls. Really?

These moments, along with the effects of previously unheard-of flooding in some parts of the country due to the more intense rain resulting from major changes in climate, remind us how inter-connected we are as human beings as part of the natural order of creation. As John Donne famously put it "no man is an island entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main".Or as St Paul put it no-one can say "I don't need you!" We share a common humanity, we are in this together whether we realise it or not.

So these times challenge our human tendency to self-sufficiency, to separation. The paradox of "self-isolation" is that those who find themselves in that situation for a time, are in greater need of help and support from those around. Here is that opportunity for us as individuals and communities to "love our neighbours as ourselves" as Jesus put it, to reach out to each other. What small steps can we each and together take to look out for those in need around us at this time?

In the eye of an unprecedented storm out on a lake, Jesus' disciples panicked. "We're going to sink!" But Jesus was with them, a calm trusting presence in the midst of it all. He calmed the storm. "Where is your faith?" he asked them. In the midst of this period of storm, within us and around us, we may hear that same question. As we do may we know and look to the promise of the Lord's calming presence with us.

Every blessing!

Tulian

Rev Julian Staniforth Rector& Priest-in-Charge of The Six benefice This month we are delighted to showcase a short story from 9 year old, budding local writer, David Appleyard.

THE OUTBREAK ON MARS

By David Appleyard

In 2024, the CEO of SpaceX decided to send the first humans to land on Mars. About 7 months later, the first ever humans stepped foot on the barren planet. Hermes had landed safely with 2 crew members and the Captain. The Captain of the rocket, Martin, said," The gods have landed."

The mission directors were really excited. First they set up the base pod, solar panels were put out and all the supplies were transferred from the shuttle to the pod. After that, they set up a massive telescope and looked at Jupiter, Earth and Earth's moon. The Captain's role was a botanist and he was the pilot of the Hermes space shuttle. After all the unloading, it was night time and they quickly rushed to the pod.

In the morning, they found a new mineral. The crew named the mineral Herminium. They found that the material could wipe out a whole planet (the leftover debris could make immense asteroids of it). The crew also found out it could be used as a replica of a hydrogen bomb. The cycle would repeat until the whole universe would be destroyed.

At NASA space station a new rocket called Ares was sent to Mars to find a new advanced life form. Just like SpaceX they found a new material. They named it Areminium. If they went back to Earth it could cause havoc so they did a little more research on Mars but when they put the Areminium close to the Herminium it caused a radioactive explosion. Demolishing Mars...

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David, aged 9 is in Year 5, lives in Iwade, and first began writing stories to share with family and friends at the age of 8. David enjoys football, golf, street dance, ninja classes, reading and especially loves to watch documentaries about space. David hopes to one day be an astronaut and write books about his experiences!

Upcoming services at All Saints' Church

Sunday April 5th Palm Sunday - Service
Fricay pril 5th Good Friday - Service
Sunday April 12th Faster Sunday - Service with Communion
Sunday April 19th - Service
Sunday April 26th - Service

Get Crafty at All Saints' Easter Craft Afternoon
On Wednesday 8th April at 2pm

Let's have some spring weather...

NHS Health Walks

By James Apps

Writing this during the middle of March, having spent some time in the garden at last sorting out the edging for my plant bed, and giving the green stuff a slash over with the mower, I reflect on the last few weeks of February. We had to abandon some of our walks due to the inclement weather. Eek! We have not often done that! At times we have cut them short, or chosen a more or less sheltered route. But now that Spring is almost here maybe we will be out in the fields bouncing with the lambs.

However, what we have seen so far is on the good days the display of daffodils and crocuses around the village and the hint of spring with Forsythia and Blackthorn popping out.

It's the soggy pathways, the flooding streams and soaked paddocks that keep us confined to the village or sheltering in the Mews Brewhouse.

