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# THE IWADE OBSERVER

## GREEN-FINGERED TINKERBELLS

*Donna Barker*

We have made the most of the nice weather over the past month spending lots of our time in the garden. We have also been on lots of trips around the village and the bus into town. The children have been taking good care of our vegetables, and we are hoping to have a good amount of potatoes and strawberries which will be picked and bagged up by the children to share with their families at the end of term.

The topic of the term has been all about healthy living; children have taken part in various activities relating to keeping ourselves fit and healthy, learning what happens to our bodies when we are active, yoga sessions, dancing, obstacle courses have been popular choices made by the children.

July brings us to the end of another academic year, the year has flown by and we cannot believe it is time to say goodbye to all the children leaving for school. As the term progresses we will be preparing the children for that all-important transition to school. This is a very exciting time in their journey and we will be celebrating it in many ways with them. We would like to wish all the children starting school lots of luck, we are sure they will all continue to excel at school.

Whilst that brings us to a close this academic year, we are very excited to welcome back all of our children and meet the new children and their families who will be joining us in September.

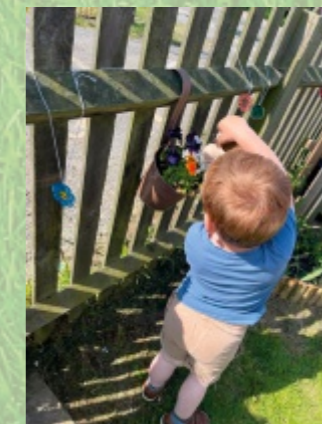
Are you aware of the financial support you may get to help with nursery fees? Please visit

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) which details how parents can access support via the Tax-Free Childcare Scheme and Early Years Education Funding for 2, 3- and 4-Year Olds. The Tax-Free Childcare Scheme can be used for all ages and allows parents to receive up to £2,000 per year towards childcare costs.

Finally, we have limited availability at both of our settings for September, sessions are filling fast therefore if you require a place for your child please call in alternatively you can email

[enquiries@tinkerbellspre-school.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspre-school.co.uk)

We hope you all have a lovely summer holidays and look forward to catching up with you all in September.



## AWAY DAY BY LISA

We're on our summer holidays; what a lovely day!

I've finally packed my winter clothes away.

Sun is shining, sea is shimmering

Waiting for me to jump in. I'll soon be swimming.

Kids are laughing, Mums are calling,

"Don't go out too far!"

Children making castles in the sand.

Mum and Dad join in, pretend they're kids again

By offering to lend a hand.



## IWADE READING GROUP

Iwade Reading Group met in June to review "The Woman Outside the Walls" by Suzanne Goldring. This is a World War 2 related historical fiction set in both Hamburg in 1942 and London in 2016, a dual time line from before and after the war to the near present day.

Anna is now in her 90s and lives every day with the horror of the war and her part in it at a prison camp. It's the story of a woman with multiple identities and one major story to tell. In present day, resilient, a survivor and not without guilt she has a new name and lives a quiet life. This is her journey of survival.

Everyone agreed the book addressed a difficult subject and was thought provoking throughout. It covers the effect the war had on the German citizens and there were some pretty graphic examples of what people had to do to maintain life. It made us think to what lengths we would

go to survive? We reflected on how there could be similar experiences in modern day conflict around the world.

Our next meeting at the Barn, Iwade is at 10.30 on Tuesday 11 July when we'll be discussing Leaving Time by Jodie Picoult.

Our August meeting is on Tuesday 8 August. No book choice has been made to date.

If you would like to join us at one of our meetings you would be very welcome.



## A LITTLE WATER GOES A LONG WAY AT HAPPY DAYS

**Caroline Wiles**

A little water goes a long way in the hot days of summer; just look at the smiley faces of our little Butterflies as they have fun splashing around in a water tray to cool off. At the "big" end of the nursery our Bumblebees were all smiles too posing for their graduation photos and looking far too cute! In the weeks to come, our Bumblebees will be trying out lots of their school skills, including checking out lunchboxes and dressing up in uniforms. To add to the fun, parents will be joining us for a "Bumblebee Bash!" with a promise of a performance as the Bumblebees sing their leaving song alongside lots of fun activities as we celebrate their time at Happy Days Nursery.



