

HAPPY DAYS

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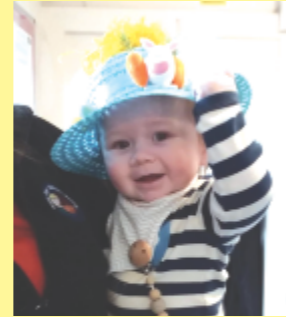
Spring sunshine always gives us that little extra bounce and as Easter approached we enjoyed our garden egg hunts and plenty of cake making. Mummies and Daddies put lots of love and care in to creating our Easter headgear. A big “thank you” to one of our lovely neighbours who took on the unenviable task of judging our beautiful bonnets. The children loved parading in their magnificent creations. As spring continues, we are hoping for lots more sunshine as we look forward to challenging our physical development on our new climbing equipment. There’s much climbing, swinging and exploring to do and we just can’t wait.



We are now taking bookings for Spring 2023 onwards. To avoid disappointment and 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-place>) and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Services at All Saints' for the month of May are as follows:

- Sunday 1st May Joint Service at Newington
- Sunday 8th May Family Communion
- Sunday 15th May Family Worship
- Sunday 22nd May Family Worship
- Sunday 29th May Family Worship

All Welcome. There will be activities for the children to do.

The Church will open every Wednesday for quiet reflection or food bank collections. On the first Wednesday of every month we have a Coffee morning where all are welcome.

The pictures show some of the activities at an “All Saints' Easter table Decorations and Children's Easter Garden Making” that took place on 9th April. It was great fun for young and old alike.



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THE IWADE OBSERVER

NEWS FROM IWADE SCHOOL

A Royal Surprise

In February, Dolphin Class (along with the rest of year 6) went on a trip to Rochester to link with their Charles Dickens topic. Head Boy Zack and Head Girl Millie wrote the following:

During the mystery trail we learnt a lot about Charles Dickens. We also went into the Cathedral which was very peaceful and interesting. While in the Cathedral we did a drama about Oliver Twist. We really enjoyed meeting the Duchess of Cornwall!

(Photo of Honey and Sienna meeting Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall)



Flying a Spitfire



Year 6 had the opportunity to fly a Spitfire over the White Cliffs of Dover. Mr Elmer brought in his flight simulator and everyone got to experience what it would have felt like to fly this incredible plane and land it safely. Thank you Mr and Mrs Elmer!

Red Nose Day

Iwade school celebrated Comic Relief by inviting the children to attend school wearing either pyjamas, a onesie or something red to match the noses. If they were feeling really wacky they could also



come to school with 'crazy hair' It was fantastic to see the children arriving with all of their unique ideas that truly represented our theme. As always, the Iwade school community were incredible generous with their donations and prior to the

day had already raised £840 with the purchase of Red Noses in school. We are yet to calculate our total donation from the school, but are proud to know that we will have helped many children with our efforts.



SPEEDWAY UPDATE

The Club's busy period continues as several practice sessions have recently been held, one of which was held in some of the fiercest windiest conditions we have seen for a long while, this coupled with a successful press and practice day for the newly formed Kent Royals league speedway team has left little time to get the repair and maintenance work completed.

However, there are two items of good news to report. Firstly, as we are running league racing this year for the first time for several years with the Kent Royals, our track had to be inspected by the Speedway Control Board to see if it met with current league standards. Their inspector duly arrived carried out his inspection and we are pleased to report the track passed the inspection with no major modifications to be done.

Secondly, car parking has always been a problem for the Club in public events and after various meetings with the landowners they have kindly agreed to allow us to use an additional piece of land for parking cars and this has eased the problem immensely. Our thanks go out to them for their help and co-operation.

Our first public meeting is scheduled for Sunday 17th April with a challenge match between Kent Royals and Thurrock Hammers plus a fully supported second half and we are hoping all our hard work will be rewarded with a good crowd and some fine weather.

Last minute update! Result - Kent Royals 49, Thurrock Hammers 41.

MONDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Rynn Kemp

The Friendship Group continues to meet Monday fortnightly at the Barn from about 10:30 until midday. Cost is £1.50 per week which includes hire of the barn, tea, coffee and biscuits and building a small fund for use by the group. Recently we donated £100 from that fund to The Disasters Emergency Committee to support their work in Ukraine.

Why not come along to meet friends new and old and enjoy a cuppa and a natter? We usually have some sort of activity and in March welcomed Parish Councillor Ray Langham to our meeting where he gave us an informative talk about the role of the Parish Council that generated wide ranging discussions on a number of issues pertaining to life in Iwade.

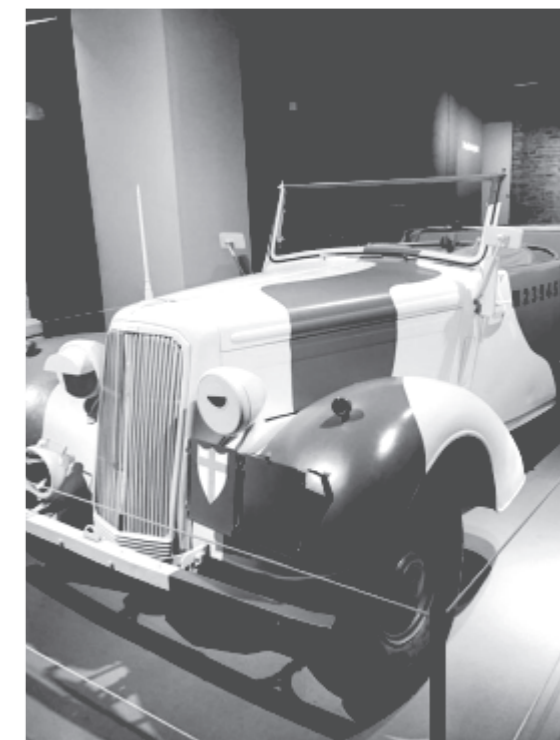
At another of our March meetings we also had a Geographical Brain Teaser that certainly teased a few geographical brains!! Then for our first April meeting on the 4th we had an Easter Card making session, kindly facilitated by Hilary Foulds. Unfortunately, we then ran into a couple of Bank Holidays and missed meetings on April 18th and May 2nd.

Meetings for May will be on the 16th and the 30th and then fortnightly thereafter. We look forward to meeting you at the next meeting, you'll be most welcome.

IWADE MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB.

The Men's Breakfast group had a very enjoyable visit to the Imperial War Museum in early April. Of particular interest was the Holocaust exhibit that really struck a chord with members especially resonating with current ongoing European issues. Old favourites like "Monty's" staff car are still on display which some members had seen on earlier visits. If you haven't been to see the exhibits, do try, they are thoroughly recommended.

The Men's group normally meets on the 1st Tuesday of the



month, 09:30 at Iwade Barn, if you fancy joining us you will receive a very warm welcome ring Ron Francis on 07398109878 for more info.

IWADE READING AND BOOK GROUP

Sylvia Francis

At our April meeting of the Reading Group we got together to discuss *The Family Across the Street* written by Nicole Trope.

This story is a psychological thriller and, although a slow start, the story evolves around events that happened on one of the hottest days in Australia. There is something going on in a house across the street in an affluent area of Sydney. A neighbour suspects, but has a history of calling police unnecessarily; a delivery driver suspects but he too has problems. This is a gripping story with a twist, it was thoroughly enjoyed by the group.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th May at 10.30 in the Barn when we will be discussing *The Long Call* by Ann Cleeves. If you want to really get ahead of the game our June book will be *Liar* by Lesley Pearse.

Please pop along if you have an interest in reading as you would be very welcome. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Iwade Barn from about 10:30

IWADE BROWNIES

Welcomes, goodbyes, engineering and adventure camping!!

Kerry Holman

We've had a busy few weeks at Iwade Brownies. We have welcomed new Brownies and said goodbye to some leaving for Guides, we will miss them! We have had lots of fun getting to know our new Brownies and have been working on an engineering badge.

