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Hi Everyone, some of you may recognize me! My name is Matthew Richards and I have lived in Iwade for over 20 years and many fellow villagers are existing customers of Invicta Security Ltd, a business I started in 2014. We began as a Premises Alarm installation company and soon included CCTV installations as the demand and technologies allowed this to become more widely available.



Then during lockdown, I started a new hobby and the old saying is certainly not true because you can teach an old dog new tricks! I have recently qualified as a locksmith as my hobby for lockpicking quickly evolved and I now also have the facility to be able to cut most household keys from our office based in the village. Our website has recently been updated to include the new services.

Thank you to all those who support my business and I really appreciate all the recommendations locally.



## IWADE ORCHARD AND WILDLIFE. HIGHS AND LOWS!!

**Laura Bower and Steve Oram**

People's Trust for Endangered Species have been involved with the orchards and local wildlife around Iwade during much of the development phases of the village. Our interest began due to our concern for the traditional orchards and the presence of the Noble Chafer Beetle in Iwade (still the only known site for this beetle in Kent!). With the help of Councillor Barrie Whiting, PTES employee Steve Oram felled and removed a dead plum tree from the Village Hall Garden making the area safe for the nursery and others to use. They translocated the cut wood to other parts of the orchards preserving the valuable habitat and the wildlife living in it. A deadwood pile was created under a living tree on the common, and the larger pieces were stood up in the top orchard to slowly decompose and give all the insects living in the dead tree the opportunity to disperse.



It was noted during the works that arsonists had set alight to the dry grass during the drought. The future of this important wildlife site depends on living fruit trees, so please be responsible, vigilant, and help to preserve the special local wildlife. For further information please contact enquiries@ptes.org

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# October 2022 THE IWADE OBSERVER



## BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS ENJOY STAR WARS THEMED CAMP.

**Aaron Newin, 'Chestnut'**

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from 1st Iwade had their first Group camp after Covid. It went down well with 40 Scouts across all 3 sections attending a Star Wars themed camp, The Camp Awakening.

We started late on a Friday evening when the Scouts had to search for glow sticks that were used in their light sabres. The following day was packed with non-top Star Wars activities. It started with an Imperial Force tent inspection, followed by the Beavers making papier-mâché death Stars, that were used as pinata on the Sunday. The Cubs made AT-walkers that were crushed as in scene when the Ewoks (Scouts) made tree crushers, where they were able to practise their pioneering skills. A short break of Yoda soda followed by edible crafts such as Chewbacca bites, Princess Leia tea cakes, was followed by Jubba the Hut racing and making of Tie-fighters. Lunch was held at Hubba the Huts.

Straight on to Stormtrooper target practice (archery), with rotating activities such as Jedi Knight training, cooking on altar fires at Mustafar.

A short break, whilst dinner at Jubba The Hut was cooking. Once the weather cleared then over to the camp fire, for an



afternoon of singing and warming up around the camp fire. After camp fire and songs our last activity was watching Lego Star Wars, the movie. By now we had many tired Scouts after a long day, many that night went off to sleep a lot quicker. Sunday, saw the destruction of the Death Stars pinatas followed finally by rounders match The Rebel Alliance vs The Galactic Empire.

Many tired Scouts went home late Sunday morning, having had a fun packed themed camp.

After a busy weekend it was great to get some rave reviews:-

"A huge thank you for" in Rhys' words, "the most incredible weekend"

"Thank you all, for giving up your weekend to make sure the kids weekend was so special"

"Hope you're enjoying some well-earned rest now"



## BROGDALE

Autumn is here and Vibe Community are back with opportunities for young people in Iwade. We had an amazing time at our Wild Outdoors Day on Cullnells Farm during the summer -



thank you to everyone who came along, we know that you loved it! Check out our Facebook page (facebook.com/vibeinkent) for photos of the week. So, what are we doing in Iwade this term?

### Iwade cooking club

Fancy a night in while your children cook for themselves (and a clean kitchen!) If you want your Friday night dinners sorted, then this Fun Foodie Friday club has got you!



