

Iwade Beacon Lighting
 Join Iwade Parish Council
 To celebrate the birthday of
 King Charles III
 Saturday 17th June at 9pm
 Woodpecker Park

HAPPY DAYS LOOK FORWARD TO SUCCULENT STRAWBERRIES



Caroline Wiles

"Dig, dig, dig the earth. Plant your seeds just so. A gentle rain, and bright sunshine, will help your vegetables grow!"

Encouraging little green fingers has so many benefits including developing children's wonder and respect for nature. Our enthusiastic gardeners have been hard at work digging, planting and watering the first shoots of our strawberry plants. The concentration on fascinated faces and their captivation with bugs, big or small, is contagious. May's sunshine and showers has been perfect for our growing garden so, fingers-crossed, before too long tea time will include home grown strawberries and more.



At the beginning of May, the King's Coronation was the perfect opportunity to join in

nationwide revels. Handmade bunting and decorations added to our festivities as we enjoyed our celebratory street party style tea party. The nursery turned red, white and blue with staff and children colour co-ordinated in their party clothes. The children enthusiastically added red, white and blue icing to cakes which were then equally enthusiastically munched as a tea time treat. Fabulous fun!

As we look forward to summer sunshine we are taking bookings for September onwards. We love to welcome prospective parents at show rounds so please call our office (01795 424348) and we will be happy to book an appointment for you. Alternatively, use the contact form on our website (<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.



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THE IWADE OBSERVER

A WONDERFUL DAY FOR ALL AT THE BARN

On Sunday 7th May The Barn @ Iwade was the splendid venue for a "Big lunch" in celebration of King Charles' Coronation and with the help of some beautiful weather and a bank holiday weekend it turned out to be a "Wonderful" day.

It was a difficult attraction to organise given the ever-changing weather forecast for the Coronation weekend but with all fingers crossed we went ahead ordered all the necessary items for a successful event. The outside vendors were all booked and we just hoped for the best.

The event itself had the brilliant Criterion Strummers Ukulele Band perform a few songs, Crown Decorating for children, (and sometimes their adults too), balloon modelling, an open mic, Karaoke, Pottery painting and Story Telling and of course some fab food showcasing local caterers. Huge numbers attended and all agreed a great time was had by all – roll on the next Barn function!

One of the crowning glories for the day was the food vendors. We had Barritos with their take on Mexican street food, The Tray Bakery with some awesome sweet treats, Try Taste Love with brilliant homemade pasties, sausage rolls and pizzas, a Barbecue with succulent steak burgers, Scouts selling Slush Puppies among other items, a tea and biscuit stall in the cool of the barn, an ever popular Pimm's Tent, and of course the 'The Shepherds Crook' in its new premises at Baby Barn Bar (of which see more below) selling a selection of craft ales and cider.

The Barn Trustees proudly opened their new "Baby Barn Bar" in its newly converted horsebox (brilliantly done by Kelvin and Susan Rivers-Simpson with finishing touches still going on the evening before!) which also proved a great success and along with the food vendors sold out during the day.

The Trustees would like to give a huge vote of thanks to all those who attended and contributed to such a successful day.

"Thank you"

And lastly, don't forget The Shepherds Crook micropub opens on the last Saturday of each month at Iwade's wonderful barn. Come along and give it a try!





SWALE LADIES WHO LATTE RAISE £800!

Tania Gough

On Friday 5th May, Tania Gough and her team from Swale Ladies who Latte, hosted a charity fundraising event for SATEDA.

Iwade Village Hall was the venue and there were 25 stall holders showcasing their wares.

As it was a ladies only event, there were beauty treatments on offer along with homemade crafts, candles, gifts, wax melts and books.

There were a few on-stage presentations by local businesswomen along with a refreshments bar and sweet treats too.

We managed to raise over £800 for the charity and I've been asked to make it an annual event, so keep your eyes peeled next year.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone that helped make this event a success – see you next year

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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends

“For the times, they are a-changing ...” Many of us grew up with the songs of Bob Dylan. Recently, the Nobel Academy awarded him their Prize for Literature, feeling that his words struck chords in ways that resonated with our lives.

Recent years have seen all those lives changing in major ways. Nothing stands still. Some of these pressures seem new to the human race, whether as nations and peoples or as families and individuals. It can be hard to keep up with it all and find some place of peace and stability. We need strength, a sense of direction, and hope for a resolution to our anxieties.

