

Odour Factsheet from the Environment Agency inside...

Enjoy!

Iwade Observer

by Julia Brown

November 2010

Broadband Chat

Important things first. To claim back a fibre broadband installation fee send an original council tax bill, invoice showing the address of installation and a stamped address envelope to the Iwade Parish Council at P.O. Box 588 | Sittingbourne | Kent | ME10 9ET. Invoices received up to a week before a meeting will be processed that month. Congratulations to Rob Ware-Laine Ferry Road Iwade for being the first fibre broadband installation in Sittingbourne! The engineers achieved the full 40 meg before blowing up the BT Test Centre!

Be aware that there have been some teething problems with receiving hubs and engineer visits. Those that now have the service are very pleased so patience is the key. Teething problems are to be expected with rollout as the service is very new. Apparently there are only 2 qualified engineers currently.

Note that Talk Talk have announced that they will be launching a fibre broadband package. Launch date to be announced.

Iwade Herons Results - 10th October

Iwade Herons Under 18's vs Park Regis

5 - 1 (win)

Man of the match went to Jon Goodman

Wateringbury Under 16's vs Iwade Herons Under 16's

1 - 5 (win)

Man of the match went to Lewis Mayo

Iwade Herons Under 13's vs Bearsted Under 13's

2 - 2 (draw)

Supporters' Award went to Tom Olson and the Manager's Award went to Craig Lawrence

MPE Under 13's vs Iwade Herons Blues Under 13's

0 - 8 (win)

Goals Craig Clarke, David Latunde, Findley Phipps, Kallum Tindal, Zachary Spencer clean sheet

Aylesford Colts Under 11's v Iwade Herons Under 11's

5 - 4 (loss)

Jake Phillips scored 2 goals, Jake Bonds and George Holburn a goal each.

Walt Disney's
Snow White
and the
Seven Dwarfs

Firework Spectacular
to music and story!

Regis Manor School
THURSDAY 4th NOVEMBER

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On the gate: £4 Children, £5 Adults

Fireworks Safety

Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves; Never give sparklers to a child under 5; Buy fireworks marked BS 7114; Keep fireworks in a closed box; Follow the instructions on each firework; Light them at arm's length using a taper; Stand well back; Never go back to a lit firework; Never put fireworks in your pocket; Never throw fireworks; Keep pets indoors And most importantly be safe!

Editor's Note

by Nicola McKenzie

So it was my turn to edit the November edition. If you like jigsaws you might enjoy it but just like puzzles it can be frustrating!

There's always the fear that you won't have enough content followed by the realisation that you now have too much and can't fit it all in! Thank you to all the contributors this month without whom we wouldn't have a newsletter.

Once I've finished this column it's off to the Hunt family for proofing, back to me hopefully with minimal red pen for amendments then off to the printers on Monday.

Apologies for the small type 'Odour Factsheet' from the Environment Agency but I thought it was important and it was the only way to fit it in. *Relieved of Iwade!*

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Farmers' Market

by Amanda Hurrell



I just wanted to say a big thank you for all your support; it was great to see so many of you at the October Farmers' Market. Despite the threat of heavy downpours people arrived from around Iwade, including Bapchild and Newington; it's great news that the market is gaining popularity once again. From November 7th we will open from 10am until 1pm, try to come out early because many food stalls sell out in the first hour! In November you will be able to pre-order your Christmas cake, pick up some local honey, sample some delicious sausages, buy hand-made Granny Manning's pies and pick up some fresh local seasonal vegetables. Each month we also have a selection of local crafts; including hand-made Kent soaps and pretty hand-made accessories to dress your home. Make a note to pop along, browse around then have a coffee and a delicious cup cake! I hope to see you again in November.

Next Iwade Farmers' Market Sunday 7th

November 10am to 1pm Iwade Village Hall

Apologies to Steven Beard LRPS as we forgot to credit him in the September issue for his Church Cycle photo. If you are interested in Steven's Portrait Photography contact Steve on 01795 599891

Tinks

by Sue Nolan

Tinkerbells have been welcoming back some of our children from last year and meeting lots of new little ones to the setting. For term one and two our topic was all about you. This has helped us to get to know our children and families. One project was to dress up a life size figure of the child with help of parents, this went down a treat and they have been displayed around the setting. Well done to everyone who took part. Tinkerbells have almost completed the year for the Kent Quality Mark. It has been a team effort and helped us to evaluate areas of learning for the children and hopefully improve these areas as well as much more. We will let you know, once completed, how we got on. Last year Tinkerbells held a Christmas Fair, we are hoping to do the same this year on Friday 10th December at the Village Hall 4pm to 6pm. If anyone would like to hold a stall please contact Donna Barker at the setting on 07592 544 285. Father Christmas will be there as well as our regular little pony, (maybe two)!

