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Editor's Note

We had so much to cram in to this months, thanks as always to everyone who contributed, we wouldn't have a news letter without you! If you have a news item you would like us to include please send us an email- we'd love to hear from you at the.iwade.observer@gmail.com! There's no Iwade Observer in January, so our next issue is in February. Until then, have a wonderful Christmas Iwade, and a very Happy New Year! Mel, Rynn, Ben and Nicola

Help The Herons

With Xmas coming any online shopping you fancy doing, give a thought for using the club cashback function simply click through via www.iwadeheronsfc.co.uk/club/Cashback to the shop you need, no extra cost to you. Any help you can offer will be gratefully received by the Herons. Support the local football team simply by shopping, easy! -Ed

Iwade Observer

December 2014



Santa had a very busy Christmas in Iwade last year delivering lots of gifts to children all round the village. See inside for all the details of Santa's plans for his visit to Iwade this year.

Iwade Village Christmas Market

from Rachel Rook

Please make a date to visit the Christmas Market which is on the 14th December. Great stalls, great products, and great prices - don't miss it!! We now have no spaces left inside the hall but if anyone would like a stall outside please email: iwademarket@outlook.com

A message from Father Christmas

I am extremely busy at the North Pole, making sure all the presents, including yours, are ready and wrapped for Christmas Eve.

It's a very exciting time for all; Rudolph and I can't wait to land at your home with all your gifts. Rudolph is especially looking forward to eating the carrots you kindly leave and maybe a mince pie for me...

Be good and enjoy your holidays,
Santa

To ensure Santa receives your letter on time please can you send to this address:

Father Christmas,
Santa's Grotto,
Reindeerland,
XM4 5HQ

Santa will respond to as many letters as possible, in between getting the sleigh ready for the long journey on Christmas Eve.

To receive your card back from Santa, please make sure you write to him using the correct address on a stamped envelope. Don't forget Santa needs to know your full name and address to reply.

Santa is happy to receive your cards and letters now but because of a very busy Xmas ahead could you please write to him by no later than Saturday 6th December.

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‘Locally sourced food, drink, CRAFTS, bouncy castle & more for the whole family’

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CHRISTMAS MARKET
SUNDAY
14TH DECEMBER
FROM 10AM

Come see Santa in his Grotto

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‘grow your community, shop locally’

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Tinkerbells Early Years

A fun and exciting term is underway and being enjoyed by all. The children have been very busy this term with the run up to Christmas and have been taking part in Winter and Christmas activities. They have been creating their own snowflakes, decorating chocolate yule logs, making Christmas table decorations and our story theme for the term is 'Father Christmas needs a wee'.

The Children have also been really busy practising for our up and coming Christmas nativity and Christmas carol concert, which we are sure will be enjoyed by all involved. Our Christmas fair was a great success and would like to thank everyone that attended and we would also like to thank the local businesses that kindly donated prizes for our raffle.

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Our waiting list for September 2015 is growing rapidly so would just like to remind everyone that should you require your child to be put on our waiting list for September sessions then please do so ASAP to avoid any disappointment. Finally we would like to inform you all that at the end of last term we had our Ofsted inspection and we are extremely pleased to announce that we were graded 'Outstanding' and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that either personally congratulated us or left messages on our Tinkerbells Facebook page. Tinkerbells would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Congratulations to all the staff at Tinkerbells on your amazing Ofsted report! We always knew you were 'outstanding!' -Ed

News from Iwade W.I.

Sue Wall

At our October meeting we had a talk about "Creepy Kent" by Neil Arnold which certainly lived up to its title. Whether details are true or false, I certainly won't be going to Bluebell Hill or Pluckley in the dead of night any time soon! Our competition to make a Halloween Mask was won by Sandra Wilkinson.

Four members of Iwade WI joined other members of The East Kent Federation for a visit to the Poppy Factory at Richmond where they had a tour and each made their own poppy.