It can seem strange to think that some wandering Middle East preacher from a long past century could have anything to do with what we face today. But his times also challenged everyone with change, uncertainty and danger. He put himself at the centre of all their stresses and conflicts, from the deeply personal to the national. Something about him attracted people to him and led them to centre their lives around him. He offered and asked of them unconditional love for one another.

And today he still offers help for our innermost pains and sorrows. If he really was the person that those who were with him believed he was, then he can be a channel for the meaning of our lives today. As a follower of his wrote, we can “cast our cares on him” and find hope.

Sincerely,
 Revd Ron Partridge, Lower Halstow

(Depiction of Jesus by artist Bas Uterwijk based on typical faces in the region)

IWADE READING AND BOOK GROUP

Jackie Kemp

May's read was a 2001 thriller, Tell No-one, by Harlan Coben. Dr.Beck was assaulted and his wife kidnapped and murdered whilst making an annual pilgrimage to their favourite destination, a very remote secluded area. The murder was thought to be the work of a serial rapist.

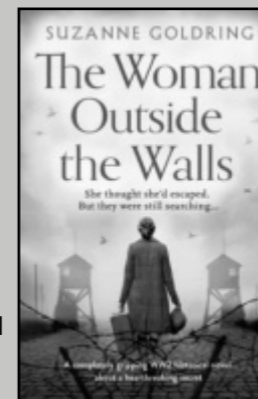
8 years after the event, Beck receives mysterious messages via the Internet but is warned to tell no-one. New evidence also leads the FBI to suspect Beck of the crime. Beck gets involved in a dangerous chase to clear his name and solve the Internet riddle.

There was a clear division of opinion on this book with some members thoroughly enjoying it and others who didn't.

June's title, to be reviewed on 13th June, is The Woman Outside the Walls by Suzanne Goldring.

A possible July read is Lone Wolf by Jodi Picault.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Barn at 10:30, to talk not just about books but a general natter too, accompanied by tea and refreshments – why not come along!



NEWS FROM CITIZENS ADVICE SWALE - MAY 2023

Volunteers make up around 75% of our workforce. We wouldn't be able to provide such a vital free advice service without them. Our volunteers range from young to retired, university students, part-time workers and jobseekers.

This Volunteers' Week (1-7 June) we'll be celebrating our amazing volunteers and the difference they make to people in our community. Our volunteers are being treated to a picnic lunch, thanks to funding from our Trustees, to show how much they're appreciated by the whole team.

Volunteering with us has proven to be a rewarding experience with many citing 'making a difference', 'boosting confidence', 'meeting new people' and 'improving job prospects' as benefits.

There are a number of volunteer roles including advisers, campaigners, and trustees. Find out more about the roles and take our two-minute online quiz to find out which area of volunteering you might be interested in - go to www.bit.ly/42MOKuB

To apply, please complete the online application form at www.citizensadviceuk.org/volunteer-application-form or call us on 01795 417666 to have an application form posted to you.

Full training is provided and travel expenses are reimbursed. For general advice, or to contact our specialist advisers, please email us at www.citizensadviceuk.org/email-general-advice or call Adviceline on freephone 0808 278 7979. To request a call back from our debt team please visit www.citizensadviceuk.org/debt

We run drop-in sessions at Swale House in Sittingbourne every Monday (10am-12pm) and at 43 Stone Street in Faversham every Wednesday and Friday (10am-12pm). No appointment needed.

MORE THAN JUST CYCLING!

Michele East

I am part of a cycling group called CTC Swale, you can fund us at:- www.ctcswale.org.uk

One of our female cyclists is currently undergoing treatment for Lobular Cancer and asked our club to participate in the organisation of 22 people for a photo. 22 people per day get diagnosed with this type of cancer and it can sometimes be very hard to find. The Lobular Cancer UK's #22ADayUK campaign visually demonstrates this number in photos of different groups of 22 people from swimmers to actors, sea kayakers to clinicians and researchers – and of course also cyclists

Susan Ewan's statement: "My cycling club was invaluable support to me when I was going through treatment.