We are now taking bookings for Autumn 2023 onwards. To avoid disappointment and to reserve your space now, please call our office (01795 424348) and we will be very happy to help you. Alternatively, use the contact form on our website (<https://www.happydaysuk.co.uk/apply-for-a->



[www.happydaysuk.co.uk/apply-for-a-](https://www.happydaysuk.co.uk/apply-for-a-)place) and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.



## FANCY A BIT OF PURPOSEFUL EXERCISE?

The Iwade Observer is delivered to Iwade by a team of about 30 distributors and we are extremely grateful for all they do come rain or shine. If you deliver a round then please know you are much appreciated so give yourself a pat on the back!

But back to the original question – can you help us with a delivery round? Lisa O'Flynn has delivered the Observer to School Lane, Evergreen Close and Meadow Close but is now off to pastures new. We thank her for all her help in getting the Observer out to those addresses, but we are hoping there is somebody out there who would like to take a bit of purposeful exercise and take over that delivery round. It will probably take you less than an hour once a month for 10 months of the year (no Observer in August or January)

If you'd like to help then please contact us at [the.iwade.observer@gmail.com](mailto:the.iwade.observer@gmail.com) – your help would be much appreciated



## UPDATES FROM CITIZENS ADVICE, SWALE JUNE 2023

We've received a huge number of enquiries from local people struggling to stay on top of household bills as the cost-of-living crisis continues to make life incredibly difficult. Nationally, Citizens Advice has helped a record 94,000 people with food bank referrals and access to emergency charitable grants in the first four months of this year. That's a 178% increase on the same period in 2020.

We're forever grateful to our wonderful team of volunteers who willingly give up their time and skills to ensure people in Swale can get the support they need. We're particularly proud of the dedication they've shown during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, when demand for our help is so high. Their hard work, dedication and commitment is incredible. We simply couldn't do it without them.

To find out more about volunteering with Citizens Advice Swale, visit [www.citizensadviceSwale.uk](http://www.citizensadviceSwale.uk) or call 01795 417666. No experience is required, full training and support is provided for volunteer roles.

How can we help you?

General Advice: Call Adviceline on freephone 0808 278 7979 or send an online request at <https://citizensadviceSwale.uk/> email-general-advice/

New Universal Credit claims: Call Help to Claim on freephone 0800 144 8444

Debt: Request a call back at <https://citizensadviceSwale.uk/debt/>

We offer free, confidential and impartial advice to people living or working in and around Faversham, Sheppey and Sittingbourne, and campaign on big issues affecting people's lives. Our goal is to help everyone find a way forward, whatever problem they face. In addition to general advice we offer specialist advice services including debt and benefits. We're an independent charity and we rely on donations and grants to make a difference to people in our community.

## PASTORAL LETTER

Dear friends

I hope by the time you read this that summer will have arrived. As I write this in June half term the temperature is nothing like it should be. Taking the grandchildren to Faversham outdoor pool was not the experience it should have been.

When you read this in July, Wimbledon will probably be over and Holiday season started. For me it will be a busy time of Weddings, Baptisms, and the Golf season. Golf courses will have firm running fairways and greens where the ball just keeps on rolling. Barbeques will be fired up and beer, Rose/ white wine and Gin sales will be on the rise.

Beach trips and social occasions in the garden may be the things that become a focus during the warmer weather. With the unreliability of our weather many people will feel the need to make hay while the sun shines and take advantage of every good weather day that comes along.

And why not after the isolation and hardships of Covid 19 and the economic difficulties caused by the fuel and food price issues, that have been a consequence of the Ukraine war.

For many this is ongoing, due to long Covid or grief due to losing loved ones. The financial crisis may be affecting many, that thinking about a holiday or having spare money to have people round may feel unrealistic.

The summer can have the effect of raising our mood with the warmth and natural beauty of nature surrounding us. However, some may find the heat and the hay fever season a bit of a trial.

Jesus in John's Gospel said he had come so that we could have life and have it in abundance. This may look very different to each one of us as we are all different and have different likes and needs.