In November we held our AGM to elect the new committee for 2015. This was followed by an enjoyable game of Rummikub plus a look at the program for 2015 for members approval.

For December we are looking forward to our Christmas meal, cooked and served for us by "Kate's Classic Catering" from Higham, which I'm sure we will

enjoy. Instead of sending each other Christmas Cards we have decided to donate £1 each to the Iwade Church funds.

Then, as if we haven't had enough food over Christmas & the new year, for our January meeting we are going to The Coniston Hotel to celebrate Iwade WI's 83rd Birthday. Should be fun... Want to join us for 2015? Give us a try, we meet on the third Wednesday of each month at Iwade Village Hall at 7.30pm... Further details please contact Glenn Walters on 01795 436515.



Wednesday 3rd December 19:00-22:00

Girls Night In-Festive Fair

In the Village Hall, £2.50 per ticket available from Iwade Pharmacy or via Iwade Does Facebook

Thursday 4th December 11:15-11:25

Mobile Library

At the Springvale end of Sheerstone

Wednesday 10th December 19:30

Iwade Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 13th December 14:30 and 17:30

Pyramid Productions present Aladdin!

See poster for details

Sunday 14th December 10:00

Iwade Christmas Market

Monday 15th December 18:00

1st Iwade Scouts Carol Service

As is tradition 1st Iwade Scouts, Cubs and Beavers will be singing carols at the Seed of Hope in the Orchard Edge estate (follow Monins Road down from Iwade Health Centre) and would be delighted if you would like to join them. 6pm start then on to All Saints Church for refreshments. All welcome, the more the merrier! Hoping for better weather than last year!

Wednesday 17th December | W.I. Christmas Party

If you would like to join the Iwade W.I. or find out more contact their Secretary Glenn by telephone on 01795 436515 or by email at gk.charisma@sky.com

Thursday 18th December 11:15-11:25

Mobile Library

Thursday 18th December 19:00

Carol Singing around Iwade

Meet at the Woolpack at 7pm, sing carols around the village then back to church for mince pies and mulled wine.

Saturday 20th December 19:00

Brass Band Carol Concert

At All Saints Church. Tickets in advance or on the night. £5 per person, light refreshments, raffle, advance tickets from Pamela Horner on 01795 437026

Sunday 21st December 10:45 | All Age Service

At All Saints Church. All welcome.

Sunday 21st December 16:00 | Christingle

Traditional Family Service at All Saints Church. All welcome. Proceeds will go to an Ebola cause.

Wednesday 24th December 17:00

Christmas Eve Carol Service

Always a lovely way to start Christmas, tickets for the All Saints Church Iwade Carols and Lessons available early December from church (01795 470418). All welcome.

Wednesday 24th December 23:00

Christmas Eve Communion

At All Saints Church with Rev Julian Staniforth leading us into Christmas Day. All welcome.

Thursday 25th December 10:00

Christmas Day Church Service

All Age Christmas Day Service at All Saints Church.

Wednesday 14th January 19:30

Iwade Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 15th and 29th January 11:15-11:25

Mobile Library

At Iwade School
Saturday 13th December
Showings at 2:30 and 5:30
£5 per ticket
 (under 3's free if sitting on an adults lap)
Tickets on sale at the school office to all members of the public



The Loneliness of the Long Distance Cyclist!

Matt Griffiths, who recently moved from Iwade undertook a 100 mile charity cycle ride from Iwade to Brighton with Stuart Smith. Matt raised a total of £474 for MacMillan Research, while Stuart rode for Help the Heroes.

Matt would like to thank everyone who donated to MacMillan, a cause that is close to his heart. Your support was invaluable.