I was diagnosed with Lobular Breast Cancer in October 2021. My 5cm tumour was not seen on mammogram or ultrasound, a familiar story for many lobular patients. The only symptoms were pain and a hardening in my breast. The lobular community has been so supportive and informative, and exercise, especially walking and cycling got me through all my treatment. My cycling club, CTC Swale, joined the Loular Cancer UK #22ADayUK campaign in support of me and to raise awareness of Lobular Cancer. All the cycling club turned out to hear about Lobular Breast Cancer, and to create our photo. It was a great day: many women had never heard of lobular and information was also shared with people's partners."

Cycling is a very large part of the club's life but it's not all just about riding a bike, it's also about social nights out, becoming friends and supporting each other. if you would like to find out more about a great social cycling club or would interested in riding with us then please get in touch with me or see our website at:- www.ctcswale.org.uk

Photos by Claire Colston.

Many thanks
 Michele East
 07454 986 957



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING -
MINUTES CONT.**

- Cllr Stalley-Moores enquired about the formation of the flood action group, and Cllr. Whiting advised that after many advertisements unfortunately there has not been enough interest so far.

Cllr. Hyde suggested the council add to the list of projects areas of the village which need attention to tidy up, to include the bus shelter on Ferry Road, the Village Centre, lamp posts, gates etc. The Clerk will add to the next agenda.

Action: Clerk/ Cllr. Tolhurst

SPEEDWAY BOUNCES BACK

After suffering severe car parking problems in their last meeting due to a waterlogged field Sittingbourne Speedway's second Kent Royals speedway match on Sunday 14th May was a much better affair. A great deal of work was done in the field with a new entrance roadway built and the field rolled with a 3-ton roller, this ensured there were no such parking problems this time and everyone was parked safely.

The match itself was a league match against Berwick Bandits and saw some thrilling racing, however the event was marred by two racing accidents which resulted in the two riders concerned unable to complete the meeting. We are pleased to report both riders were okay after treatment. After suffering a heavy defeat in the previous away match at Berwick the Kent Royals were in inspired form and ran out comfortable winners by 54 points to 34 plus, they overturned a 20-point deficit to win the aggregate bonus point. All in all, a very good day for the track with the early morning cloudy weather giving way to some brilliant afternoon sunshine which certainly helped the club to completely sell out their ice cream and cold drinks stocks and put some much needed smiles back on people's faces.

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WINTER BALL

AN EVENING OF FUN AND FUNDRAISING



Evening includes:
3 course meal
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Raffle &
our very own
Casino Royale

Priestfield Stadium,
Gillingham
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Ticket price: £70

IWADE VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Sunday 2 July 2023 - 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon



The Village Clean up starts at 9.30 am. and ends at 12.00 noon, helpers to report to the Village Hall to collect black sacks and sign in. Refreshments will be available during the morning, followed by a BBQ for those who take part in the Clean Up.

Email the Clerk - Clerk@iwade-pc.gov.uk or leave a comment on Facebook - to let her know if you will be attending and to enable us to purchase the correct amount of food.

Tickets will be issued to all attendees to claim a free treat at the Christmas Lighting Up Event in December.

Please come along and help tidy our Village

IWADE INSPIRATION

John Guest

Our new King was crowned last month as he committed himself to serving alongside us rather than, as the National Anthem says, reigning over us. In addition to the sacred and historic pageantry provided for him by Church and Nation at the Abbey, His Majesty provided for us a weekend of celebration, including a breathtaking Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle and opportunities for volunteering and community gatherings.

Iwade took its opportunity with a community gathering at The Barn and several village volunteering examples showcased at the event. A belated but heartfelt THANK YOU! to everyone who took part and especially the team of volunteers who managed the stalls and made the event happen. Well done all!

Yours truly had the opportunity for a bit of showing off as well and what a delight it was to meet so many interesting people from our village. Adults and children, families and singletons, scouts, bands, pizza, crowns, sweets, fancy hats, bubbles, balloons ... and lots of dogs! Everyone seemed to be having a great time. At one time I thought the queue for my balloon models was going to last all afternoon!


It was indeed a joy to see our village coming together and celebrating not only being a part of Iwade but also being a part of the UK and, whether you're a royalist or not, you must agree that a nation that may be coming apart needs its communities coming together.

