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# Iwade Observer

**July/August 2016** 

# The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

### "STREET PARTY" @ ALL SAINTS By Nigel Downes

Three marquees were erected on the Saturday beforehand to ensure our "street party" was weather proof. In the event the weather held off and by the afternoon we were blessed with sun. The sides of the marquees all came off as we enjoyed a veritable feast, in the increasing warmth, provisioned by the wonderful ladies of Iwade WI. The afternoon started with a fantastic rousing performance of songs from the recently formed 'Iwade Can Sing' choir, and the uniformed brigades provided an opportunity for creative hands with their tent of art and craft games, and cake and biscuit decorating.

Everyone enjoyed skipping and parachute games amid gales of laughter. All in all a great afternoon was had by all and a fitting tribute to HM The Queen's 90th Birthday Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

#### THE ALLOTMENTS

By John Exley

Like many other British citizens members of Iwade Allotment Association met to celebrate our Queen's 90th birthday. Although the weather was questionable we all gathered with friends and family to have a good time. It may have looked as though Her Majesty had joined us for the afternoon; she remained very still and continually smiled at us as we enjoyed our picnic and BBQ. Of course it was just a cardboard cut-out but the children thought it was good fun!

The children were full of energy and made the most of judging the scarecrows and pinning the tail on the donkey; we could not find a corgi and maybe Her Majesty would not be amused. As far as the allotments go and despite the weather the planting and growing season is well on its way. If any villager is interested in joining our waiting list please contact me; the list is short. Anyone one wanting to have a look around the allotments just needs to contact me.

# Fun at the street party



The Queen's Birthday "street party" celebrations at the church saw the first performance of the new Iwade Can Sing Choir under the leadership of T Jae Cole.

After only four weeks practise they gave an inspiring performance to about 100 onlookers to kick start the "street party" and certainly created a party atmosphere that literally saw the audience "dancing in the aisles"

The choir is continuing to meet at All Saints' Church on Monday evenings from 7pm and are now preparing for their next performance on July 14th. Why not come along and give it a try: T Jae brings out the best of whatever ability you have, in a fun environment.

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#### Iwade gets a make-over - Village Clean Up

Iwadians turned out in force again on May 22nd to give our lovely village a spring clean. Dozens of bags of litter were collected by a willing band of villagers dressed in hiviz jackets and armed with



litter pickers leaving Iwade sparkling and ready for the summer sun (when will that happen?)



Thanks to everyone who turned out, and to the Parish Council for organising the event - look out for the

next clean-up occasion and let's see if we can get even more What can you expect from this year's 5th Anniversary villagers to turn out so we can reach the parts other village clean-ups don't reach!

#### **Iwade ROC Café Taster Day**

"On Tuesday 31st May Iwade ROC Café held its Taster Day for young people in Iwade between the ages of 10 and 13. On a miserable day we had an impressive climbing wall as an outdoor attraction, a Street Dance workshop and a huge range of indoor games, crafts and activities as well as the obligatory Tuck Shop!

whole two hours scaling it; Stephen and Dawn also gave it their best shot! The girls (boys weren't excluded!!) enjoyed the Street Dance workshop, which again Stephen and Dawn (weary from the climbing wall!) joined in with - boy can they move!!

The afternoon provided Iwade ROC Café with an opportunity to Still need tickets? and activities that they now have, together with their very extensive visit range of Tuck Shop goodies! We hope that very soon ROC Café will be starting its regular weekly slot - watch this space!'





#### **LOCAL PLAN - HOUSING LAND** ALLOCATION

In readiness to respond to Swale Borough Council, following the release of details relating to the allocation of sites proposed for future housing, the Parish Council is looking to set up a Working Party, comprising of Parish Councillors and ten residents hopefully each representing a different sector of the village to sit down and look at the Local Plan consultation documents. The Working Party is planning to meet at 7.30 p.m. during one evening of the week beginning 4th July in readiness to take all comments forward to the Parish Council meeting on the 13th July. If you would like to volunteer; can spend time reading what will be over 389 pages of details and are happy to sit on the Working Party, then please email the Clerk at <a href="mailto:iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk">iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk</a>; with name and where vou live.