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Midday Meal Supervisors Required

We are committed to improving the playtimes and lunchtimes of our children and need dedicated and energetic people to join our Midday Meals Supervisor team.

You will need to:

- 1) Enjoy being outside and playing with children.
- 2) Be able to organise and manage groups of children.
- 3) Be a team player.

The job involves working from 12 – 1.00.

The lunch hour is a critical part of the social learning for our children.

We value our Midday Meal Supervisors as they form an important part of our team.

If you feel you have what we are looking for, please contact the school office on 01795 472578

theWI Iwade W.I. by Hilary Foulds INSPIRING WOMEN

Our Harvest Supper for about 40 members and guests in September was a great success. The tables looked very pretty, decorated with fruit and hops. The evening began with a 2 course buffet meal catered for by Iwade members. We then had a brilliant fast-moving Beetle Drive which was great fun. It's amazing how long you can wait to throw a 6 on a dice. That was followed by a Chinese raffle with lots of prizes on a harvest theme. Another of our September highlights was the first meeting of our Luncheon Club. On this occasion we went to The Harrow at Stockbury. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their lunch as well as the opportunity for the social time together. Most of us ended up visiting the MB Farms shop before returning home in the late afternoon.

Also in September we enjoyed a Group Meeting hosted by Upchurch WI and featuring Ray Spiller who entertained everyone with music and comedy surrounding No1's in the music charts over the years.

In October, Iwade members have enjoyed knitting and sugarcraft workshops. In the sugarcraft workshop members are working on a decorated iced plaque for their Christmas cake and at the Knit and Natter we began work on gorgeous little teddy bears to sell at the Iwade Christmas Fair. We are raising funds for our 80th birthday celebrations next year. And have




Pictured above, Jackie with hops on her head at the Harvest Supper! Pictured below, Iwade W.I.'s first lunch club



you heard about the game Rummikub? Some of us have been learning to play. Our monthly meeting on 20 October featured speaker John Pearce and his wife talking about Glenn Miller Lives On. No speaker at our November meeting on 17th as this is our Annual General Meeting when we decide on our committee for the year ahead.

Iwade WI is a small friendly group of just over 20 members. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month normally in the village hall. We have been pleased to welcome a number of new members recently and would love to see you too. Have you ever thought about joining us? Why not come along to one of our meetings to see what you think? You would be very welcome. If you would like any more information about Iwade WI just telephone secretary Hilary on 01795 474686.



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Odours from land spreading in North Kent - Environment Agency Fact Sheet

Background - In recent years, North Kent has seen increases of waste and non-waste materials being spread on agricultural land.. These materials include paper sludge, sewage sludge and compost and are of great value to the farming industry for crop growing. This fact sheet explains our role in investigating odour issues in North Kent.

Environmental Permitting - The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 introduced Mobile Plant Environmental Permits for the spreading of waste materials on land for agricultural benefit. These permits are required to control and minimise environmental impact from these activities.

How are environmental permits issued? A business which needs an environmental permit must apply to us. Providing that a business can prove it meets all the legal, environmental, technological and health and safety requirements, we are legally obliged to issue the permit, even if some people do not approve of the decision.

How does the Environment Agency regulate against the permit? We regulate against the conditions of its permit. Standard Rules permits carry a generic risk assessment but operators must send us a deployment form for each time they wish to use their permit to either stockpile or spread certain materials.

What is included in the deployment form? Date of operation, Type of material to be spread, Volume of material to be spread, Location of operation, Land owner details, Benefit to agriculture documents, Risk assessment to include local receptors, Waste analysis and Soil analysis

What does the Environment Agency do if the conditions of a permit are not being met? If a business breaches the conditions of its permit, we will take enforcement action in line with our publicly available enforcement and prosecution policy. Options available include a warning, formal caution, prosecution and issuing a notice to take action. It is not always clear cut whether an operator has breached the permit. There is often a test of reasonableness which we will need to investigate and review before we decide what action to take.

