# **Dates For The Diary**

## Thursday 6 November 11:15-11:25 | Mobile Library

At the Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of identification required to join. Why not give it a try?

Saturday 8 November | Iwade Observer December Deadline

Email your contributions to the iwade observer@gmail.com or join our facebook group 'Iwade Observer'

### Saturday 8 November 19:00 | Smile Malawi 10th Anniversary Charity Ball

Iwade's charity Smile Malawi run by Elpeth Baecke in School Lane are celebrating the success of the charity and the orphanage in Malawi.

Celebrating 10 years of the Smile Malawi charity with a Black Tie ball at The Manor Hotel Gravesend Kent, tickets £60 each or £500 for a table of 10.

To find out more about Smile Malawi visit smilemalawi.com.

Sunday 9 November 10:45 | Remembrance Sunday

All Age Service at All Saints Church. All welcome

Monday 10 November 19:30 | Patient Participation Group Meeting

For patients at Iwade Health Centre who would like to be involved in improving the service they offer. You can email the PPG at iwadeppg@outlook.com

The new lead GP Dr Neil Poplett and new Practice Manager Samantha Toms will be at this meeting. Wednesday 12 November 19:30 | Iwade Parish Council Meeting

At Iwade Village Hall. Residents encouraged, time allowed for resident's questions or issues.

Friday 14 November 19:30 | Sheerness Scottish Heather Club WW1 Commemorative Dance

See inside for more info.

Wednesday 19 November | W.I. November Meeting The November W.I. meeting will be the AGM and Rummikub evening.

Thursday 20 November 11:15 | Mobile Library

Monday 24 November 18:00-18:45 | Iwade PCSO Surgery (Kent Police)

Police Community Support Officer Matthew Link will be in the square outside Londis to respond to queries.

Tuesday 25 November 15:00-17:30 | Tinkerbell's Christmas Fair

See below for details

## Thursday 27 November | Iwade Health Centre Staff Training Day

Any urgent care needs should be directed to 111 phone service, or patients can go to Sheppey Walk-In Centre. Sunday 30 November 16:00-18:00 | Iwade Christmas Lights Event

See front page for full details.



# **Editor's Note**

Just a quick note from us this month to thank all our contributors, we wouldn't have a newsletter without you. We also have a new Facebook group so do join and let us know if there is anything you would like us to feature or if you have a fab Iwade photo you would like to share.

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# **Pop** - up art exhibition and Readings in a Country Church

On Saturday 5th October Sheppey Promenade ventured off the island for the first time and staged a day of art and literature in All Saints Church, Iwade. The day started with a pop-up art exhibition which featured the work of some wonderfully gifted artists from the area, including Iwade's own Geoff announce that this year our Freshwater with some brilliant aviation art, and Celia Dutton with her wonderful animal pictures. This event was well worth a visit for the be open to the whole village. opportunity to buy some original art at very affordable prices The day ended with a series of thought provoking essays, poems and readings decorating the nursery for the from members of the Sheppey Writers Group ending with a very poignant and children at Christmas time and emotive piece from Ruth Partis, that reminded us of the missed opportunities after a number of lovely that many women especially missed out on as a result of the loss of their comments from people in the husbands during war. Ruth's piece moved many to tears. The event was organised by James Apps and Janys Thornton of The Sheppey Promenade, and they are already planning a repeat event in the Spring.

Pictures show some of the art on show, and Ruth Partis reading the closing with the Parish Council and the piece.



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Thank you Emma Louise Ward for this amazing photo of Sheppey Crossing!



# **Christmas Lights** Switch-on

from Collette and Sue.

Happy Days is very excited to Christmas light switch-on will We have always enjoyed village last year we have decided to open our doors to Iwade for our Christmas Switch-on. After a meeting Church we are combining this event with the lighting of the tree on the hill outside the nursery with carols led by Stephen Plumb and the Salvation Army. Happy Days will provide a Santa's Grotto, refreshments and an atmosphere to get us all in the festive mood. The event will take place on the 30 November from 4-6pm with the switch on at 5pm.