Ann Summers discount

Iwade Ann Summers rep Kirstie George is offering Iwade residents 10% off when quoting The Observer - to book a party or order products contact Kirstie at

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnSummersPartiesKent>,
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A new discovery at All Saints Church by Graeme Horner

We recently had a visit from Alan Anstey who is the representative of the Kent churches graffiti survey responsible for the churches of the benefice of The Six. At the beginning of November he had been recording ancient graffiti at All Saints and made a remarkable discovery! A scratched graffiti located in the centre of the main church door, but unnoticed by everyone, has at last been identified.

His photograph shows the clear image of a boat together with the two initials 'J' and 'G' and a number '68'.

It has long been known that a scratched image of a boat is a memorial to a person who has died - often a maritime death. Usually the boat is shown with an anchor cable but ours does not have this. The form of the boat is similar to Norfolk boats of the past or even of small, Dutch sailing ships.

A possible scenario for this image has been suggested ... in 1667 the Dutch invaded and captured part of Sheerness Fort and sailed up the Medway to destroy much of the British fleet. The suggestion is that our scratched image records the subsequent death, in 1668, of a seaman injured in this battle.

This is an attractive theory but incapable of proof. Our limited burial records of the 17th century do not show

anyone with those initials being buried at Iwade at this time.

Why not try and identify this ancient graffiti on your next visit to the church?



Santa Does Iwade

Last year saw us deliver over 220 presents to the children of Iwade, although we are on a smaller scale this year, Santa does Iwade is back visiting houses, but only a chosen few on the morning of Christmas Day. If you want a chance to receive a special visit this year, then you will need to follow the following steps:

Iwade Pharmacy will be selling raffle tickets from the 15th November at £1 each. These tickets will enter you into two draws!

The 1st draw will take place on the 10th December, we will pull 8 lucky tickets, which if you win, will allow you to book a visit on Christmas Day morning! Each visit will be charged at £50 per household, with all profits going to Macmillan.

Santa's elves will provide you with a personal Santa sack, you can fill this with as many presents as you wish, Santa's elves will then collect your presents, wrap them in our signatory Christmas wrapping paper and on Christmas Day, Santa and his elves will come and visit you to deliver them.

A 2nd draw will take place on the 20th December, this will

Iwade Village Hall Andy Jennings

This year has seen significant change for the village hall. Even though we are expecting a new hall at some point in the future, we still need to look after the one we have.

The hall has seen new electrics, new paint and general repairs, all of which have received compliments from regular users and hirers alike.

We have also seen a new committee working alongside volunteers from the village, all coming together to arrange village hall events like the "Ladies Night" a few months ago.

I stood down as Chairman at the AGM, with Alex Dollimore being voted in as the new chair. Alex will push the hall forward for 2015.

The village market has moved to bi-monthly with new stalls and attractions for the village. The market manager Rachel Rook has secured some great stalls and we now have a food catering van at each market providing excellent food.

Rachel is standing down as Market manager this year, and the new Hall chairman Alex will take the lead and continue with Rachel's excellent work.

The hall will host its Christmas Market on December the 14th ;there will be plenty of stalls and Christmas goodies, plus Iwade's own "Santa does Iwade" will be there with their grotto and elves to speak with the children.

The Market is dependent on the village, the support shown over the last 6 months has been amazing, please continue to support us, so that the Market remains and grows.

A big thank you to the committee, past and present for their hard work, dedication and for supporting me in the changes made.

I look forward to supporting Alex in 2015 with both the hall and the Iwade Village market.

by Andy Jennings

give your child or children a chance to ride on Santa's sleigh around the village on Xmas Eve! Yes, Santa and his elves will be coming to Iwade on Xmas Eve with his sleigh. The funds raised on Christmas Eve will again help support Macmillan, but will also help us raise funds for another cause - Lucy and Morgan's journey to Morocco.

Santa does Iwade will also be at the Christmas Iwade village market on the 14th December, which will be followed by a sleigh ride around the village to support the Sittingbourne Xmas lights and Macmillan nurses.

