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# Iwade Observer

Photo by Jay Manning

**November 2011**

## **Iwade Awarded In Kent Village Of The Year** *By James Hunt*

Well done to all involved in the Iwade Allotments for ensuring Iwade became runner up for Environment in the Action in Communities for Rural Kent's 'Kent Village of The Year'. The judges were very impressed with all the hard work that has gone in to getting new allotments for the village. Iwade only fell short of winning but with Elham, Shepway having an active Environmental Group reducing carbon emissions within the community we just couldn't compete. I'm sure that with the active community that we have in Iwade and with everyone giving new ventures like the Allotments support Iwade could possibly walk away with a win in

coming years – We won't give up!

At the award night it was nice to see that Iwade was remembered from past applications, even if it was because of some residents turning up at the awards night dressed like it was the Oscars!

Big thanks to Nicola McKenzie for filling out the application form and applying for the competition this year.



**Photos:** Above - Nicola McKenzie, Joan Exley and James Hunt at Kent Village of the Year  
Below - A great panoramic of the village by Simon Filmer



## Editor's Note

Thanks to all those of you that have contributed to the Observer this month. Once again I've not been able to fit everything in so if you sent me anything through that isn't here I'm sorry.

I was lucky enough to go along to the Kent Village Of The Year presentation night to hear that Iwade became runner up in the Environment category. Well done to anybody that volunteers their time to all the clubs, events and activities that we have in Iwade, I feel that a real community is building in the village and with everybody's support I definitely think that Iwade could one day hold that title of 'Kent Village of the Year'. Keep up the good work everybody!

If you are on Facebook why not take a look at the 'Iwade Does Facebook' group if you haven't already. It's a great way for residents to interact and talk about anything in the village. I'm sure that if something is happening in Iwade you'll find a group on Facebook for it - Tinkerbells Nursery - Friends of Iwade School - IwadeVillage.co.uk - Love That Canvas - too many to list, why not take a look.

If you have any stories for future Observers or any photos you'd like to see then please send them to me at [jc\\_hunt@btinternet.com](mailto:jc_hunt@btinternet.com) or you can find me on Twitter @IwadeJames

*James Hunt*

## Iwade Residents' Work Snapped Up For Showhome

*By James Hunt*

Sarah Smith Photography and Love That Canvas now have their work on show in Hillreed showhomes. Sarah approached Tina (Love That Canvas) at the Iwade Village Market to enquire about what services they offered and after Sarah had a meeting with a Hillreed interior designer to choose which photos could be used the partnership between the two Iwade based businesses was formed.

When childcare became difficult with her twins Tina decided to expand her e-bay business and buy a printing machine so she could work from home and be more flexible for the children. Since setting up in July Love That Canvas has been a great success and with prices starting at £25 for a 300mm x 400mm canvas you can see why. For more information see Tina's website [www.lovethatcanvas.co.uk](http://www.lovethatcanvas.co.uk) or you can call on 07850 226676.



If you would like to see more of Sarah photos then take a look at her Facebook page 'Sarah Smith Photography' or email her for more information :- [sarahesmith09@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sarahesmith09@blueyonder.co.uk)

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## Parliament Week

Gordon Henderson MP will be hosting two Q&A sessions, in association with Parliament Week, for young people aged 16-25 to have their say on issues which might be important to them.

The sessions will take place on Tuesdays, 1st and 15th November. For more information contact Abigail Recker on 01795 423199 or [abigail.recker@parliament.uk](mailto:abigail.recker@parliament.uk)



### FRIENDS OF IWADE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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WELCOME TO IWADE SCHOOL

# Tinkerbells Early Years *By Donna Barker*



The beginning of another busy term ! Update first on the tinkerbell allotment.....the shed went up.....the shed blew away.....the shed has been rebuilt and is now back up. A massive thank you to whoever managed to stake our shed to stop it blowing away any further!!! The children have been visiting the allotments on a regular basis and jobs are getting done slowly, they have definitely embraced the outdoors and are not impressed when we tell them it is time to head back for our lunch.

We again have a busy term ahead, preparing for the big man to visit, he is taking time out from supervising the elves so he can visit us for our Christmas Fair which is being held on the 6th December from 3pm to 5pm. There will be lots to do including a teddy tombola, name the bear, face painting, cake stall, craft stall, presents for parents, refreshments and so much more!!

If you are interested in a stall for the fair please call Donna on 07966 762239.

We have very few spaces left at the setting so if you are looking for a nursery place please visit us or call us on 07592 544285.

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## **Hérons Coach Gets FA Qualification**

Congratulations to Darren Roe for gaining his level 1 coaching qualification. The Club relies on the commitment and dedication of its coaches, managers and secretaries and they aim to have all of their coaches up to FA Level 1 in the future.