## **The Sheerness Scottish Heather Club**

welcome and an enjoyable evening of dance. holding the following events:-

WW1 Commemorative Dance 14th November

Christmas Party 19th December

Valentines club night February 13th

Capers

Sheerness@kass.org.uk





The Church held its annual Harvest Festival Well folks, your very own and Service on 6th October. Picture shows donations very local Beverley Adamswhich are destined for local food bank.



Some of wonderful art on last month.

### One to watch!

The club meet at Iwade Village Hall every Friday On Sunday 14th September Iwade's ace gymnast evening from 19:30 to 22:30: come along for a warm Harrison Hoad attended the London Open held at Europa, Crayford, a large competition with clubs from In addition to the usual Friday club nights we are all over the UK in attendance. He had a good day there and achieved a very respectable 10th place overall.

Then on Sunday 21st September he took part in the South East Regionals held at Woking Gymnastics Club. This was a great day for Harrison with a score of Spring Fling 6th March with Live Music from Celtic 62.400 placing him in second position and earning him silver. His Mum and Dad, Nicola and Chris Hoad, of For further information email the secretary at: Ferry Road, are very proud that this has once again earned him a place at The Nationals, GMAC Birmingham, on Friday November 7th representing the South East, where he achieved 22nd overall last year and 2nd as part of the south east team. Harrison is in Year 6 at Iwade school and he trains at the Meapa

Gymnastic Club in Gravesend 5 times a week. - We applaud your dedication Harrison, please let us know how you get on at The Nationals - TIO will be rooting for you! -Ed Here is a photo from the London Open. Harrison is pictured with Giarnni

Regini-Moran, Team GB junior Olympic champion.

The Iwade Observer have had a call from a Miss Beverley Christian in Raspberry Hill Lane who has been looking after a missing cat since the end of August.

If you have lost your cat, under a year old, un-neutered, no collar, no chip, flecks of white on his chest, totally black, short coated.

Very friendly and loving, seems to be used to living with big dogs, then telephone Beverley on 07930 898 925

## **Award Winning teas!**

Reynolds of Exquisite Vintage

the Teas based in Stangate Drive, won the Kent Iwade, display at the <mark>Independent Traders Award for</mark> pop - up art <mark>Customer Service, against some</mark> exhibition held mighty tough opposition, at the in Iwade church <mark>awards ceremony held</mark> Bearsted Golf Club on September 25th - the girl did good !



### **Sponsored Silence** Rhianna Thomason.

thought of doing a sponsored silence.

9th of October.

I didn't want to go to school because I Jebel Toubkal. Trust, Tadworth which is where a family the Berber community. Mummy set up a Just Giving webpage for Atlas Mountains. charities.

The RSPCA and Amelia; Cancer Research. by the needs of the local community. reasons.

A massive thank you to everyone who's expedition, I can also raise awareness about coeliac disease. plight to raise money for The Children's donation, please email me at francescas.desserts@gmail.com . Trust, Tadworth. This is a wonderful place I am also able to cater for children's birthday parties on weekends. that has helped a family we love.

to: justgiving.com/Rhianna-Thomason/ Bellow: Rhianna (in white), with her schoolfriends who are in Year 5 at St Peters Catholic Primary School in Sittingbourne



I'm a resident of Iwade and student at Westlands Over the holiday, mummy and I wondered Secondary School. About a dozen Year 10, 11 and 12 how I could raise money for charity, and we students will be going on an expedition with me in October 2015 to Morocco. During the expedition my <mark>I told my friends about it and they wanted</mark> team and I will be exploring Marrakech, Essaouira and to do it with me, we decided to do it on the the silent desert wilderness of the Atlas Mountains. We will undertake a community project in a Berber village Finally, the day was here! It was so scary!! and trek to the summit of North Africa's highest peak,

thought I was going to talk! Mummy very The cost of the trip is £1,400, plus I need to raise kindly did us all badges and posters. I loved money for the necessary expedition equipment. Any additional funds raised doing it! But it was very, very, very hard!!!! will be given to my fellow expedition team members if they've not managed I had decided to support The Children's to raise the funds they require, or it will go towards a community project for friend has been receiving support to recover The Asni Project is run by the community association of Tiwizi, set up for from injuries, including a brain injury, Berbers, by Berbers. They are a non-profit organisation aiming to improve following an accident earlier this year. social and environmental conditions around the village of Asni in the High me, and so far the total stands at £490.00! The project team, which I will be part of, will assist the association in their This is in addition to the sponsorship in current projects, working alongside the locals. They have already made school which will be shared between five significant progress in the area by improving access to drinking water and