#### Iwade Rocks!!

It's that time of year again! Saturday 23rd July sees the 5th annual charity music festival return to the school field following a year's break.

Festival I hear vou ask!

10 bands to suit all tastes from 12 noon till 10pm.

A plethora of food and drink outlets to keep you fed and

Loads of entertainment for the kids with an inflatable zone, sweet stalls, face painting little competitions run throughout the day to keep your little ones occupied.

A regular bar and a cocktail bar with a specialist coffee Two of the boys so loved the climbing wall that they spent the hut, food including hog roast, curry, jacket potatoes, vegan burger bar and the like.

> This year's festival is raising money for Demelza House, The Iwade Herons and Timu Academy - three great beneficiaries.

Visit the website :showcase all the sports and craft equipment, indoor games www.iwaderockfest.co.uk for more information and or the Facebook page on www.facebook.com/iwaderock

Adults £7, children under 16 £2, and a family ticket (2+)

Be quick as we only have 300 pre-sale tickets remaining. There will be a limited amount available on the gate. Gates open at 11am on the day. Be sure to be a part of Swales' number one music festival...



#### Animals, flowers and Gruffalos at Tinkerbell's!! from Jody Paine

We have had a very busy and exciting term 5 at TinkerbellIs. The children took part in many activities related to our topic 'Animals', and many of them brought in pictures of their pets at home to share and use for our display. They have also been quite busy planting some wild flowers in our garden. They are now starting to grow and the children continue to enjoy looking after them. For our cooking activity, they made yummy 'Gruffalo crumble' which they enjoyed as part of our book theme for the

The topic for this term is 'Summer and healthy living' and the children are already taking part in many topic related activities. We will be doing a Sponsored Walk and will also be holding a sports day for all families to enjoy. We will also be preparing our older children for going to big school and will be holding a graduation to celebrate their journey and wish them well.

All our sessions at Tinkerbell's are currently full and we would like to take this opportunity to advise anyone wishing to put their child's name down for our September intake, that we are now full until September 2017 at Iwade, however there are a few spaces available at our Clock Tower setting from September 2016. Please feel free to email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk for more information.





#### 10 Years of Ickle Pickles - Charity Fête

Hannah Williams

This is going to be a very busy couple of months for Ickle Pickles! We are proud to celebrating 10 years since opening in July, and a part of our celebrations be holding Charity Nursery Fete in Iwade Village Hall or Sunday 17th July 11am 2pm. We are very lucky to

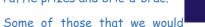


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have already received lots of support and donations from local businesses and parents and will be very grateful fo anymore! We are collectin bottles, filled jars and teddies for the tombolas as well as raffle prizes and bric-a-brac.



like to thank are Children's Parties R Us who are generously donating a bouncy castle for the day, Mews Brewhouse who have donated an afternoon tea as a raffle prize, Stephen Jordan who is bringing along his fire engine, Iwade Rocks for their donation of a family ticket and Pets at Home for the vouchers.

The fete is open to everyone and there will also be teas and coffees, cakes, sweets, hook-a-duck, 'Beat the goalie', a real-life 'Elsa' greeting children, raffles, tombolas, face painting and hopefully a BBQ. The proceeds are being split between the Brompton Fountain charity - a charity who have provided lots of support to one of our staff and her daughter who has a heart condition, and to buy something to commemorate our 10 years for the children at Ickle Pickles so please please come along and

Around this busy project we also have Father's Day breakfasts, our annual Kent Life trip and the Nursery Graduation so hopefully we can update our next article with lots of photos!

Thank you in advance for everyone's support over the last 10 years - it has been an honour to know and grow so many children, parents and families and we are looking forward to 10 more successful years!