What are we doing about odours in North Kent? We know that a large number of residents have been affected by odours in the North Kent area at some stage over the past 5 years. Since the major issues with odours in the summer of 2009, we have been working alongside local councils to influence operators and to remind them of their roles and responsibilities. We have also been working with the large producers of these materials including Countrystyle Group (compost) and Kemsley Paper Mill (paper sludge).

All the companies involved in the spreading of paper sludge have produced a process, communications and risk management document to show how they will manage sludge produced at the paper mill. This has led to significantly less odours issues with this specific material in 2010.

We continue to work closely with Countrystyle Group to reach a similar satisfactory position and be confident that odour will not be a problem for next year or subsequent years .

Spreading of compost - Some compost can be spread with no waste regulatory controls if certain criteria are met by the producer site. If the compost meets PAS100 specification and the Quality Protocol then this material is seen as a non waste material and therefore can be spread .

More information on these specifications can be found at www.wrap.org.uk

Who can I report odours to? If you smell an odour that you think is coming from waste material being spread or stockpiled on land, please report it straightaway to our free incident hotline (see below). Your report immediately helps us build up a picture of the problem. We will contact the operator / contractor on your behalf, but will not share your identity.

When a serious and sustained odour is reported to us, we will seek to attend and investigate to check its source. To prove a breach of the odour conditions on the permit, we need to smell the odour ourselves. This will be done in conjunction with the local authority for the area the odours are coming from.

Where can I find out more information or get in touch? Environment Agency incident hotline: 0800 807060 (anytime) or visit our website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk

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Snippets

Check out the new Iwade Village Hall website at iwadevillagehall.org.uk. *Nice work Peter!*

The Iwade School PTFA are looking for volunteers. Call the school office on 472578 if you're interested or pop in.

Apologies for last month's allotment email for Joan Exley. It should have been m-j.exley1@tiscali.co.uk. *Hands up guv!*

Property News

by Town and Village Homes

It seems like only yesterday that we welcomed Lorraine Appleton from Ward Homes into our office to assist her with the marketing Saxon Mews, their latest development situated just off The Street. The majority of the development found buyers in the short time Lorraine was with us, and the first exchange of contracts has already taken place! The newest arrivals to our village will be moving in during October.

With sales of pre owned homes taking place at a steady pace, Iwade continues to hold its own in the current difficult property market, with recent additions to our mailing register coming from as far afield as Ayreshire in Scotland.

However, not all is rosy in the marketplace! The biggest cause of complaint, and frustration, we frequently encounter are sellers who have fallen victim of the unscrupulous actions of a minority of estate agents. These

agents continue to over-value properties with the sole intention of beating down the price during their period of sole agency. With sole agencies often lasting in excess of 16 weeks, sellers who are keen to move for employment reasons often find their well laid plans in tatters through no fault of their own.

Time and time again, we discover properties we have provided marketing evaluations for are coming to the market at asking prices anything up to 20% higher than we recommended. Sadly, time and time again, we revisit the same properties, sometimes several months later, and are asked to commence marketing at the price we recommended originally.

Our advice? Always get three valuations (including us of course!) and compare the three figures given. If one is wildly out of step with the other two be very, very careful indeed before committing to a long term sole agency contract.

Speedway is 40 years old

Sittingbourne Speedway's 40th Anniversary meeting was on 12th September with a good crowd and over 50 heats of racing plus some old friends from the past who were connected with the track in its beginnings there to say hello. It is hard to believe that the track was just a field on the outskirts of Iwade in 1970, but with 40 years of hard work by so many people, some long gone, and others still actively involved in the track, it has developed into a fine venue for training and lower league speedway since that time.

The emphasis has always been on finding, encouraging and developing youngsters as they try to make it through to a professional career. There is a long list of riders who have done just that and many came to the Anniversary meeting to see old faces and to talk about the old times.

Although the track has run league racing, amateur meetings and club events, it still thrives on its practice and training days utilising its two tracks. The conveyor belt of talent is still continuing today with training days held at the track and a wide range of people taking part, some aspiring stars and others just wanting to sit on a speedway bike and experience what it is like.