The compensation is that as we wander around the village we see the gardens slowly awakening with early flowers opening and new growth, birds busy at their multiplication and cats sneaking around subtracting as many as they can. It's a tough life both for would-be walkers and animals as well.

And on top of all that we have a nasty virus to contend with.

NHS Health Walks - like to try a walk in the surrounding countryside? We meet every Thursday in the Village Square at 10:30 for a 10:45 start.

Men's Breakfast Club

By Ron Francis

A busy morning at the Men's Breakfast Club on Tuesday 3rd March.

Firstly, a request from our member Paul who was giving details of the Iwade Patients Participation group including a request for members to complete a survey; interesting to hear of their work to assist in promoting an improved surgery service.

This was followed by another member David who gave a brief history of aviation gliding from conception through to the eighties, closely followed, or should I say "taxied" by his own experiences as a glider pilot/instructor.David's passion and enthusiasm for aircraft and flying is always infectious.Both talks promoted lots of questions, discussion and made for a really interesting morning. Next month another of our members, Julian, is bringing along his vintage motorcycle for the morning and the following month, Geoff who is an artist will be discussing and showing his work. Is there no end to the talent in lwade?

Next meeting will be at the Barn 0930-1130 Tuesday April 7th. Our group is still growing, it's very informal, we have a lot of fun and everyone will receive a warm welcome.

NB – subsequent to this report from Ron, Covid 19 has taken hold and the April meeting is now cancelled. A decision will be taken with regard to the May meeting nearer the date.

Iwade Village Hall Update

The Annual General Meeting of the Iwade Village Hall management committee will be held onWednesday 6th May 2020 at 7PM in the Village Hall. All residents of Iwade over the age of 18 are welcome to attend. Please arrive by 6.50pm for a prompt 7pm start. The current committee welcomes new applications for trustees. Your interest must be emailed to chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk and received no later than 7pm on Tuesday 5th May 2020

It is difficult to make any future plans at the current time, and I'm sure things would have changed between me writing this and it going to print, but we do have a charity quiz night booked for18th April. If it becomes necessary to cancel this it will be announced on our Facebook page and on community pages. .

The market is due to take place on 12th April 10am-1pm with variety of stalls selling handmade goods, gifts, cakes, pies, preserves, fruit and vegetables and much more. Hot and cold drinks are available, along with bacon rolls and burgers. New stalls are always welcome, to book or for any other information please contact fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk

All information on events, regular clubs and booking the hall can be found at www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk or by contacting bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk and please also keep up to date on the Hall's Facebook page.

Please keep an eye on social media for any last-minute changes or cancellations as that will be updated regularly.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Wednesday 12 February 2020

Declarations of Interest and progress. School vehicle entrance, have is no mention of the Iwade Henge which **Dispensations**

interest in Item New Village Hall

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

seconded by Cllr. Langham, the Minutes Report of people in a garden late at kent-002003 of the Parish Council meeting held on night. Patrol attended, but no access the 8 January 2020 were agreed and gained. Crime report submitted. https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetec signed as a true transcript.

Visitors/Public Time

reported to the Police. A small sign has previous reported been chasing KCC to erect warning signs further issues. on the footpath but getting nowhere. Clerk to contact an Officer within KCC.

Planning Committee meeting.

Will update at next meeting and look at follows: possible locations for it to take place. It is disappointing that neither Iwade KCC/SW/0008/2020: Construction and a presence around Iwade on local issues and information sharing. Heavy Anti-Aircraft gun site.

updated Iwade school on response has already been identified. See: from Kent highways but not had a reply Cllr. Langham and Dollimore declared an nor no sign has gone up; will make more https://www.kentonline.co.uk/sittingbo