Brilliant effort Rhianna, did your Mum An Afternoon Tea to celebrate harvest was held at the church on the pay you extra to extend the silence? At the afternoon of 11th October. A veritable feast was laid out for this well time of writing Rhianna's Justgiving page supported function. Sandwiches, masses of cakes, scones with fresh shows she has raised over £750 including cream and jams, biscuits, nibbles and copious teas and coffees were *gift aid. Its still not too late to donate - go* enjoyed by those who found their way into the church. On a miserable afternoon the church was

warm and welcoming; what pleasant way to spend an hour or two! Look out for the next one!

## Francesca's Desserts



completed work against flooding and erosion of the environment through Anya decided to support The British heart reforestation. The project work during this expedition may include terracing Foundation, Yasmin; MacMillan, Lauren; land for crops or creating irrigation systems. Project work will be determined

We all chose our charities for very personal To raise funds for this expedition, I'm selling homemade cakes, biscuits and desserts which I make using my own secret recipes. My speciality is gluten Thank you every one for supporting us!!!!! free desserts. I started making gluten free desserts a year ago when I was And a note from Rhianna's Mum Jennifer. diagnosed with coeliac disease. I am hoping that through fundraising for this

<mark>supported our nine year old daughter in her</mark> If you would like to place a cake, biscuit or dessert order, or make a

## Afternoon tea at the church



# **Tinkerbell's Early Years**

Last term at Tinkerbell's went really well with our new and existing children settling in and learning all about themselves. The children were given opportunities to take part in many activities from our topic 'All about me'. The children with help from their families have created some wonderful life size portraits of themselves which have been beautifully decorated by all involved. The children also enjoyed our theme for the term which focused on 'The Gruffalo' story and they especially enjoyed making their very own Gruffalo crumble.

Our weekly bus trips, visits to our allotment and walks to the local parks and around the village have been a big enjoyment for the children, providing them with opportunities to gain further knowledge through their experiences out of the setting.

This term at Tinkerbell's is going to be a busy term as the Christmas period is guickly approaching. The children will be taking part in lots of fun Christmas themed activities along with rehearsals for our Christmas Nativity, which I'm sure as in previous years will be an enjoyable time for everyone.

Our annual fundraising Christmas fair will take place on Tuesday 25th November from 3pm till 5:30pm. If anyone would like a stall, please contact Donna on 07966 762239, everyone is welcome so we hope to see you all there.

We would also like to inform you that all our spaces at Tinkerbell's in Iwade are currently full at the moment, although if you would like to put your child's name down on our waiting list, please feel free to call in and pick up a prospectus. We do however currently still have spaces available at Tinkerbell's at the Clocktower in Adisham Green in Kemsley.

# Iwade WI

### By Christine Freshwater

In September we hosted our annual Harvest Supper where £1000 through the Combined Member Grant scheme invited guests and members from other W.I.s attended; we entertained over 50 ladies with homemade supper provided by our members. Barbara Stevens gave an interesting presentation titled "Italian Olive Oil Production and Harvesting".

In October we enjoyed a talk on "Creepy Kent" by Neil Arnold, this was both entertaining and informative, we also had a competition of home made masks keeping the theme for Halloween, followed by refreshments.

November 19th brings our AGM where committee members are elected, this will be followed by a Rummikub evening for all members, and refreshments.

New members are always welcome, please come and try, without any obligation, we'd love to see you! For details telephone our secretary, Glenn on 01795 436515.

### Iwade Herons Winter Training Grant

Iwade Herons Football Club continues to provide young players in the area the opportunity to learn and play the beautiful game in a safe and fun environment. A measure of our success can be seen in the continued commitment from our current squads and the growth of our development squads which cater for the youngest age groups. The club started with two teams back in 2003 and now we have 11 Squads with 150 players across 9 age groups!