#### **The Whistling Postman**

By The Rev'd Ron Partridge

Hero worship – probably we all have our heroes. One local hero of mine is The Whistling Postman, Dale Howting. You may have seen him sitting astride his stationary bicycle, with its big, black charity box, on Friday or Saturday in Sittingbourne High Street or in Homebase. Weather, health, and holidays permitting, he tries not to let a day pass without going out somewhere on his mission.

Originally, Dale was a postman who whistled loudly and cheerfully as he cycled around his route. But a complaint led to the Post Office instructing him to maintain silence on one section of his circuit. The resulting notoriety eventually gave rise to the lifelong charity drive of The Whistling Postman.

Over the years, his goal became to collect £250,000 before his 80th birthday. He reached his charity target in August 2014, and his target birthday in September of that year. He had been honoured in 2012 by carrying the Olympic Torch for Sittingbourne, carrying it into Birchington-on-sea. In May 2013, he presented the torch to the Mayor of Swale to be on permanent display.

But all this hasn't slowed him down. On Fridays and Saturdays, you can still see him, cheerful and friendly, at one of his accustomed posts.



Crochet classes have been continuing at All Saints' every Tuesday under the tutelage of Maria Downes. The photo show Maria with a couple of "crocheters" about to get down to some serious crochetin' (apologies to Steve Wright). Look out for more classes coming, or if you want, come along every Friday between 09:30 and 11:30 for a Knit and Natter (and of course crochet).

There always seems to be copious amounts of cake and coffee so worth going for that reason alone.



Whistling Postman.

During the Queen's Birthday Celebrations, he was out in fine style, his bicycle bedecked with the Union Jack, and with all four national flags. Dale is still going strong, not giving up his mission, just because one goal was reached, but reaching out for more.

for Sittingbourne, carrying it into Birchington-on-sea. In May 2013, he presented the torch to the Mayor of Swale to constant in well doing, and never to think you have done it all, but to press on to win the final crown. God grant Dale many more years of bringing cheer to the High Street, and charity to all the good causes he supports.

### Pop-Up Art Exhibition and Readings in a Country Church



Back again for its third annual appearance in Iwade is Sheppey Prom's Pop-Up Art Exhibition and Readings in a Country Church. the event will take place at All Saints' on August 13th from 10:30

This event has proved very popular in the past and this is a great opportunity to view and purchase some brilliant art from local (including Iwade) artists.

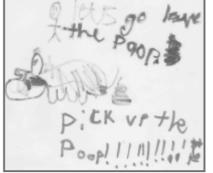
This year's theme is Flights of Fancy and is presented by the Sheppey Writers' Group who would welcome any contributions either to the Pop-Up Art or to the Readings. Simply turn up on the day with your art or your literary creation. You'd be most welcome - make a note of the date in your diary now!!

### **Take Care of our Countryside** from Akela of Iwade Cubs

The Cubs have been learning about the 'Countryside Code' in recent meetings and drew some posters so show their learning. We hope you enjoy them and support their sentiments.







#### Sunday 10th July 10am-1pm | Food & Craft Fayre At Iwade Village Hall.

Wednesday 13th July 1pm-3pm | Pop Up Coffee Shop Every other Wednesday at All Saints Church.

Free, tea, coffee, home-made cakes, toys and stories for the children, why not get out of the house with or without children and meet some friendly faces.

**Wednesday 13th July 7:30pm | Parish Council Meeting** Every second Wednesday of the month at Iwade Village Hall.

#### Thursday 14th July | Iwade Can Sing

Iwade Can Sign Choir performance, in aid of Demelza House. more info to follow ...

#### Thursday 14th July 11:15-11:25 | Mobile Library

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

For further information please telephone 0 3000 41 31 31 or email <a href="mailto:mobiles@kent.gov.uk">mobiles@kent.gov.uk</a>

**Sunday 17th July 11am-2pm | Ickle Pickles Nursery Fete**At Iwade Village Hall Ickle Pickles Nursery will be celebrating their 10th birthday!