Iwade Cooking Club is for 8 to 12-year olds who love being in the kitchen and who want to learn more about preparing meals! The group work with the team to create a meal, plate it up and then eat around the table

together whilst giving their review! We've had a great time already this year, with lots of different recipes tried and we can't wait to get started again! If you want to be involved then scan the QR code below or message us on a Facebook page

### IWADE Autumn

We are also continuing our youth engagement work in Iwade. This happens on a Wednesday evening, and you can spot a van with the big logo on the side! This work is aimed at 12+ and we will have hot chocolate, outdoor

games and youth leaders ready to engage with any young people that are around at the time. To find out more DM us on Facebook (facebook.com/vibeinkent)

Thankyou

**Vibe Team**  
Part of the Brogdale CIC group



## Dementia: Ask the Experts Day

11th November 2022



Find out more about latest research, tools, techniques and specialist services

Location: Swallows Leisure Centre, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4NT

Market Place (10am -1pm):

Come and meet local dementia services and dementia friendly organisations.

Specialist Speakers (11-12.30pm):

Come and hear about cutting-edge research, care know-how, and knowledge from lived experience.

For more information contact:

alisoncarter@nplh.uk or call 01795 597983



Some questions you may have:

- What should I do if I'm worried about my memory?
- Am I fully prepared for the future both legally and financially?
- What can I do to support my loved one to live a good life with dementia?
- What is the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia?
- Does dementia run in the family?

Our event aims to answer these questions and much more...

### Virtual Dementia Tour Experience

- Unique learning opportunity
- Experience what it might FEEL like to live with dementia
- 2-hour slots available - 32 places

To book your place call : 01795 597983



## THE IWADE READING AND BOOK CLUB

### Jackie Kemp

September meeting as usual revolved around talking and drinking coffee! We reviewed our chosen book for the past month, Mark Billingham's recently published book, 'Rabbit Hole'.

Mark Billingham is a prolific writer; some of the group had enjoyed his novels, but this latest novel was not well received by us. It was hard work to read; but there was something about it that made you think, "Perhaps if I read a bit more it will make sense." But for most it didn't work!

The story covers a group of people living in a psychiatric ward, when a death occurred to one of the patients. The patient was not elderly, and the story developed with the interest of another patient who felt she could lead the investigation, as she said she had been a detective in the police service. As you read the book you begin to wonder what she was doing in a ward when she appeared to be fully able to perform as a detective. Well, towards the end it emerged that she most certainly was not a detective!!!

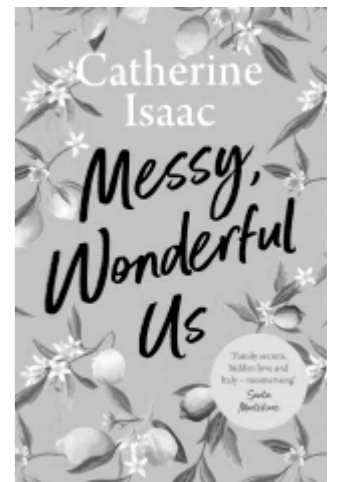
The book was promoted as a thriller, but it was agreed

there wasn't much thrilling about it. In discussion it emerged that some have previously read the author's books, but had mixed feelings about this particular novel.

The book for October is 'Messy Wonderful Us' by Catherine Isaac, which would appear is a significantly different theme to the September book.

In November we will be reading Jeffrey Archer novels, chosen by each of us because we felt it might be a good idea to look back to books of some age for change.

We welcome people to come along to our meetings at The Barn on the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 10.30, but if you can't make that please read and send in your points of view to our FB page (search Iwade Reading and Book Group)



## IWADE VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Sunday 23 October 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 or leave a comment on Facebook - to let her know if you will be attending and to enable us to purchase the correct amount of food.

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

Please come along and help tidy our Village



### PASTORAL LETTER

Dear friends  
“Where were you when you heard? Do you remember what you were doing?” This was one of those moments we remember forever. During the Thursday evening news, Buckingham Palace came onto the screen and Jenny exclaimed “Isn’t the flag at half-mast?” A moment later, BBC presenter Huw Edwards gave us the news that we had come both to fear and expect, as Her Majesty’s health had recently seemed to be failing.