The PCSO written report – Crimes of unearthed-22497/ note: A young male was assaulted in https://www.ancient-origins.net/news- the village by people known Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and him. A crime report has been filed. neolithic-henge-and-barrow-uncovered-Burglary of a unit in an industrial estate, h/article-2725043/Stonehengeand a Transit van was stolen. Police discovered-KENT-Sacred-path-leadsare investigating. Anti-social behaviour Neolithic-circular-ditch-discoveredand other incidents of note: A male was Sittingbourne.html Visitors – A resident advised that he had spotted with a bow and arrows in a field There does not appear to be any registered with Speed Watch, after near Iwade. Male was spoken to and he mention of All Saints Church which is a reading the article in the Iwade has permission to practice in the grade I listed building or Coleshall Observer. He was advised that Cllr. farmer's field. Further issues with Farmhouse which is a grade II listed Langham is the Co-ordinator for the parking around school times. Patrols will building. The Council also feels that the lwade Scheme. Another resident be stepped up when possible to local creeks and Heritage walk routes attended and again raised the issue of counteract these. After a report of a should get greater emphasis. car drivers ignoring pedestrians when young person causing anti-social Another bit of interesting history not crossing into/out of the School vehicle behaviour in the village, a home visit mentioned - On the west bank at the far entrance. The resident himself had was conducted by the PCSO and strong end of the Swale is Deadman's Island. been hit by a vehicle and this was words of advice were given. Updates of Sailors who died from deadly diseases been erected just inside the gate patrols have been in the Ridham Dock advising drivers to take care as regards area, after reports of nuisance vehicles. Chetney Hill - an isolation hospital pedestrians, but the sign is only on one The PCSO attended a meeting with the (lazaret) for potential plague carriers side and not very visible - the companies in that area to discuss ways from abroad was started here in the Community Warden will speak to the to tackle the problem. In the last two 18th century but not finished, the soft School. The Community Warden has weeks, there have been no reports of mud put paid to it! Foreign vessels were

Matters Arising from the Minutes

County and Borough Councillors - Cllr New Councillor - Barry Smith was 19/506159/FULL: Erection of carriage Woodford had the Dunlin Walk welcome to the meeting, co-opted on to house outbuilding: 22 Teal Way Iwade application withdrawn from Swale's the Council and signed the Declaration Kent ME9 8QU - no comments. of Acceptance of Office.

Community Warden/PCSO - the Consultations - Minerals and Way Iwade Kent: Erection of 14 Community Warden reported - Free Waste/Swale Heritage Strategy - bungalows and chalet bungalows, Bike marking in Iwade, looking to have Following the January meeting, Clerk one during the Easter holiday on the advised that Councillors put forward no restricted 2nd of April. Had a meeting with Optivo comments as regards and Minerals and accommodation for those over the age and boys to men (djproject) to see if it's Waste; she did send a response of 55, together with 21 communal car possible for a 6-week program in Iwade. regarding the Heritage Strategy as park spaces and amenity space - no

Been working late Tuesday and making nor Bobbing are included as operation of an Incinerator Bottom Ash shops Conservation areas. The only reference (IBA) recycling facility: Plot 6B Ridham and areas in Iwade. Working with PCSO in the report to Iwade appears to be the Dock Estate, Iwade, Kent ME9 8FQ -

youth It speaks about future discoveries of Parish Council Members expressed

urne/news/iwade-neolithic-hengeto history-archaeology/6000-year-old-

issues: More while in quarantine were buried here.

also held in nearby Stangate Creek under quarantine restrictions.

19/505215/FULL: Land Off Sheppey which will provide general market comments.