The Club has limited access to playing surfaces in the illage at the moment, with the School Lane Recreation Ground unlikely to be returned from the developers until the end of this season. Our under 5s, 6s, 7s, 8s and 9s all use the Iwade School field, but our under 10s, 11s, 15s and 18s all have to use council recreation grounds in Milton, Kemsley and King George's in the centre of Sittingbourne.

Each year the club makes every effort to continue training through the winter in all weathers. Last season was especially difficult with torrential rain which really hit the grass surfaces that we use and caused many fixtures to be postponed. However, training is within our control and the Club has used a number of different facilities around Swale Borough and beyond to ensure all our teams kept active during the winter period, although of course this comes at a significant on-cost.

This season we started to prepare for winter training early and approached Kent County Councillor, Lee Burgess, to ask if he would kindly lend his support to our application to KCC for financial assistance. We are delighted to report that Lee really came up trumps for Iwade Herons as the KCC have granted the Club towards the expected cost of winter training.

"I'm very happy to support an organisation that gives young people the chance to use their spare time constructively in a supervised environment that allows them to enjoy physical activities and engage in training and competitions that builds confidence, motivation and friendships". - Lee Burgess - Kent County Councillor

This is fantastic news for all the players at the Club! This grant will enable us to continue offering high guality training and exercise through the winter to all players which would otherwise have been limited by the Clubs tight budget. The Club is very grateful for Lee's support and to the KCC for this very welcome arant.

# Iwade was originally a very small village the care they receive. 5,000 residents.

Practice experienced Health fully appreciates that some be able to rectify this. few months.

services and publishing their findings, steady basis

full time GP's, one Nurse Practitioner. with 500 residents. Iwade now has over During their visit they looked at many two Practice Nurses, one Health Care aspects of our practice and found much Assistant, five Receptionists, one lwade Health Centre is a purpose built to be praised, they were pleased that Secretary and 1 Practice Manager, A surgery and has been open since 2004. our clinical team recruitment has Midwife runs a weekly clinic on a We do appreciate that the staffing progressed well with Dr Poplett and Dr Thursday morning. The surgery offers situation in the recent past has proved Kotwal along with our new practice all Chronic Disease Management difficult and that it has taken time to find nurse Ursula. They felt that we Clinics, Weight Management. good and highly gualified staff. However respected and involved our patients. Woman/Man, NHS Health Checks, we do now have good news in that an However they have said that the Phlebotomy etc. Manager, consequence of the high use of locum We run yearly clinics for Flu and this Samantha Toms, started in July, our new doctors at the surgery has caused year we have the introduction of the salaried GP, Dr Kotwal started in issues in terms of the holistic care and Shingles vaccine for patients aged 70+ September and a new Lead GP, Dr continuity of care of patients. We are years and a named GP for all those Poplett joins us in October. Malling confident that our new clinical team will patients aged 75 and over. Additional note from Joa Savage: changes in recent years have been They also looked at how we responded Iwade Health Centre Patient

difficult for some patients but we are to complaints and any events that had Participation Group meeting - Monday sure that you will see a lot of positive occurred in practice that needed 10th November at 19:30 in IHC waiting enhancements to the service in the next discussing. They were happy that we room. All patients over the age of 18 responded in a full and timely manner welcome to attend and meet the new In September we had a visit from the but did feel that we needed to give more lead GP and Practice Manager, plus an Care Quality Commission (CQC), they time to meeting and discussing and thus opportunity to hear about the are the national inspection body, whose learning from these events. The new improvements made in the last few job is to check that hospitals, care practice manager, Samantha Toms has months, and suggest some of your own. homes, GPs, dentists and services in already instigated a routine programme **N.B. IHC have a staff training day on** your home, are meeting national of such meetings to ensure that the 27th November - any urgent care standards. They do this by inspecting practice continues to improve on a needs should be directed to 111 phone service, or patients can go to helping people to make choices about Our complete staffing compliment is two Sheppey Walk-In Centre.