There are exciting times ahead for Kent speedway and at Iwade we are eagerly watching developments at Central Park Stadium.

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Dates for the Diary

Regis Manor Firework Spectacular to music and story Thursday 4th November Gates open 6pm for 7pm fireworks. Tickets £4 children, £5 adults on the gate.

Church Quiz Night Saturday 6th November 7.00pm for 7.30pm start tickets £5.00 per person including Ploughman's call 424502 / 478103 for tickets

Iwade Farmers' Market Sunday 7th November 10am to 1pm Iwade Village Hall

Holy Communion Sunday 7th November 11am All Saint's Church Iwade

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 10th November 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall

Mobile Library Thursday 11th November 11.15 to 11.25am end of Sheerstone

Gardening Club Thursday 11th November call Ann as venue varies - 599755

Church Open Day Saturday 13th November 10am to 2pm home-produce for sale

Morning Prayer for Remembrance Sunday Sunday 14th November 10.30am All Saint's Church Iwade

Iwade W.I. Annual General Meeting Saturday 20th November Iwade Village Hall call Hilary to join on 474686

Holy Communion Sunday 21st November 11am All Saint's Church Iwade

Mobile Library Thursday 25th November 11.15 to 11.25am end of Sheerstone

Family Service Sunday 28th November 10.30am All Saint's Church Iwade - all welcome

Churchwarden's Notes by Sylvia O'Shea

Hello there! Before I forget, have you reserved your place or table for the Quiz Night on November 6th in Village Hall? Do please give Wynn Webb a call on 01795-424502 or Sylvia O'Shea on 01795-478103 to ensure your table. As mentioned last month, still reserve your seat if coming alone – quite a few of us do so and make up a friendly table. Please come and have a fun evening. Just £5 each which includes a ploughman's supper. Tea/Coffee will be served. Just bring your own glasses and bottles if wished. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets will soon be available for the Christmas Concert by the U.K. CONCERT BAND on Wednesday December 8th at 7.30pm. This is always very popular. Tickets at just £5

include light refreshments. Either get tickets from Sylvia or on the evening at the Village Hall. The mobile stable – just the right size for a coffee table or small side shelf, begins its journey around the village after the family service on November 28th. Will you again be a 'host' for a night? It is ideal to help young children understand what the real meaning of Christmas is all about. For full details contact Sylvia on 478103. It is delivered early evening and collected next day same time. Just contact Sylvia to be included on the list of hosts please. The animals and models are knitted and ideal for small hands to hold. The church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Festival on September 26th. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed in any way. Some of

the items donated – the fresh veg and fruit was distributed to residents in the village. The tins and packaged items were donated to THE QUAYS in Sittingbourne. They give small hampers of food to former homeless folk when moving into accommodation. So on their behalf THANK YOU. God bless you all. Please drive safely now the mornings and evenings are getting so dark. Please walk up to the church and join us for a tea or coffee on 2nd Saturday of month 10-2pm. Before then, see you for the quiz night??? On NOVEMBER 14th – REMEMBRANCE DAY – there will be a special service beginning at **10.30am** to remember all who have died. Note change of time for second Sunday.



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Parish Council Notes taken from the meeting of 8th September 2010

Village Hall Garden

Valuation of Land – Clerk has received a quote of £400 to value the land owned by the Parish Council to the side of the Village Hall; Clerk is investigating other avenues and will report back.

Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners raised the issue of the problems with the new road layout at the junction of School Lane/Ferry Road – this has already been taken up with K.C.C.

Highways; car parking in the village – Clerk to pursue; no disabled parking bays in village centre – Clerk to write to the centre management committee and query with Swale B.C. why this was not taken into account at the planning stage; dog fouling in Dunlin Walk – Community Warden to investigate.

County Councillors and Borough Councillor

Cllr. Whiting referred to the change of conditions in the Biomass planning application.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)

report read out to Members; issues dealt with, included fly-tipping, litter in the village centre, (Clerk to write to management committee regarding this) anti-social behaviour, water leak in School Lane, etc.

PCSO

Did not attend.

Election of Vice-Chairman

No Vice-Chairman elected and item not to be brought back to the next meeting.