Agreed to respond as follows:

engagement officer next week on sites of archaeological interest but there concern that, yet another facility of this

type will be located at Ridham Dock. i.e. roads, Doctors, etc. Members also However, we note that most of the wished to add that no construction material for processing will be generated should take place until work has by Kemsley SEP and Wheelabrator commenced on the Grovehurst Kemsley North so the HGV movements Interchange, Key Street Roundabout and will be via Swale Way and Barge Way hopefully Junction 5 of the M2. and the export of processed material will Furthermore, it is noted that although be by barge. If the development doesn't the plans state that the flats will be 2.5 go ahead the bottom ash generated by stories the elevations definitely show 3 both plants will need to be transported stories and as they are to be built in via the A249/M2 adding to an already blocks of 2 they will dominate the skyline overloaded network. Members asked as you enter the village. Elsewhere in for further information relating to the the village flats are 2.5 stories high so following, as this is not contained within that they do not impose on the skyline the Planning paperwork:

the ash will need to be transported for borne in mind when considering the further processing so what are the amended plans? expected traffic movements?

Our main concern is dust from both Projects/Project Updates unprocessed and processed ash. In the Festive Lights - Clerk and Cllr. Dollimore past Iwade village has suffered badly to meet with a representative from Gala from dust from the Ridham Dock area Lights on the 10 February, to discuss this and you are aware that Ridham sits on year's project. the edge of the SSSI/Ramsar site with New Projects 2020/21 - To look at highly protected species; therefore -

facilities on site?

According to the Bottom Ash Fact Sheet, (Sanderling Road end) - Clerk speaking processed ash needs to age and stabilise to KCC regarding this. before use so will this aging take place New Village Hall - A new Village Hall on site?

to provide first floor accommodation Council's behalf. and erection of a two-storey front extension: 9 School Lane Iwade Any Other Matters Arising Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RS - no Cllrs. Langham and Clark attended the comments.

The objections/comments lodged with you areas of 'evidence of need'. on the 13 June 2019, still stand. Village Hall Car Park repairs, place on Furthermore, Councillors have grave March Agenda. concerns over the lack of infrastructure,

and merge more with surrounding We assume that extracted metals from properties. Can this important point be

planting Hornbean Trees along the a) How will unprocessed ash be stored? footpath that leads up to the Cairn. b) Will there be dust suppression To look at installing a Village Sign on the

Gateway entrance, Sheppey Way

forms part of the Grovehurst Development (contained within Swale **20/500119/FULL:** Conversion of Borough Council's current Local Plan). attached garage into a habitable space The Hall Committee and the Parish and storage space: 25 Ringlet Grove Council have been invited to and have Iwade Kent ME9 8XE - agreed to been looking at plans for the new respond - There is a need to ensure building and had input in its design and there is sufficient parking (no caravans), requirements for the village. Members at least two spaces for car use. The agreed to sign the Heads of Terms and Parish Council has no other objections. that Whitehead Monckton (Solicitors) 20/500029/FULL: Raising the roof height will be engaged to act on the Parish

Community Safety meeting last month, 19/501332/FULL: Erection of 70 where there was a presentation by Kent dwellings accessed from Grovehurst Police. Swale has one of the lowest knife Road; public open & amenity space; crimes in Kent. The Community Safety with associated landscaping & ecological Partnership is concentrating on domestic enhancement works; drainage; utilities; abuse crime, ASB, and working with the and internal access roads, footpaths, Police, Borough Council, County Council, cycleways & parking: Land at Pond Farm Probation Officers and Housing Grovehurst Road Iwade Kent -agreed to Associations. CCTV is going to be Council's reduced in some areas as it has to be in

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IWADE PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE OF VACANCIES

NOTICE is hereby given that two vacancies have occurred in the membership of the above Parish Council.

Under the Local Government Act 1972, ten electors can petition for an election by writing to the Proper Officer at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT within 14 working days of the date of this Notice. If no petition is received within that time period, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-opting a person onto the parish council.

Persons wishing to be considered for this appointment should apply in writing to the Clerk to the Parish Council as soon as possible but no later than:-

27 April 2020

Written applications should be made to the Clerk at the following address: -

Iwade Parish Council 53 Springvale, Iwade Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8RX Or by e-mail: <u>Clerk@iwade-pc.gov.uk</u>

> Dated this 12 March 2020 Signed: Lynda Fisher

> > Parish of Iwade