## **Mobile Phone Reception**

A note from James Hunt Iwade Reading Group meets at 10.30am Iwade Parish Council have been looking into issues regarding the on the 4th Tuesday of the month. If you quality of mobile phone reception in the village. The council would like more information do please contacted OfCom to see if the issues could be raised on behalf of contact Hilary on 01795 474656. If you residents and to make a bigger impact but this has not been possible. can't make a meeting you could join us by OfCom will only step in when complaints are received after an becoming a friend of the Reading Group individual's provider won't keep to their end of the contract. Their via Iwade Does Facebook. Join in and let advice is that when someone has issues with their signal and their us know what you think of our choices. provider states that the area they're in has full coverage then that We welcome particularly your own book provider should be contacted and a complaint stating that they are not recommendations. upholding their contract should be made. November Book of the Month - The Light

Unfortunately it seems that the only way the signal can be improved in Behind the Window by Lucinda Riley Iwade is if there are a number of complaints to the providers and one (Kindle edition currently only £1.59 from of them decides to install a new mast in the village as it's in their Amazon). interest to do so. If all residents were with one provider and they all From the author of the international complained then that provider will suddenly do something as they bestseller, Hothouse Flower, Lucinda don't want to lose a mass of customers. Riley's novel is reputed to be a Improvements are being made to signals in all areas so it seems to be a breathtaking and intense story of love, war

case of sticking with what we've got until it improves. and, above all, forgiveness.

## Iwade Health Centre New staff and a great service for Iwade.

## **Iwade Reading Group**

### Not a good start ! by Rynn Kemp

out Sergeant". Looking a little continued to develop in Europe, and O.C. his unit in Canterbury.

with the Royal East Kent Mounted having a light on after "lights out"! Ernest was born in 1894 to Benjamin, a farm labourer, and Sarah Ransley, and shared the in little more than 3 weeks! family home with his half-brother Thomas Hadlow.

Ernest was a stocky 5'6" tall young man who had been working as a Labourer when he Farm volunteered (compulsory military twice "in the field", first to Corporal service not being introduced until March 1916) for service in May 1915, only days after another Iwade lad, Percy Taylor (See October TIO) , but his army career had not got off



"Five days confined to barracks and to a very auspicious start! a days loss of pay; I don't want to Life seems to have been relatively containing his meagre personal see you again Ransley! March him quiet for Ernest as the war effects. sheepish, 2811, Private Ernest he and his colleagues must have Ernest is remembered on the same Arthur Ransley, late of Willow been itching to 'get some action' for Cottages, Chetney, Iwade heard it wasn't until the 12th of Ypres as Percy. these words, probably with some September 1916 that they were relief at the punishment not being marched in to be given a cursory On Armistice Day, 11th November, more severe, from the Lieutenant medical examination by Lieutenant we remember the sacrifices made O'Hefferman, of the Royal Army by those men of Iwade, like Ernest. Medical Corps, and passed fit for Remember: Ernest Arthur Ransley had enlisted foreign service. Just ten days later on the 22nd September Ernest and Rifles at Canterbury on the 31st his colleagues arrived at 38 Infantry May 1915, soon after his 21st Base, Etaples, a holding base near birthday, and was still based at Le Touquet in France, where they Canterbury when he went on awaited allocation to a fighting unit. (probably) home leave in January On 11th October Ernest was 1916. The charge sheet attested by transferred to 11th Bn Royal West Sergeants Carter and Warner stated Kent Regiment, new service that he had overstayed his leave number 18495, joining them in the and was late reporting back for field, demoralised and in desperate duty, compounding this offence by conditions just outside Bapaume, as part of the Somme offensive. From the comfort of Canterbury to the full horrors of trench based warfare

> Ernest had survived what became known as The Battle of Translov Ridges, and the 11th Bn carried on fighting in the stalemate of the Somme. Ernest was promoted on 28th December 1916 and later to Sergeant on 10th March 1917.

> The 11th Bn moved along the front to become part of the Ypres offensive and taking part in the Battle of Messines (again see October TIO - Percy Taylor) which raged from the 7th to the 14th June 1917. Ernest was killed in action on 9th June 1917, just five days before Percy Taylor. On 7th April 1918 Ernest's mother Sarah received a small package from The

Infantry Records Office in Staines

panel (45 & 47) at The Menin Gate,

On the Memorial in the church : Ernest Arthur Ranslev Percy Edward Taylor William Thurston Kingsnorth William John Barnes George Thomas Hopkins George Thomas Taylor Walter George Colchin

Also, buried in the churchyard: Tom Clements

Also, from the Absentee Voters Register of 1918: (Extra information supplied by Graeme *Horner - for which grateful thanks)* 

> George Henry Barnes Isaac John Barnes Percy John Colchin Walter John Kingsnorth



### Visitors/Public Time

Borough Cllr. Stokes advised that work Cllrs. Hunt and Gale to attend. to the speed ramp between Bittern Road and Woodpecker Drive is

complaint regarding weekend working and dust relating to the Persimmon site; guote of £300.93p plus VAT for the been dealing with the The Barn, problems at Iwade Speedway and is helping a disabled resident who needs a dropped kerb installed to the front of his property.