#### Wednesday 20th July 7:30pm | Iwade W.I. Meeting

If you would like to join Iwade W.I who normally meet every third Wednesday of the month at Iwade Village Hall then contact secretary Glenn Walters on 01795 436515 or at gk.charisma@skv.com

This month's meeting will be an outing (tba).

#### Saturday 23rd July 11am-10:30pm | Iwade Rock 2016 At Iwade School Playing Fields.

Telephone or text 07921 151974 for more information or visit their facebook page IwadeRock

**Wednesday 27th July 1pm-3pm | Pop Up Coffee Shop**At All Saints Church

Thursday 28th July 11:15-11:25 | Mobile Library
At the Springvale end of Sheerstone

Wednesday 10th August 1pm-3pm | Pop Up Coffee Shop At All Saints Church

Wednesday 10th August 7:30pm | Parish Council Meeting At Iwade Village Hall

Thursday 11th August 11:15-11:25 | Mobile Library
At the Springvale end of Sheerstone

Saturday 13th August 2pm | Readings in a Country Church

Promenade 2016 Flights of Fancy - Sheppey Writers' Group presents Readings in a Country Church at All Saints Church ... and pop Up Art Exhibition from 10:30

Simply turn up on the day with your art or your literary creation.

Or just come along and have a look and a listen.

**Sunday 14th August 10am-1pm | Food & Craft Fayre**At Iwade Village Hall.

**Wednesday 17th August 7:30** | **Iwade W.I. Meeting** Iwade Village Hall. This month's meeting is a Bingo Night!.

Wednesday 24th August 1pm-3pm | Pop Up Coffee Shop At All Saints Church

Thursday 25th August 11:15-11:25 | Mobile Library
At the Springvale end of Sheerstone

#### IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING Held on Wednesday 11th May, 2016

**Present:** Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair, Cllr. M. Gale with the increase in Councillors from 9 to - Vice-Chair, Cllr. S. Cheeseman, Cllr. P. 11 and that over the year two Members Horner, Cllr. P.Hyde, Lynda Fisher- Clerk, have stood down although most of the time Cllr. J. White, Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes, the Council has been at full strength. Cllr. L. Mitchell, 7 Parishioners.

by the local Government Act, 1972. The meeting is an opportunity for the residents of the village who are registered electors to raise and discuss any subject affecting the village. Discussion and voting on any subject is restricted to electors, residents who are not registered as electors are welcome as observers. Residents wishing to speak are requested to give their name and the name of their road or street.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair, Cllr. J Hunt, said he was proud to be able to hand the Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award to Nicola McKenzie for her work in the community including being part of the new Bam Trust; the monthly 'Iwade Observer newsletter; the creation of the community Website - www.iwadevillage.co.uk and work undertaken during the time she was a Member of the Parish Council when she was also one of the instigators of the Village Broadband.

#### WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllrs. Plumb, Rook and D. Gale; Borough Cllr. Dewar-Whalley and Nick Mayatt the Community Warden; no apologies were received from Cllr. Clark or the two County Councillors.

#### REPORT FROM THE CHAIR ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR

•The Chair went back over the year starting

•Housing - Over the year the major issue This is a Parish Meeting called as required has been housing and although only now coming up due to the Local Plan and the hearing the Parish Council has been speaking to developers and land owners to discuss what is coming forward and we have also put our case forward to the Planning Inspector as to why there should be no further housing in Iwade. Parishioners have seen the map showing proposed housing in the S.E. sector of the village: the Parish Council met with the landowner and took the view forward that we want no more development in Iwade; this is the view of the residents and also that given in the '10 Point Plan' and Housing Needs Survey. However at the same time we are very aware that the Planning Inspector might say more housing so we have been making sure that if it does come forward it brings other benefits to the village as well. What is being proposed is about 572 housing units but this proposal still has to go forward to the Local Development Framework Panel to be agreed and that number could change – we need to put forward good reasons as to why it should not go ahead. In addition to this more housing was put forward which we have managed to halt - a further 800 houses were being considered along with 16 in Dunlin Walk (land owned by Wards); but these haven't been included in the allocations coming forward in the Local Plan. A lot of this work has gone on behind the scenes. The additional housing allocations will come out for consultation in June and all responses will go to the

Planning Inspector.