Some of us have just returned from our adventure camp! With a Wizard of Oz theme, we stayed in a cosy cottage with a log fire, we enjoyed some fun and games, arts and crafts, and facing our fears! We helped with the jobs to keep our camp clean and tidy (some of us enjoyed that more than others!), and had a cosy film night with pizza and ice cream. We had a go at abseiling, zip-wiring, building and climbing towers, a ropes obstacle course and more. The leaders were very pleased at how well we all slept (for once!) and we went home with lots of lovely creations too.

For the Summer term, we've got lots of exciting stuff planned too, but that's for the next edition of the Observer...

IWADE VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Sunday 15 May 2022 - 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 - to let her know if you will be attending and to enable us to purchase the correct amount of food.

Please come along and help tidy our Village

IWADE WORD SEARCH

See if you can find your road below! If you don't see it look out for it in a future edition!

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
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MALLARD CRESCENT	PEACH BLOSSOM DRIVE	ROOKERY VIEW
MANSFIELD DRIVE	PINTAIL DRIVE	SANDERLING WAY
MEADOW BROWN VIEW	PURPLE EMPEROR GROVE	SANDPIPER LANE
MEADOW CLOSE	RASPBERRY HILL LANE	SAXON WALK
MEADOW RISE	RED ADMIRAL CRESCENT	SCHOOL LANE
MONINS ROAD	REDWING AVENUE	
NUTMEG CRESCENT	RIDHAM DOCK	
OLD FERRY ROAD	RINGLET GROVE	

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"CHANGE MY DEAR AND IT SEEMS NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON"

(Colin Baker's 6th Doctor Who)

Simeon Nevell
Curate at The Six

Doctor Who is a program that thrives on change. With the TARDIS being able to travel in time and space, each new story is totally different in a new place and with a new set of cast members. Even the central cast change. This autumn; Jodie Whittaker, the 13th Doctor, will regenerate and a new Doctor will run headlong into the next adventure. It is this embracing of change that has meant at almost 60 years old Doctor Who holds the record for being the longest running science fiction TV show.

Life is full of transitions and change but it can be daunting. As my contract here comes to an end and I look towards moving to my next post. This comes with a sense of sadness; leaving here mixed with excitement for what is to come. Although any change can be hard; we can take comfort in the words of Jesus; "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He will be with us supporting and sustaining us through all we have been and can ever go through.

Change is however necessary for life. I see this in the turn of the seasons. The spring flowers come out and our front garden becomes a riot of yellow. Then they become longer, and different

flowers sprout up to replace them to feed and home the insects. I also see this when my boys grow and mature much as there is a little loss as my eldest goes to school or my youngest stops being a baby and rushes headlong into toddlerdom these are good things, the cycle of life turns. Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 says

***"There is a time for everything,
 and a season for every activity
 under the heavens:
 a time to be born and a time to
 die,
 a time to plant and a time to
 uproot,
 a time to tear down and a time
 build,
 a time to weep and a time to
 laugh,
 a time to mourn and a time to
 dance,
 a time to scatter stones and a
 time to gather them,"***

No matter how much we would like to keep things the same; safe and predictable, change will come and with God's support we find strength to meet it when it does.

I will leave you with a quote from Matt Smith's 11th Doctor: "Everything's got to end sometime. Otherwise, nothing would ever get started."

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2022

Present

Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair
Borough Cllr. M. Baldock
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. B. Smith
Cllr. B. Whiting - Vice-Chair
Cllr. S. Lancashire
New Cllr S. Tolhurst
3 Residents
Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Samantha Gray
Cllr. S. Waters

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllr. Hyde, and Borough Cllr. Woodford, and PCSO Linge.

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 9 February 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors

A resident attended to raise their concerns regarding the Village Hall.