Whatever you like to do in the summer I hope you will find it enjoyable and that it enhances your life and those you love or care for. I

remember as a child going on a weekly ticket down to the seaside towns of the Kent coast. It was all we could afford but I remember those holidays

with as much fondness as trips to Spain or Greece.

Remember to enjoy the beauty that is in your back garden and the area around you. Sometimes the best things in life are free.

Blessings,  
Rev Nick



## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES CONT.

hazard.

The Parish Council hosted two Village Clean up events, one in May and another in October which were both very successful. We are planning to hold another on Sunday 2nd July. We celebrated the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the installation and lighting of a Jubilee Beacon, in Woodpecker Park on Saturday 2nd June. We also celebrated the Kings Coronation with a Beacon Lighting on Saturday 6th May.

The popular Christmas Lights Event was held in December, where the local dance group performed, there was a lantern parade and Santa arrived to meet the children.

Members agreed to carry on with the

Grounds Maintenance Contract, so that the village benefits with extra grass cutting and shrub maintenance.

We have arranged with Swale Borough Council to install CCTV in the village in four areas; Grovehurst Road by the bus stop, Telly Tubby hill to cover Sheppey Way/Ferry Road/Grovehurst Road, Ferry Road by the bus stop, and Herons Park playing field on School Lane. The cameras have been positioned to provide continuity on accesses in and out of the village, and we hope this will help tackle anti-social behaviour in the village.

As part of The Queen's Green Canopy project, we planted a memorial tree in memory of Her Majesty in Woodpecker Park.

Lastly, we have been looking into the issue of poor mobile phone signals in the village. So far, we have received a good response from O2 who have made their network deployment team aware of our request for more coverage in Iwade and they will look to assess the need for additional mobile infrastructure to serve customers across the area. The network Three have identified Iwade as having poor coverage and requires an additional site. They are currently looking for suitable land to install a streetworks style site.

### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

None.

### ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING

None.

## SPEEDWAY REMEMBERS A LOST FRIEND

### Paul Heller

On Sunday 11th June 2023 Sittingbourne Speedway ran a very special meeting. It was the Jessica Young Memorial meeting. Jessica was the daughter of the Club's track photographer Geoff Young and in 2022 she lost her long battle with leukaemia and passed away at the age of 34. Jessica was a great friend to everyone at the track and was a fervent supporter in everything we did, she will be sadly missed.

The meeting was held on what was one of the hottest days of the year so far which caused a lot of dust problems for the track staff to deal with, but with a large contingent of riders giving their time for free, a larger than expected crowd saw 40 heats of speedway ranging from Youth 125/150cc machines, a 250cc class and 500cc upright and laydown classes giving nearly four hours of entertainment.

It is especially pleasing to report that donations from the crowd resulted in £1,570.00 being collected and this will go to the Leukaemia UK charity.

A day for everyone at the track to remember and to celebrate the life and times of a very brave young lady.



## POETRY CORNER

You may have noticed a few poems from Lisa over the last couple of issues. Why not have a go yourself and send a contribution in to the.iwade.observer@gmail.com, we can even insert them anonymously if you are a bit bashful!!



## IWADE INSPIRATION

### John Guest

#### How to peel a banana

Since it was the annual Father's Day celebration just a couple of weeks ago, I thought I'd share this paternally-related inspirational thought.

My father-in-law Ken has always peeled his bananas upside down. At least, that's what we thought until recently. We used to laugh at him because he insisted on holding the stalk in his hand and starting at the other end. You know, the end with the small black spot.

We all thought he was just being a typical stubborn Yorkshireman when he insisted, despite our jibes, that this was the correct way and, although it seemed rather unusual and unique, it was us that were wrong and not him. I must confess I was quite scathing about his unusual habit and made more fun of his practice than most members of the family.

Well now it's me that has had to eat humble pie. Or perhaps I should say "banoffee pie"! According to the Internet it seems we were wrong and he was right. Peeling a banana from the "black spot end" rather than the "stalk end" is the way monkeys do it and, it turns out, this is the most efficient way. And I didn't just take the word of the Web – I tried it! It was a remarkable experience.