For me, the highlight of the day was, as it often is, the opportunity to tell a story and thus a small band gathered with me in the Barn to learn about planting Invisible Seeds. We started by pouring some invisible soil into an invisible pot, making an invisible hole with an invisible dibbler, planting three invisible seeds and then watering with invisible water before covering with three handfuls of invisible fertilizer (thank you Leslie!). The "invisible flowers" that resulted didn't seem to impress the listeners until we reflected a little more on the actual invisible seeds we have the opportunity to plant every day. "Seeds" like HOPE, FORGIVENESS, TIME, TRUST, ENCOURAGEMENT, KINDNESS and LOVE. We cannot see these things but we all have the opportunity to plant them in the lives of others we meet in our communities up and down the land.

And, as we do, like King Charles, we can make a real difference!

Coffee Morning

At All Saints Church
Iwade
10 am till noon
First Wednesday of the month



IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2023

Present

Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair
Cllr. S. Waters – Vice Chair
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. S. Tolhurst
Cllr. D. Waters
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. B. Whiting
Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Lynda Ives, RFO
Samantha Gray, Clerk
1 resident

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from PCSO Kirsty Linge. The Chair also presented Lynda Ives with a KALC Award certificate for everything she has done in the village for the community.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Waters and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst, the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 8 March 2023, were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors - A resident asked if there was an update regarding the repair required for the damaged wall in the village square. The Clerk will contact First Point management company for an update and will also speak to them about many problems in the square. Cllr. Cheeseman advised that comments can be made by residents to First Port via a form on their website.

Action: Clerk

2. County and Borough Councillors - None attended.

3. Community Warden / PCSO

- Report received from PCSO Kirsty Linge:

Crimes of note:

- i. **31/03/23** – Pintail – Reports of 2 males attempting to clone car keys through the window of the informant's property.
- ii. **31/03/23** – Pintail – reports of 2 males taking details of cars on the informant's driveway.

iii. **06/04/23** – Teal Way – Car stolen from victims' driveway.

iv. **06/04/23** – Holy Blue Drive – Car stolen from victims' driveway.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

i. **15/03/23** – Raspberry Hill Lane – reports of vehicle driving across the farmers field

ii. **19/03/23** – Sheppey Way – Reports of loose dogs running in the carriage ways. Officers attended but were unable to locate animals.

iii. **27/03/23** – Iwade Village Shops – Reports of a potential homeless male outside of the village hall. When spoken to by staff, he ran off and left items behind including a packet which was believed to be cannabis. Intel report submitted.

iv. **27/03/23** – School Lane – reports of male acting suspiciously approaching members of the public and asking them to hold a black box. Patrols were not available to attend.

v. **27/03/23** – Greenshanks – Informant reported hearing 2 loud explosions. Attending officer believed it to be linked to the farmers nearby.

vi. **02/04/23** – Holly Blue Drive – Informant reported that they had agreed to sell an item on Facebook. When the male buyer attended the address to view the item, he was wearing a mask, they then discussed the item and he agreed to bank transfer the money over to the informant. The money never arrived, and the male left saying he would come back for the item once the money arrived. Luckily the informant didn't hand over the goods and realised the male was trying to scam them.

vii. **02/04/23** – Ridham Docks – Reports of nuisance vehicles. Local officers made aware.

viii. **05/04/23** – The Street – Informant reporting Suspicious male sleeping in his car outside of her address, patrols attended and spoke with the male, he had broken down and was waiting for someone to come and help him.

ix. **06/04/23** – Grovehurst Road

Building Site – Reports of site alarm going off. No persons located at the site.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

i. Cllr. Dollimore advised he is still sourcing a quote for bollards at School Lane.

Action: Cllr. Dollimore

ii. Cllr. Dollimore asked the RFO to source quotes to cut back the Brambles behind the village hall.

Action: RFO

Planning

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

23/501087/FULL: Erection of a single storey rear extension with 2no. rooflights. ADDRESS: 11 All Saints Close Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8FP. *Council members discussed and advised no comments.*

23/501268/FULL: Loft conversion to include 2 no. dormer windows to rear and 1no. dormer window to front elevations. ADDRESS: 5 Rookery View Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8TN. *Council members discussed and advised no comments.*

22/505777/FULL: Land Off Sheppey Way Iwade Kent Proposal: Section 73 - Application for removal of condition 21 (Dwellings approved shall be provided for and occupied by persons of 55 years of age or over) pursuant to 19/505215/FULL for Erection of 14 bungalows and chalet bungalows, which will provide age-restricted general market accommodation for those over the age of 55, together with 21 communal car park spaces and amenity space. Council members discussed and advised they stand by their previous comments made on this application which are:

Iwade Parish Council strongly objects to this application and requires the age limit to remain as being accommodation for the over 55-year-olds.