# Dates for the Diary

**Iwade Village Market** Sunday 6th November 10am to 1pm Iwade Village Hall

**Holy Communion** Sunday 6th November 10.30am All Saint's Church Iwade

**Parish Council Meeting** Wednesday 9th November 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall

**Mobile Library** Thursday 10th November 11.15am to 11.25am Sheerstone (Springvale end)

**Church Open Day** Saturday 12th November 10am - 2pm

**Quiz Night** In Village Hall 12th November 7pm for 7.30 start

**Special Service** for remembrance day 13th November 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade

**W.I Meeting** Wednesday 16th November 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall

**Calender Girls** charity night in the Woolpack 19th November 8pm

**Holy Communion** 20th November 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade

**Mobile Library** Thursday 24th November 11.15am to 11.25am Sheerstone (Springvale end)

**Live Music** in the Woolpack with the Rox Stox Saturday 26th November 8pm

**Family Service** for advent Sunday 27th November 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade

**Financial Assistance Deadline** for Iwade Parish Council Grants Wednesday 30th November

**Friends Of Iwade School Christmas Fayre** (open to everybody) Friday 2nd December 3.15pm Iwade School

**Iwade Christmas Market** Sunday 4th December 10am Iwade Village Hall

**Tinkerbells Nursery Christmas Fair** Tuesday 6th December 3pm Iwade Village Hall

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# Your Borough Councillor Update by Ben Stokes

Although I am busy doing my engagements as Mayor, as your ward councillor I am still out and about in Iwade and Lower Halstow reporting potholes, pavement repairs, fly tipping and assisting residents with any problems that arise.

One thing that I continually deal with is the foul smell. Although this has not been too much of a problem lately farmers will soon be muck spreading again which will cause many residents to suffer the smell. The people who have the most power to deal with this are the Environment Agency. Residents can phone them on 0800 80 70 60. You can also call the Swale Environment Officer on 417320 or myself on 476979.

Another of my main concerns is the possibility of much more housing development in Iwade. I attended the first meeting of RAHM held in Iwade Village Hall but could not get to the next meeting in Lower Halstow. Just recently I again phoned our legal department in regard to the old orchard in Woodpecker Drive. The last hold up was that the pond had not been included in the transfer. This has now been put right and the transfer should have taken place by the time you read this.

The Mayoress and I have been fairly busy – Our main priorities have been to visit schools, care homes and volunteer organisations. We hope shortly to visit Iwade and Lower Halstow primary schools. I also had the pleasure and privilege in presenting Iwade Herons football teams with cups and trophies. It was also a pleasure to be invited to the iwadevillage.co.uk relaunch in the Woolpack. We also did some judging at the Iwade Prettiest Garden Competition, attended a number of charity events, school fetes and carnivals. We have been lucky to meet people from all walks of life. All new Mayors are invited to one of the Queens garden parties and to the Lord Lieutenant of Kent's house including the Lord High Sherriff of Kent's garden party to meet all new Mayors. We attended a charity luncheon of the Swale Youth Development Fund along with the funds first patron Jane Torvill. We also had a cherry tasting session with Master Chef, Gary Rhodes.

Where ever I go or whoever I talk to I always let them know that my ward is Iwade and Lower Halstow – I say this with pride as I believe that my ward is the best in the whole of Swale.



## Congratulations To Cllr. Mike Whiting

Mike Whiting, Kent County Councillor for Iwade, has recently been promoted to Cabinet Member for Education, Learning and Skills.

Mike said, "I am determined that all Kent children get the start in life they deserve. In Swale, particularly in the Sittingbourne area, we have a great range of schools that deliver high quality education, better than many areas of Kent.

"Improving standards at all our schools widen the choice available to parents, as does having an adequate number of school places in the area. Place provision is a matter for KCC and I have asked for a review across Kent that will, of course, include Iwade and Sittingbourne."

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Gordon Henderson - MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey has created a Twitter account to connect with his constituents.

Following the success of Mr Henderson's Facebook page Mr Henderson is keen to reach out to his constituents via other social media.

Follow: @GordonHendersonMP

# Churchwarden's Notes *By Sylvia O'Shea*

The Harvest Thanksgiving service on September 25th was memorable, in that over 100 attended the joyful event, with a bountiful number of food items donated. These in turn were handed to The Quays Centre in Crown Quay Lane, Sittingbourne where they were received with grateful thanks. These we now pass on to you – THANK YOU. We have so very much to be thankful for; it is often difficult to remember that even locally some people are really struggling to manage, specially when they do not have a settled home.

Thanks also to the children from Iwade School who were in church for the Harvest Service, singing from Harvest Hymns so very well.

The next popular event being held in the Village Hall is the quiz night on November 12th. Have you booked your table or seat yet? Cost is just £5 which includes a ploughman's supper. Tea/Coffee is also available. Please bring your own wine/glasses if required. Ring Sylvia/Ron Francis on 01795 427777, Wynn Webb on 01795 424502 or Sylvia O'Shea on 01795 478103 to book.

The mobile stable, the POSADA, starts its journey around the village after our Family Service on November 27th. Please let Sylvia O'Shea know if you would like to provide a 'home' for a night, or need details of what's involved. It is a lovely way to introduce young and old to the meaning of Christmas. Only needs little space – like a coffee table top. Do contact Sylvia

for details.