First, you don't need a sharp knife, or even to attack the "stalk end" with your teeth (unpleasant taste!) but simply squeeze the "black spot end" and the banana pops open and peels neatly into four or five strips. Job done! One small word of warning that Ken didn't mention ... just under the "black spot end" is a little black "spike" that needs to be thrown out. Get rid of that and you can enjoy your banana with the minimum of fuss. Just like a monkey!

So, here's my public apology to Ken: SORRY DAD ... YOU WERE RIGHT AND I WAS WRONG!

People who insist on doing something a certain way

despite the critique of the crowd do need a certain amount of moral courage, I think you must agree. Forging ahead in a certain direction when everyone else is headed the other way: that takes determination and inner strength. It reminds me of a few bible heroes who stood up for what they believed in, despite the views of the majority, because they knew it was right. They may not have been peeling bananas but they knew the difference between right and wrong and were prepared to go God's way rather than the way of the world. We could do with a few of these men and women in the political arena today, wouldn't you say? People prepared to "go against the flow" and stick up for what is right and true!

By the way, did you hear about the guy in the jungle who met a monkey with a tin opener? He said, "You don't need a tin opener to peel a banana." The monkey said, "No, this is for the custard."

Enjoy your banana, but do it right!



## ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE IWADE OBSERVER

We welcome items from anybody for inclusion in the Observer. We prefer text in Microsoft Word format, and good quality colour photographs are also welcome in jpeg format if at all possible.

Our usual deadline date is around the 16th/ 17th of each month for circulation at the beginning of the following month.

Items should be sent to the.iwade.observer@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.



# IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2023

## Present

Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair  
Cllr. S. Tolhurst  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. R. Langham  
Cllr. S. Lancashire  
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores  
Samantha Gray, Clerk

## Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Whiting, S. Waters, D. Waters. Cllr. Cheeseman has informed the Parish Council of his resignation.

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Stalley-Moores and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 12 April 2023, were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

## Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** - None attended.

2. **County and Borough Councillors** - None attended.

3. **Community Warden / PCSO** - None attended.

## Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Mobile Phone Coverage** – additional site for Three network – The Three Network have advised the size of land required for a streetworks style site is 5 metres by 1 metre and needs to be 15 - 20 metres in height. Cllr. Dollimore has suggested using land on his property. Clerk to liaise with the Three Network and keep on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

## Planning

Applications are viewable on: Swale: <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications>; KCC: <https://cloud2.atrriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

**23/501667/FULL:** Erection of 1no. detached garden studio.73 School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8SD. Council members have commented on whether the erection of the studio is

for business use and if so, which type of business?

**23/501242/LDCEX:** Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) to establish lawful commencement of planning permission 19/501160/REM for - Reserved Matters relating to layout, scale and appearance of the proposed building and the landscaping of the site pursuant to outline application 16/505299/OUT for construction of a 60-bed care home (within Class C2). Coleshall Farm Ferry Road Iwade Kent ME9 8QY. Council members discussed and advised no comments.

## Correspondence

i. **Village Repairs** – It was discussed that there are many repairs required in the village, and it was agreed for all council members to compile lists of work required and bring to the next meeting.

Action: All Councillors/Clerk

ii. **Public Right of Way -Issues** – A resident has reported issues with antisocial behaviour relating to a public footpath in Springvale. The Parish Council are in the process of installing CCTV to help tackle antisocial behaviour and suggest contacting The Neighbourhood Watch, the PCSO and Borough Councillors for advice.

iii. **Parish Council Community Cost of Living Grant Scheme** – The Parish council received information regarding a Cost-of-Living Grant Scheme from our Local Council Association but unfortunately applications for the grant scheme expires in May. Council members advised the Clerk to ask if an extension could be granted, and if so, advertise the scheme in the village newsletter and on Facebook pages. Keep on the agenda.

Action: Clerk

iv. **Kent Plan Tree** – Call for Sites – Kent County Council are bidding for funding to focus on planting and natural colonisation of trees in areas outside of woodlands and are looking for areas of land from the

size of a tennis court up to about half a football pitch. Council members suggested Woodpecker Park and the field at Peach Blossom Drive.

Action: Clerk

v. Item 7.5 added in error, same item as 7.2.

vi. **Parish Councillor Vacancies** – The Parish Council currently has two vacancies and members advised the Clerk to advertise them.