Back in 2018/19 the Parish Council

asked ACRK to undertake a Housing Needs Survey, as a result of this it became clear that there was a need for bungalows, both for the elderly able and disabled, particularly for those residents who wished to downsize but remain in a village where they had family links/resided in Iwade a long time.

Much of the new build in the village has been houses with 3,4,5 bedrooms, for larger families; there is a shortage of 1,2-bedroom properties and most importantly bungalows, which as stated above are particularly suitable for the elderly/disabled.

Correspondence

CCTV – Iwade Precinct – Following the meeting in March, First Point Management Company have advised the Parish Council that they need their permission to install a camera in the village square and can only use their own approved contractors for works that are carried out. To avoid further delay with the installation of CCTV in the village, council members resolved to install the camera on Grovehurst Road by the bus stop instead.

Action: Cllr. Tolhurst

Mobile Phone Coverage – Responses from Network Providers – Network provider 'Three' identified Iwade as having poor coverage and require an additional site, but a search for suitable land was unsuccessful and they are hoping to expand their search. Council members asked the Clerk to contact 'Three' to enquire what size of land is required.

Action: Clerk

Request for Bollards – near 36

Widgeon Road – Council members discussed and advised that unfortunately there is no funding available at the present time.

Action: Clerk

Street name and number suggestions – Esquire Development Featherbed Lane – Borough Cllr. Woodford extended a consultation regarding street name and number suggestions for the Esquire Development to the Parish Council. Council members were happy with the names suggested by Swale Borough Council: Harding Close, Henry Close and Bantam Road.

Action: Clerk

Finance

Statement of Internal Control 2022/23 - Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, the 2022/23 Statement was agreed and adopted.

Financial Risk Assessment 2022/23 - Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst the 2022/23 Assessment was agreed and adopted.

SLCC 2023/24 Membership Renewal – Clerk – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, members agreed to renew the membership at a cost of £222.00p, cost to be shared 50% with Bobbing Parish Council.

Action: RFO

Criteria for Application for Financial Assistance – Members agreed for the RFO to amend the criteria.

Action: RFO

Gala Lights – Quote to extend

Christmas Lights – Members advised they will look at the budget and decide in June. Clerk to add to the agenda.

Action: Clerk

Grounds Maintenance Contract – Information has not been received from Swale BC or KCC – Clerk to chase.

Action: Clerk

Insurance Renewal 2023/24 – RFO advised we are still waiting to receive the insurance renewal.

Donation Request – Citizens Advice

Swale – Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Stalley-Moores, members agreed a S.137 donation of £100.

Action: RFO

Donation Request - Kent Air

Ambulance - Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members agreed a S.137 donation of £300.

Action: RFO

Accounts and Cheques raised at this

meeting - Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, members noted the budget figures and the accounts to the 31 March 2023, and agreed to transfer £10,000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account in view of the calculated low balance following the payments made on the 13 April and the remainder of the month. 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 – Council members are planning to light the Beacon at Woodpecker Park on Saturday 6th May at 8.30pm.

Action: Clerk

Iwade Clean Up – The next Iwade village clean up will be held Sunday 2nd July.

Action: Clerk

Reports from Representatives

Hall – The work on the floor is still pending. Bookings are being received and all is going well.

KALC – Cllr. Langham attended the area meeting and reported there was a good talk from the Speed Watch team, and the First Responders representative explained the Parish Council can invite a representative along to events they hold.

Swale Western Area Committee – No meeting held.

Swale West Parishes – No meeting held.

Any Other Matters Arising

- It was reported that there are still mounds of earth and a broken fence on the entrance to Grovehurst Road. Clerk to chase this up with the development company at Pond Farm.

Action: Clerk

- Cllr's Whiting and Langham met with the managers of Rose House Care Home to discuss the parking situation outside of the home and they reported staff are doing all they can to avoid parking on the road. Council members advised the staff to speak with Iwade Barn and the Woolpack and ask if they can use 1 or 2 spaces in their car parks.

- Members discussed the Water Leak issue on Ferry Road outside the village hall which is due to be repaired on Monday 17th April. Clerk to confirm this with Southern Water.

Action: Clerk

It was reported that there is a tarmacked access road from the Pond Farm development onto Grovehurst Road. Members confirmed the plans do not state an access road and expect the access will not remain once works are completed.

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