If you haven't discovered your little church yet, it is located opposite the Woolpack, and is open for visitors every 2nd Saturday of the month 10am – 2pm. Pop along and have a coffee one time with us.

The U.K paper band return for the popular Christmas Concert!

Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm in Iwade Village Hall

Tickets are £5 (concessions £3.50) and are available from Sylvia O'Shea on 478103.

Iwade Church Quiz Night in aid of the comfort fund, (much needed toilet facilities )

Saturday 12th November 7 for 7.30 6 or 8 per table including an excellent ploughmans supper £5.00 per head you are welcome to bring your own drink but also tea and coffee and cold drinks will be available at a small cost.

Please do come along and join in the fun and support your local church. Ring Sylvia on 01795 427777 to book your table now!

**Swap Shop at The Well-** On Sunday 13 November, The Well will take place again in Newington Village Hall. The Well offers a 2 course, home-cooked meal for £2 per person, including kids lunches, as well as excellent activities for children and teenagers and the Sunday newspapers. In addition The Well in November will include a Swap Shop - Bring something that you don't want, and take away something that you do. The 13 November is also Remembrance Sunday, and there will an opportunity to acknowledge those who have died in the service of their country. Everyone is welcome, and there is no need to book - just turn up. The Well runs from 12:30-2:30.

**A couple of photos showing fun at the Allotments. The kids love it over there!**



**Photos - Above:** Children enjoying the Tinkerbells plot  
**Right:** Jonathan and Emma can't wait to get carving

# Parish Council Notes

*Taken from the meeting held on the 10th August 2011*

The Chairman read out a letter received from a resident in Sheerstone regarding the July meeting. In response to this letter Cllr. Plumb pointed out that a period of time is set aside in the Agenda for members of the public to raise questions and bring matters to the Council's attention. He clarified that this is the only time that residents are permitted to address the Council, unless invited, and that during the rest of the Agenda they are there in an observation role only.

## Matters Arising from the minutes

**Core Strategy** – the meeting held on the 25th July was attended by representatives from ten Parish Councils from within the Swale region and looked at the various points that Swale Borough Council are considering for development and housing up to 2031, and transportation and how it will aid the development. Brian Lloyd from CPRE attended and gave a presentation on many of the issues and how each option would impact on the communities of Swale.

A further meeting has been called for the 17th August, to look at what sort of action Parish Council and the community can take to influence. Cllr. Gregory commented that residents throughout Swale needed to be made more aware of the impact of the Core Strategy. Regarding Iwade, the use of the Newsletter, website and perhaps the distribution of a leaflet to each household would be a way of ensuring all residents within the Parish are fully aware of what is planned for this and other areas. Many people do not realise that the Core Strategy will have a major impact on infrastructure (roads, schools, transport, etc.) and the additional housing figure

Swale Council is looking at is 13500 new homes, and that Iwade could be faced with extra housing on top of what has already been granted. It was generally agreed that there is a need to 'get out here' with a public awareness campaign covering the whole of Swale.

**Bus Shelter** – Cllr. Whiting confirmed funding for this has been agreed.

## Parishioner/ Public Time

One Parishioner commented on the Core Strategy item which appeared on the village website. She stated that this needs to be communicated to all residents and followed up by a public meeting. She also felt that any distributed leaflet needs to be quite specific.

**Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)** – referred to the football problem in Stangate drive. He asked if the Parish Council is agreeable to the grass being left longer in the problem area, which will impede playing with a football. Councillors thought that local residents should take this decision. The Warden's report was circulated and noted by Members.

**County Councillor and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting attended the meeting at Swale Borough Council relating to the Core Strategy, but was not entitled to speak. He stated that it looks as though the public consultation on effectively what the Council proposes will be in January. The figure of 13500 houses has been mentioned and he will support Iwade in fighting against extra housing within the village.

Officers are still looking at installing double yellow lines on one side and single on the other side of School Lane adjacent to the village centre. The Parish Council confirmed that it would like double yellow lines on both sides of the road.

## Finance

**Village Newsletter** – Nicola McKenzie, Editor of the newsletter was invited to address the Council. She stated that originally printing of the newsletter was kindly undertaken by a villager at no cost; this then changed to being charged, but on a subsidised rate. However, the team has now been informed that this situation cannot carry on and they are faced with having to find funding for the full cost of printing. They do receive funding from advertising, but there is shortfall. The newsletter is well received throughout the village and the team are requesting that the Parish Council take the publication over (but they will continue to edit and distribute the magazine) as regards funding.

**Grass Cutting** – Details of area cut have been received by the Clerk, together with costings for the Parish Council to undertake extra cuts, due to budget restrictions by KCC and Swale B.C. Members agreed to investigate further.

## Village Hall Updates

Cllr. Hunt referred to the meeting with Swale Borough Council's Planners regarding the application for the new hall. The application has encountered a problem in as much as the Police are requesting money through a 106 agreement; there is a need for a flood risk assessment and a planning statement. These matters are being investigated.

**The next meeting  
will be on  
Wednesday 9th  
November 7.30 p.m.**



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