More details will be made available on IDF and www.santa2u.co.uk, you can also follow Lucy and Morgan's bid to raise funds for their charity trip at <https://www.facebook.com/Westlandsmorocco2015>

This will be our last year living in the village, and we thank all our volunteers who have made the dreams of the children of Iwade come true. We will be back, so look out for next year's November Observer and IDF!

Nice to see Santa getting ready for next year already! -Ed

More success for Iwade's Harrison Hoad!

Following on from last month's report on Harrison's success at the South East Regional finals at Woking, the Nationals loomed at Birmingham on 7th November. Competing against the best boys at his level in the UK, Harrison managed to place in 18th position in the individual rankings and also assisted Team South East in gaining them an accumulative score of 245.500 which earned them 3rd position and Bronze medal status. He had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

(Brilliant work Harrison - we look forward to more news from you in the years to come)

Christmas at All Saints Church Iwade

by Stephen Plumb

We are pleased that a number of community groups and organisations are holding their own carol services/nativities in the Church again this year. Perhaps your group would like to next year!

The Church is hosting a variety of services/events in December to help us remember Christ at Christmas.

Thursday 18th December - Carol singing around the village for about 90 minutes. Meet at the Woolpack 7pm (mulled wine and mince pies after in church)
Open to anyone and everyone.

Saturday 20th December at 7pm. The UK Paper Band Christmas Carol Concert, tickets £5 including refreshments (available early December).

In the last couple of years the Christingle Service has been very popular. Christingle this year is on Sunday 21st December at 4pm. Each child receives a Christingle at this service and donations will go to a cause supporting Ebola.

Two services on Christmas Eve. Carols and Lessons at 5pm - tickets will be available early December from the church (01795 470418). Then at 11pm, a Carols and Communion Service, with Rev. Julian Staniforth leading us into Christmas Day.

On Christmas Day there will be an All Age Celebration at 10.00 am

Plenty of opportunities to take some time out from all the 'Christmas rush' and join with others in singing some of your favourite carols, in your parish church.

Happy Christmas.

NB Advance date for diary - February 28th - Quiz - full details TBA - see Observer Feb 2015

Iwade Health Centre by IHC PPG (Patient Participation Group)

Need a regular appointment?

If you need to book a regular appointment with a GP at Iwade Health Centre and have access to the internet, why not try the online booking system?

It can all be set up easily after you have visited IHC to receive a password and will stop the need for you to call or visit. Not only can you book regular appointments that way, you can also change them, cancel them and order repeat prescriptions.

Do you need a GP?

Contrary to popular belief, a GP may not be needed if you feel unwell. You could get advice from Iwade Pharmacy in some instances, or maybe a nurse at IHC could help you?

Please ask the receptionist if a different health care practitioner may suit your needs as it could free up the GP appointments for those who must see a GP.

Please don't forget your appointment!

The amount of appointments we lose to people who do not turn up for them is rising to an alarming level. In particular this is people who have appointments booked for a few weeks ahead, but we also have people not turning up for on the day appointments. Every one we lose is one we could have offered to another person, so please remember to cancel if you can't make it! Coming soon hopefully, will be a text message system to send reminders to patients the day before their appointment. For this to work though, IHC needs to have your most up to date information, so if you're passing, please pop in and update your contact details.

Holiday closing and staff training dates

IHC will be closed for the holidays on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. For appointments on these days, please make 111 your first port of call. It will also be closed for staff training on 21st Jan and 26th Feb.

From everyone at IHC and the PPG, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Superfast Broadband Update

Openreach has confirmed that it is planning to build a 2nd fibre cabinet to deal with the problem of full capacity on the Ferry Road broadband cabinet which may have caused some of you issues in signing up to superfast broadband. Openreach expect it to be ready in February/March 2015 so watch this space or keep an eye on IwadeVillage.co.uk for key updates.

Nicola McKenzie

ps If you are on facebook and want to make sure you get updates to IwadeVillage.co.uk direct to your news feed remember to 'like' facebook.com/IwadeVillage.co.uk or follow @IwadeVillage on twitter.