2. County and Borough Councillors Borough Cllr. Baldock:

a. Kent County Council has released a new budget, which includes details of funding cuts for bus services, but fortunately Iwade bus services are currently not affected.

b. Cllr. Baldock has asked for extra Community Wardens which he is hopeful will happen in the coming year.

c. The Highways maintenance budget has increased but this is below the budget that is needed to keep County roads up to a good standard. He also advised that the County has several concrete roads which are coming up to 50/60 years old which have been patched up but currently there is no funding to replace them.

d. Iwade council could nominate potential quiet lanes, which would require less maintenance and make the road safer for cyclists, pedestrians, and horse riders.

e. He is currently putting forward a motion for assisted travel to grammar schools. Currently when a child is allocated a grammar school their assisted travel is allocated to the nearest appropriate school, which may be a non-grammar school. He is trying to change this so that assisted travel is allocated to the nearest grammar school.

f. Cllr Baldock informed the council that the Western Area Committee met and has advised that they would like to award some money to the Iwade Barn.

g. Swale Borough Council are responsible for closed church yards which have a back log of 1.25 million pounds of work which needs to be done. The Western Area Committee have allocated around £5,000 to Iwade Church yard to address several defects. M. Baldock agreed to forward a copy of the minutes from Western Area committee to the Iwade Clerk which details the works required.

h. The next Western Area Committee meeting is Tuesday 22 March, a speaker will attend the meeting from Age UK to speak about loneliness which has been highlighted since the pandemic.

3. PCSO

A. CRIMES OF NOTE:

i. 05/02/22 – Swallow Avenue – reported burglary which turned out to be a domestic issue.

ii. 14/02/22 –The Street - Lead Flashing Stolen from the building. Under investigation.

iii. 28/02/22 – School Mews (Square) – ASB/shoptlifting/public order – Male youth was drunk causing issues in the shop and hairdressers. Local officer attended; Crime report details were taken for various offences. Male has been identified. Crime reports are being investigated and various plans are in place to deal with the youth involved.

iv. 28/02/22 – Chalkhill Close – 2 males entered flats causing damage to the building, males have been identified and the reports are under investigation.

v. 01/03/22 – School Lane – Dog stolen from owner’s land. Crime report was taken and is being investigated.

vi. 04/03/22 – School Lane/School

Mews – reports of males causing ASB which lead to them fighting with a member of the public. Crime report is being investigated.

vii. 05/03/22 – School Mews - Shoptlifting from shop. Male was identified by Police. Crime reported and is being investigated.

B. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE:

i. 04/02/22 – Holly Blue Drive - ASB, youths were kicking in front door. Youths were stopped by Police taken home and parents were spoken with.

ii. 05/02/22 Ridham Dock – Multiple reports of ASB involving cars being driven at speed along the Dock Road and A249. Due to these, special operations were run. Several drivers have been stopped and spoken to. Tickets were issued where appropriate.

iii. 06/02/22, 09/02/22, 26/02/22, 02/03/22 – Sheppey Way – Reports of male causing damage and appearance of caravan on land. The male was spoken to and claimed he owns the land. This was challenged and no proof was provided, however male refused to leave. He was later advised to leave by Police which he did. I then spoke with the male who was still claiming to own the land. I requested proof of this which the male failed to provide.

After speaking with the actual landowner advice was given for her to start legal proceedings against the male and to try and obtain a court order to keep it off the land.

Advice was also given that the caravan could be removed by the landowner or someone acting on their behalf as long as no damage was caused.

This then happened, and the Caravan was removed. I was present for this process.

I have since been led to believe the male has since returned. Unfortunately, this is still very much a civil issue, and the landowner needs to take the lead in dealing with the removal of this male legally and permanently.

iv. 11/02/22 – Raspberry Hill Lane – Fly tipping. Witness saw a truck pull up and dump skip load at the side of the road.

v. 13/02/22 – Old Ferry Road – Poaching. Person was seen Hare

Coursing. Officers attended and the suspects were spoken to.

vi. 22/02/22 – Woodpecker Drive Park – reports of a suspicious male seen in the area. Male was gone before police arrived.

vii. 23/02/22 – Mansfield Drive – Reports of a ball bearing being shot at the address. No suspects were seen. Discussed with local officer. No further reports were made since.

viii. 27/02/22 – Chalkhill Close - Nuisance youths gathering in the park causing ASB possibly smoking drugs. Local officer is aware and is looking into this.

ix. 04/03/22 – Mallard Crescent – Suspicious male looking in car windows. No further reports.