Finance

Audit – 2008/09 and 2009/10

Accounts

Auditor is preparing accounts for the year 2008/09, which will then produce an opening balance for the accounts for the following year; finished accounts to be circulated to all Members. Notices have been posted advising Parishioners that the accounts will be available for viewing during the period specified.

Fidelity Insurance

According to the Insurers £2,000 is the norm for Fidelity Insurance. The Parish Council can apply to have this amount increased – Clerk instructed to investigate further and report back when details are to hand.

Fraud Update

Clerk has received a response from the bank referring to a discrepancy in the final fraudulent amount. Clerk to respond, enclosing the list of fraudulent transactions supplied by the Police.

ROSPA Report – School Lane

Playing Field

Report noted; Clerk to liaise with the Village Handyman regarding any necessary work.

Trees

A budget of £500 was agreed to replace three fruit trees in the Village Hall Garden and to buy bulbs and plants to enhance the green areas of the village.

Clerk requested to contact Swale Borough Council to see if they will replace the dead trees in the village park with new, mature trees.

Correspondence

KRAG Conservation Partner

Application – Agreed to apply for

conservation status membership with this organisation. It was proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Manning that a donation of £200 be given to this conservation group.

Affordable Housing

Agreed to take part in the Housing Needs Survey.

Electoral Arrangements

New electoral arrangement for May 2011 noted.

Swale B.C. Executive Governance Arrangements

Members supported Option 2 – Directly elected Mayor and Cabinet Model. Clerk to respond accordingly.

Planning

SW/10/TEMP/0023 – Biomass Power Plant Ridham Ltd., Biomass Combined Heat and Power Plant, Ridham Dock, Iwade – agreed no objection to the amended wording on conditions.

Phase 8 – Louise Humphries – Agreed Cllr. Wilks to write to Natural England.

NEEDED - 3 Bedroomed Home to Rent in Iwade

Local family, currently living outside of the village, seek 3 bed to rent in Iwade in order to live closer to family and friends, facilities etc.

Reference available.

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Green Fingers

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There are a number of things you can still do to keep your green fingers busy. Fresh herbs in cooking are a delight; and they are readily available in supermarkets. Make sure you buy the potted ones with roots. They will last for a couple of months if you take care of them, remove the cover and keep on a well-lit windowsill. Water them when necessary and give them some liquid feed every two weeks. Some plants might benefit from dividing and potting on. Pick out the growing tips for cooking and to keep the plant neat and bushy. For every shoot you take, two will grow in its place.

It isn't too late for cut price bulbs. Although planting time for bulbs is supposedly past, they will flower even if put in after Christmas, just later. I am going to add hyacinths to my shopping list, lovely around Christmas, and can then be planted outside.

by Ann Menzies

Parent 'n' Toddler

We have said some sad goodbyes to two of our team volunteers, Nicola and Helen, as their girls start 'big school'. They have done a sterling job in the Toddler Group camp, and they will be sadly missed. The volunteers remain as Lisa, Diane, Vanessa, Sam



(pictured left to right) and Davina who continue to run this voluntary led group, with tea, biscuits, chat, song time, crafts and fun end of term parties!

The craft table will be full of autumnal crafts of crayon leaf rubbings and firework paintings, to Christmas cards, baubles and stained glass window decorations. And of course, happy children with messy hands and probably messy faces!

We have a few key dates for this term:

Halloween party is on 2nd November and will include a bouncy castle and food; this of course is a fancy dress party with prizes for the best costume. Anne Williams Beauty Therapy will be popping in to give TLC to those tired nails, with mini manicures. Usbourne and Phoenix Cards are also on the books to pop in for the Christmas rush.

And finally, the traditional Christmas Party will be on the 14th December, entertainment will be the Teenie Boppers, and will include a visit from Father Christmas.

With so much going on, how could you not pop in? We are open from 9am-11am every Tuesday morning during term time in the Iwade Village Hall. Your first visit is free, and then we charge only £1.50 for the first child and 20p for other siblings. Tea, coffee, biscuits and chat are free!

Davina, Diane, Lisa, Sam and Vanessa.

Please note there is an additional nominal charge for special events.

Iwade School kindly requests that you park sensitively on the school run, being careful not to block residents' drives or prevent clear sight up School Lane for safe crossing.

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