Burglars mess with your head not just your home

Kent Police is asking residents to take simple measures to protect themselves from becoming a victim of burglary.

Overall the force has seen a positive decrease in this type of crime, but statistics show that the number of reports can increase during the autumn months.

Most burglaries happen during daylight hours, with offences often peaking at about 11am, so while you're hard at work, burglars are too. Most burglars are opportunists, which means it is important to ensure the security measures taken at night are also taken before you leave home in the morning. From experience, the police know burglary can leave victims feeling scared and anxious long after the crime has been committed.

To help reduce the risk of becoming a burglary victim officers are asking residents to work with them by following these key principles:

Light it- Light dark or hidden entrances with low wattage security lighting

Use timer switches to turn on lights/radio – invest in a 24-hour segment timer for under £5. Remember to use an energy efficient light bulb

Lock it- Keep your front and back windows and doors locked (double lock uPVC)

Keep side gates locked – burglars often break into homes

from the garden where they have less chance of being seen. If bins are emptied before you leave for work return them to your garden – they can be used as climbing aids if left on display

Instead use bins as obstructions in side entrances

Trim high hedging/plant growth – they could provide cover for a burglar

Secure your garage and shed – items inside can be just as tempting and can even be used to break in

If you get the train ensure your car is locked, windows are closed and keys are not left on display through windows

Don't keep large amounts of money or jewellery at home. If you have to, use a safe that is stored out of sight and fixed to a solid floor

List it- All valuable items should be registered for free on www.immobilise.com – logging details helps police to return them to you if they are found or seized. These include:

Expensive jewellery and antiques; Bicycles; Laptops, desktop computers and tablets; Mobile phones and MP3 players; Home entertainment systems including TVs and games consoles.

If you would like to find out more about protecting your property, visit www.kent.police.uk/burglary

Iwade Reading Group

Hilary Foulds

December's Book of the Month is *Birdsong* by Sebastian Faulks in recognition of the World War 1 centenary. (Currently only £2.49 - Kindle edition.)

The book combines a rewarding read with an unflinching war story and a touching romance. Our hero finds his true love on a trip to Amiens in 1910. Unfortunately, she's already married, to a wealthy textile baron. He convinces her to leave her life of passionless comfort to be at his side, but things do not turn out according to plan. He is haunted by this doomed affair and carries it with him into the trenches of the war. *Birdsong* derives most of its power from its descriptions of mud and blood, and our hero's attempt to retain a scrap of humanity while surrounded by it.

This month the Reading Group is also taking the opportunity to re-visit Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

We'll be discussing our thoughts about the books over lunch at The Woolpack on Tuesday 23 December. Well, it is Christmas after all! Merry Christmas everyone and we hope you get some good books in your Christmas stocking. We'd love to hear about them on Iwade Does Facebook's Reading Group. If you are interested in joining us at one of our meetings, held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, please phone Hilary on 474656.

MANSFIELD DRIVE WEEDSCREEN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - UPDATE

Ben Conway - Environment Agency

The project to improve the Mansfield Drive weedscreen has progressed very well since the article in September's edition of the Observer. The design has been finalized and is currently being fabricated in preparation for installation to commence on Monday 24 November. The replacement gantry will have a 35% larger working platform than the current bridge and an updated handrail allowing the screen to be cleared in a much safer and more effective manner.

To reduce costs and time on-site we will re-use the concrete pads from the existing bridge. Despite this change the new gantry will not be a crossing point of the stream. As detailed before, future maintenance funding cannot be guaranteed and without funding the new structure could become a health and safety risk like the existing bridge and this is clearly not something we can expose users to.

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding this work please do not hesitate to get in touch using the following details.