C. ITEMS OF GOOD WORK/OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

i. Meeting with First port in relation to having CCTV installed. It is being looked at by management however early indications appear to be promising.

ii. Youths causing issues in the village identified and home visits either have or will be carried out imminently.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

20 MPH Zones and Highway Improvement Plans/Yellow lines –
Clerk to forward a copy of the proposal to County Cllr. Baldock. Ongoing, keep on the agenda.

Action: Clerk

Planters, The Street/Mansfield Drive –
No updates. Clerk to forward information regarding planters to County Cllr. Baldock. Keep on the agenda.

Action: Clerk

Planning

21/505408/FULL: 59 School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8SD: Insertion of 2no. pitched roof rear dormers, Juliet balconies to the front of the property, windows and doors to the rear and side of the property. Removal of front boundary fence and erection of front boundary wall. Already agreed. No comments.

22/500551/FULL: 25 Sheerstone Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RN: Demolition of side/rear extension and removal of 1no. rear rooflight. Erection of front porch and single storey side extension, with alterations and insertion of new front and rear

dormers. No comments.

22/500670/FULL: Halfway Egg Farm Featherbed Lane Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RA: Change of use of existing toilet block to a farm store and conversion of existing attached garage to farm storage, including alterations to fenestration. No comments.

22/500791/FULL: 42 Teal Way Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8QU: Part conversion of garage into a habitable space and erection of a single storey front extension. erection of single storey rear extension with roof lantern. No comments.

Correspondence

1. Scope charity textile bank - Council agreed not required in the village, there are plenty in the local area.

2. Signpost Sheppey Way – Council members advised that a composite replacement will be more suitable, Clerk to reach out to local schools and youth groups for designs.

Action: Clerk

3. The gateway needs to be repaired, 1 rail & post. Clerk to contact handy man and arrange road closure if needed.

Action: Clerk

Finance

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon – Cllr Cheeseman advised he has received a quote of £300 plus VAT for installing the post, Cllr Cheeseman will pass on the details to the Clerk. Clerk to confirm with Swale Borough Council that Woodpecker Park can be used for the Beacon. Cllr. Lancashire advised he will find out when the Beacon will be ready.

Action: Cllr. Cheeseman/Lancashire/ Clerk

Christmas Tree Fencing – KCC have agreed to a 3-foot picket style fence to be erected around the bottom of Telly Tubby Hill if this is close to the mound, therefore not blocking any of the through site line; Clerk to source quotes.

Action: Clerk

Chairmanship Networking Day – Cllr. Whiting – proposed on expenditure by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Whiting
Audit Workshop AGAR – Clerk Samantha Gray – proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting at a cost of £60 to be shared

50% with Bobbing Parish Council.

Devolved Maintenance of Highway Soft Landscape Assets 2022-2023 – email 28/02 – no additional comments made by the council.

Computer chair for Parish Clerk – Council members set a budget of £250 for a new computer chair, proposed by Cllr. Waters and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire.

Projects – Updates on Current and New

Village clean up – Council members discussed planning the first clean-up for May so that the village looks tidy for the Jubilee in June. The second will be planned for October. The council also discussed tidying up the pond, which may need to wait until the end of the season in October due to the Great Crested Newts which live in there. Cllr. Dollimore suggested the time of the clean-up could be 11am – 2pm. Council members agreed a budget of £300, proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Waters.

Reports from Representatives

Hall – Cllr. Langham advised the hall committee will carry on with the upkeep the hall requires; the boiler needs to be repaired, decorating work is needed, and a cleaner is required. The hall is now fully operational and open to occasion hirers. The hall committee have decided to delay raising the hiring fees.

Any Other Matters Arising

- Cllr. Langham reported that he spoke at the Monday club about the council and advised them there are currently vacancies for Parish Councillors.

Monday club members reported concerns of anti-social behaviour and litter in the village square.

- Cllr. Cheeseman reported an alarming number of Co2 cannisters on the ground around the benches at the Cairn.

- Cllr Langham advised that himself and Cllr Whiting will try and carry out a community Speedwatch in the village, volunteers for this are currently low in numbers.

- Mr. Tolhurst was invited to join the Parish council.