Action: Clerk

## Finance

i. **Subscription to KALC and NALC for 2023/24** - Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, the membership renewal was agreed at a cost of £1,316.50p.

Action: RFO

ii. **Grounds Maintenance Contract** – Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, members agreed to continue with the grounds maintenance contract for 2023/24 at a cost of £11,502.00p. KCC will pay a grant to the Parish Council of approximately £3,579.22p.

Action: RFO

iii. **Insurance Renewal 2023/24** – Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members agreed to renew the insurance policy for 2023/24 at a cost of £2,183.76p. The CCTV cameras will be added to the policy once they have been installed.

Action: RFO

iv. **Microsoft Licenses for 2023/24** – Proposed by Cllr. Stalley-Moores and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst, members agreed to pay the Microsoft License in full for the year to fix prices at the current rate.

Action: RFO

v. **Quote for Bramble Hedge, Woodpecker Drive** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, members approved the quote from KSM at a cost of £245.00p.

Action: RFO

vi. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** - Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr.

Lancashire, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to 30 April. The following payments were agreed, Cllrs. Langham and Lancashire to log in and authorize payments.

Action: Cllrs. Langham/Lancashire

## Projects – Updates on Current and New

**King's Coronation 2023** – Unfortunately due to the wet weather the beacon lighting did not go ahead on 6 May due to health and safety and insurance reasons. Therefore, the Parish Council are planning

another lighting event to celebrate the King's birthday which will be held on 17th June. Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, members agreed a budget of £200 to clear the Beacon basket and the surrounding area and fit a Jubilee plaque.

Action: Clerk

**Iwade Clean Up** – Council members agreed to set a budget of £250.00p for the clean-up event.

Action: Clerk

## Reports from Representatives

i. **Hall** – Bookings are being received

well, and the work on the floor is still pending.

ii. **KALC** – Cllr. Langham advised the Swale Area Committee AGM will be held on 13 June.

• He has put himself forward for the general-purpose committee.

• Caroline Whitney will give a talk about the removal of bus services.

iii. **Swale Western Area Committee** – No meeting held.

iv. **Swale West Parishes** – No meeting held.

## Any Other Matters Arising

Nothing to report.

# IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2023

## Present

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Cllr. S. Tolhurst  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. R. Langham  
Cllr. S. Lancashire  
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores  
Samantha Gray, Clerk

## Election of Chair, and upon election

### signing of Acceptance of Office

Alex Dollimore elected as Chair and duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

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

Scott Waters elected as Vice-chair and

will confirm his Acceptance of Office at the meeting in June.

## Election of Members of Committees and Other Bodies

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

1. **Finance Committee:** Cllrs. Langham, Lancashire, and Tolhurst
2. **Planning Committee:** Cllrs. Dollimore, Lancashire, and Langham
3. **Recreation, Arts and Cultural Committee:** Cllrs. Hyde, Dollimore, and Whiting
4. **Swale Western Area Committee:** Cllr.

Tolhurst  
5. **KALC Local Representative:** Cllr. Langham

6. **Village Hall Committee Representative:** Cllr. Langham

7. **Highway Improvement Plan Committee:** Cllrs. Dollimore, Langham, Whiting, Waters

8. **Swale West Parishes Representative** Cllr. Tolhurst

## Dates of Meetings 2022/23

Members agreed to meet on the second Wednesday of each month, except for August, with meetings commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall.

# IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2023

## Present

Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair  
Cllr. S. Tolhurst  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. R. Langham  
Cllr. S. Lancashire  
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores  
Samantha Gray, Clerk

This is a Parish Meeting called as required 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.

## WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Whiting, S. Waters, D. Waters. Cllr. Cheeseman has informed the Parish Council of his resignation.

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

During the last year the Parish Council have been working on traffic issues in the village. We have met with Kent Highways to discuss areas in the village which need double yellow lines and there will be a formal consultation for residents on 12 May. The visibility for motorists and pedestrians on the School Lane junction with Chetney View/Holly Blue Drive was obstructed by the vegetation and there was a concern an accident could happen, therefore KCC have removed this vegetation and replaced with grass to remove the