•Projects – we have managed to complete the replacement of the old parish lighting with new; 26 old columns and two have been installed: this has been done in approximately 3 years whereas originally it was thought to replace one a year - 25 years for the completion! The Vodafone Rural Sure Signal is up and running. The Barn has been handed over; planning permission for internal works has been granted and we are now waiting for Building Regulations. The Solar Farm has been completed and although we objected to this in beginning the company has set up a community fund which is estimated to bring in £80,000 a year and community groups from Iwade can apply for funding.

•School Parking - Numerous complaints are being received about parking outside the school; the Parish Council, together with KCC, Borough Councillors, the Police and residents are working to try and find a solution to the issues.

•School Lane Playing Field and Pavilion -Still ongoing, it is in the hands of Swale Borough Council and we are hoping that this will move soon.

•Village Park – there still has been no progress with the landscaping; this has been going on since 2012 and the Parish Council is still chasing for the work to be carried out.

•General – The Chair then thanked Parish Councillors for all the work they had undertaken during the year and also Lynda Fisher, the Clerk, who has not only guided the Councillors over the last year but has also tried to keep the Chair in order!

#### IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING Held on Wednesday 11th May, 2016

**Present:** Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair, Cllr. M. Gale duly signed the Acceptance of Office. - Vice-Chair, Cllr. S. Cheeseman, Cllr. P. Horner, Cllr. P.Hyde, Lynda Fisher, Clerk, Cllr. J. White, Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes, Cllr. L. Mitchell, 7 Parishioners.

#### **Election of Chair, and upon election** signing of Acceptance of Office

•Matt Gale was elected as Chair and duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

#### Election of the Vice-Chairman and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office

•James Hunt was elected as Vice-chair and

#### **Election of Members of Committees** and Other Bodies

Membership of Parish Council Committees and other bodies was agreed as follows:

•Planning Committee: Cllrs. Gale. Cheeseman, Mitchell, Plumb, Rook and the

•Finance Committee: Cllrs. White, Gale, Mitchell, Hunt, Cheeseman and the Clerk

•Village Hall: Cllr. Gale

•Recreation, Arts and Cultural Committee: Cllrs. Hyde, Hunt, Horner and the Clerk, residents Dawn Gale and Claire Jakins.

•Kent Association of Local Councils: Cllr. Clark

#### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council** Meeting held on the 13th May, 2015

The Minutes were agreed at the monthly meeting held on the 10th June 2015.

#### IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Wednesday 11th May, 2016

**Present:** Cllr. M. Gale – Chair, Cllr. J. Hunt seeing the true situation because a text had - Vice-Chair, Cllr. S. Cheeseman, Cllr. P. Horner, Cllr. P.Hyde, Lynda Fisher- Clerk. Cllr. J. White, Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes, Cllr. L. Mitchell, 7 Parishioners.

#### **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllrs. Plumb, Rook and D. Gale; Borough Cllr. Dewar-Whalley and Nick Mayatt the Community Warden; no apologies were received from Cllr. Clark or the two County Councillors.

#### **Declarations of Interest** and Dispensations

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School. Cllr. Hunt declared an interest in Item 5, Planning and will withdraw from the discussion on the applications.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr Horner, the Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on the 13th April 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr White, the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 20th April 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript

#### Visitors/Public Time

•Visitors - No issues raised.

 County and Borough Councillors County Cllrs, not present. Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes advised that he has been dealing with the bus company regarding a complaint around buses turning around at the top of School Lane; sadly the bus company has investigated and won't take this any further. He has been dealing with an ongoing complaint relating to the Speedway. There is a site meeting at No. 6 Sheerstone regarding the planning zones. application and he recently attended the site meeting regarding the traffic issues outside the School.

#### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

 Linkway and outside School Parking Issues – The Chair referred to the site meeting which took place outside the School on Friday 22nd April at 2.45 p.m; present were Borough Cllr. Mike Whiting representing Gordon Henderson, Kent Police, County and Borough Councillors, KCC Officers and the Parish Council. There was virtually no traffic and parents advised those present that they were not

been sent out by the School warning all parents that the meeting was being held. However, many concerned parents did approach the group expressing their concern for the safety of the children. Residents were angry because of the abuse they received when asking parents to move cars that were blocking their driveways. It was muted that everyone, including the school, should be working together so that it is a safe road for all. Following the site meeting a public meeting took place in the village hall at which 25 members of the public attended, comprising residents and in the main parents. Cllr. Mike Whiting chaired the meeting and listened to all the concerns raised. At the end Cllr. Whiting commented that there had been a number of suggestions made and he wanted people to take them away and raise them with Gordon Henderson M.P., look at them and then come back to him via the Parish Council; he summarised the main points:

·Looking at yellow lines, extending zigzag lines and white lines to see what might work better than that is currently there.

·Ask questions about entrances at the school; perhaps open the one at the back of the site.

·Talk to the school about needing to better educate parents, e.g. walking bus, etc., suggest every September when the new intake starts.

·Recruit volunteers for a Walking Bus.

·Look at signs outside the school, e.g. flashing sign.

·Look at Zebra Crossing, this would include zigzags.

·Ask about Marshalls

·Everyone to look at the traffic management plan and advise KCC if there are any issues. The Parish Council to get the link to KCC's website out to residents.

·Look at 20 mph speed restriction

•Cllr. Whiting advised that the various people will meet and go through the things discussed to try and find a way to ease/alleviate the problems. The Parish Council is keen to work with the school and residents to find ways of alleviating the above points; one area could be to perhaps look towards funding the signs.

•Linkway – agreed to look at having yellow lines on the corner of Linkway to stop parked cars obscuring the sight line when turning into this road coming up School Lane.

#### Correspondence

•Enhanced Grass Cutting - The Borough Council has advised that they will no longer be cutting KHS (Kent Highway Services) grass from October 2016, but will continue in Iwade until March 31st 2017. From April 2017 there are a number of options for Iwade's KHS grass and shrub beds:

·We could take on our KHS areas and claim the money from KHS

Swale can continue to cut these areas on our behalf but the Parish Council will need to pay the full cost of annual maintenance We can accept the KHS standard that KHS maintain: details to be obtained from KHS. We can make our own alternative arrangements.

·Clerk to contact Alan Marolia at Swale Borough Council requesting further details in order that a constructive decision can be made.

•Parish Councillor Resignation – Members were sad to note that Dawn Gale has tendered her resignation and wished to record their thanks for all the work she has undertaken during her time as a Parish Councillor. Clerk instructed to advertise the vacancy.

#### Finance

•School aware signs and flashing beacons – See 5.2 above: Clerk to ascertain costs and these to be taken to the next meeting of the traffic management group. Clerk to also approach the CSU to see if it is possible to install a camera on the corner of the Village Centre to monitor traffic in School Lane and to ask if the Police will take action against any recorded offenders.

•Fly Tipping Signs - Raspberry Hill - the Vice-Chair received a telephone call from one of the Environment Wardens asking whether the Parish Council would consider funding signs for this area. The Vice-Chair to pursue this and report back to the next meeting.

#### **Any Other Matters Arising**

•The Chair suggested that as most people are on holiday in August it might be an idea to not hold a meeting during that month. Clerk to put this on the next Agenda.

•Cllr. Horner advised that there had been issues in The Street with cars parking on the pavement between the wooden bollards; this then partially blocks the road and busses have problems trying to get through. Clerk to see if more bollards can be installed; Vice-Chair advised that such parking needs to be reported to Swale Borough Council's Environment Wardens.

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