 Community Warden Nick Mayatt's Borough Council. report has been circulated to Members and contents noted, issues covered traffic problems in Helen Thompson Close; fly tipping instances in Old Ferry Road and Ferry Road. Clerk to check with Swale Cleansing to see if they can do anything to stop the fly tipping.

### Twinning

Cllr. Hyde reported that Swale Borough Council is very interested and will assist with this: it will be а community/educational link. Cllr. Rook will discuss twinning with the resident who has links with Malawi; Clerk to place on October Agenda.

### Persimmon Development

Clerk still waiting for a firm date from Swale to discuss the Parish Council's complaint. Cllr. Gale advised that Lorries are using School Lane again.

### Countrystyle Update

Place on October Agenda. The Chair advised that a meeting will be set up to include the Parish Council and representatives from various companies to be held at Knauf, to discuss the Road.

### Sheppey Crossing Concerns

The Parish Council was dismayed to see that County Cllr. Truelove voted against lowering the speed limit on this road. Gordon Henderson, M.P. will be

### **IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2014** holding a meeting regarding the bridge; Planning

14/501060/REM/ROMC Application for reserved matter for recreation area Grass Cutting – Verges including 2 football pitches, pavilion, commencing next week; has received a Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded plav area and associated hard & soft by Cllr. Wastall, all agreed to accept the landscaping – Iwade South West Development Site, School Lane, Iwade. period 1st October, 2014 to 31st March, Members raised no objection to this 2015 and to provisionally accept the application. However, referring to quote for 2015/16 of £601.86 plus drawing reference 2226 DR 114, the indexation plus VAT, subject to Parish Council would ask that the confirmation of the exact cost by Swale Playbark (because of its nature to break down & deteriorate) shown in the S.E. corner of the LEAP is replaced with artificial grass to provide a clean sitting Mobile Signals in the Village

Oftel advise that individual mobile users area for families. to contact their relevant providers to •14/500690/FULL/EMEI Erection of a complain about the poor signals; Oftel single storey rear extension. do not deal with complaints. Members replacement windows and doors & agreed to place an article in Iwade replacement of roof tiles - 35 School Observer for residents' information and Lane, Iwade, ME9 8SE, Members it is understood that Gordon raised no objection to this application. Henderson, M.P. is also looking into this

problem.

Members have been made aware of Iwade 20 mph several incidents when cyclists riding Clerk to contact Kent County Council underneath high voltage lines have again regarding 20 mph speed limit in received 'shocks' Clerk to contact Medway Velo, who regularly use the School Lane. Sheppey Way, to see if any of their Christmas Tree and Electrics riders have experienced the same.

Cllr. Gale has arranged for an Electrician to look at the lighting column connection; Clerk is in contact with tree.

### Village Hall Disco and Emergency Services Use

Clerk has spoken to the Village Hall Chair who advised that the Fire Service is being charges £15 a day to use the upgrading of the old Ridham Dock hall site as the Committee is not able to hire it out on these days. Following concerns raised regarding adults being qualified First Aider and sufficient the village be refreshed. number of adults to children the Parish Council understands the Disco was cancelled.

## Electric Shocks, Sheppev Way

## Water Leaks in the Village

Members were concerned about the Persimmon regarding the Christmas many incidents of water leaks in lwade e.g. in School Lane, Grovehurst Road, Teal Way, Springvale & numerous properties around the village. There has also been Sewage problems in Sheppey Way & residents have reported drops in water pressure. Members agreed to monitor the situation.

## Any Other Matters

CRB checked; the presence of a Clerk to request that the white lining in

The next IPC meeting is on 12/11/2014. @ 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.