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IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2014

Creative Art & Places: Swale & Medway

Prior to the meeting 'Sam' from Creative People and Places addressed those present. She explained that two years ago the Art Council of England carried out an overview of where money was being spent throughout the U.K. and particular areas which applied for more grants, and they decided they would accept bids from consortiums, Swale CVS and Medway CVS was included. The main push of all of the work is that it comes from the community and decisions are made with communities. Funding is available for projects and a member of The Barn Trust put forward a possible proposal for a *Son et Lumière*, which the Chair thought was a good idea to progress. For more information visit <http://www.iwadevillage.co.uk>.

Visitors/Public Time

The power cuts caused by a generator linked to a substation was raised.

Community Warden/PCSO

Nick's report has been circulated to Members and contents noted, issues covered fly tipping instances in Ferry Road, vehicles parking on pavements, litter and overgrown footpaths.

Persimmon Development

Members had a meeting with James Freeman, Jim Wilson and Andy Jeffers of Swale Borough Council's Planning Department regarding enforcement and received some very positive comments. It was agreed that the Parish Council needs to report incidents (which it has been doing over the past year) and this needs to be backed up with evidence, e.g. photographs or video. Planning is looking into conditions, etc. and has promised to come back within two weeks to confirm what the points were and how they are going to go forward. They did mention that action could be taken. Cllr. Gale advised that Lorries are using School Lane again.

Countrystyle Update

Cllr. Mitchell is aware of smells in Murston and Sittingbourne which are coming from the site. He is trying to arrange a meeting with the EA to discuss the issue.

Grass Cutting/Verges

Nothing further heard from Swale Council; need to chase as hedges still have not been cut; confirm that the new cutting schedule for grass is in place and arrange a 'walk around' with Alan Marolia.

Iwade 20 mph

Agreed not to progress this due to huge costs involved, which would have to be paid by the Parish Council, with no support from Kent County Council.

Christmas Tree and Electrics

Persimmon are donating £200 towards the cost of this year's Christmas tree and the Clerk will now place the order for a 20 foot tree. 'Happy Days' have shown an interest and are proposing a 'switch on' on Sunday 30th November, at 5.00 p.m.; they will open up their site and also provide hot dogs. Cllr. Hunt to order a sign and look towards purchasing some white fencing to surround the tree. A budget of £200 has already been agreed for items relating to the tree. Cllr. Gale advised that the electrics are in hand.

Emergency Plan

Agreed not to pursue the purchase of Flood Sax due to the huge cost implications and only having a shelf life of five years.

Community Warden Consultation

Members were very concerned about the proposals and do not want to lose the services of Nick Mayatt, our community Warden, who is an asset to the village. It was agreed to put a link to the consultation on 'Iwade Does

Facebook', place an article in Iwade Observer; place notices in the Medical Centre, Woolpack Public House and other shops. Also agreed Members would respond individually and the Parish Council to complete the questionnaire and also write to each of the KCC Cabinet Members. Parish Councillors will also get parents to sign a petition outside the School.

Obtaining Listed Building Status for Kingsferry Bridge

Members agreed to approach English Heritage with a request that Kingsferry Bridge is given Listed Building Status and to get SBC to support this request.

Ward Homes – Surplus Land

It is understood that Ward Homes are considering selling the land they own to the rear of The Woolpack; the Chairman to arrange a meeting with Wards to look into this further.

Defibrillator

Cllr. Gale to approach the School, who can apply for funding from the British Heart Foundation; Clerk to approach the Medical Centre to explore the possibility of siting one there.

The Barn

Wards have now allowed access so that work can commence internally. Have been having a few issues with the electricity supply; have been chasing to see what is happening with the outside cladding.

Any Other Matters Arising

Cllr. Rook resigned from the Village Hall Committee due to some concerns. Clerk to discuss with Action for Communities in Rural Kent and report back. Next meeting is on 10 December 2014 @ 7.30pm in the Iwade Village Hall. Minutes can be found online at IwadeVillage.co.uk on the Council page.