We wondered how it was that, only two days earlier, she had received Liz Truss, inviting her to be the 15th prime minister to form a government during her 70-year reign. Then a thought occurred to me: It was her well known devotion to the duties of her position. This validation of the very process of government was basic to her role and she was determined to carry it out one more time. It was as though she thought that she must not leave the country she had served without a clearly authorized government in charge.

In her tribute to the Queen, Bishop Rose of Dover recalled the poem the young Elizabeth had recited to her father when she was 13: “... put your hand into the hand of God; that shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.” That faith and trust sustained Queen Elizabeth herself through all the years and trials of her own long reign.

And one of the dozen US presidents whom she met during that reign, President Joseph R Biden, recalled her letter to the American people in condolence after the 9/11 tragedy. She had shared these words: “Grief is the price we pay for love.” And now we grieve, joined by many around the world, because she was loved, and we love her still.

Yours faithfully,

**Revd Ron Partridge, curate and chaplain (retired)**



### HAPPY DAYS



At the onset of summer, along with the rest of the country, we had immense fun celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee so we were saddened to hear of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth’s death at the beginning of September. On the day of her state funeral the nursery was closed to give staff and families the opportunity to reflect on the Queen’s unique reign and watch her funeral.

Who can forget the delightful film of the Queen having tea with Paddington Bear broadcast as part of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We know many of our children (and quite a few adults) loved it, so it seemed appropriate to hold a Paddington Bear’s Picnic, complete with trademark marmalade sandwiches and traditional party games from across the Queen’s 70-year reign. We hope you’ll agree this was a fitting tribute for our little ones to enjoy.



### BARBECUING ALLOTMENTEERS!

*Christine McQuade*

What a lovely afternoon we had at our annual allotment BBQ which was held at the beginning of September. The weather was perfect under the shade of a gazebo complimented by Pimms and nibbles.

We had prizes for Best Allotment winners, 2nd & 3rd plus a new award to Best Worked Plot. This was followed by a successful raffle.

We have now opened our 2022/2023 waiting list, so if you would like to grow your own ... why not put your name down and give it a go. If you are interested please give me a call.



# IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST 2022

## Present

Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. S. Cheeseman  
Cllr. S. Waters – Vice Chair  
Cllr. B. Smith  
Cllr. S. Lancashire  
Cllr. R. Stalley-Moores  
Borough Cllr. M. Baldock  
Borough Cllr. C. Woodford  
Samantha Gray, Clerk  
Lynda Ives, RFO  
PCSO K. Linge  
PCSO T. Green  
2 Councillor Applicants

## Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Langham and Tolhurst.

## Councillor Applications

Chairman A. Dollimore brought item 7.1 forward. Two applicants attended the meeting to apply for the position of Parish Council member. Currently one vacancy – council members held a vote, and the result was unanimous for Donna Waters, who was welcomed and co-opted onto the Parish Council. Donna duly signed the Acceptance of Office form.

## Visitors/Public Time

### **1. Visitors -**

None

### **2. County and Borough Councillors -**

#### **A. BOROUGH CLLR. C. WOODFORD ADVISED:**

i. The Western Area Committee of Swale Borough Council have created an online Active Travel Survey which residents can contribute directly into. The deadline for responses is 31st August 2022.

ii. The broken fence at Grovehurst Road/Cormorant Road has been reported and repair will hopefully be

arranged soon.

iii. Currently no update on the land behind Pintail Drive.

iv. The Parish Council can submit any concerns regarding the application for the Solar Farm at Raspberry Hill.

#### **B. BOROUGH CLLR. M BALDOCK ADVISED:**

i. Kent County Council have issued a budget, and due to inflation, there is a cap on increasing council tax which causes a deficit in funds. This year has seen a deficit with bus services, fortunately Iwade has not been affected. There is a concern this will have an impact on road maintenance.

ii. Discussion with council members regarding a license to cultivate on Kent Highways land due to resident planting Laurels and a tree which are affecting the line of sight on Sheppey Way. Council members do not wish to obtain a license to cultivate and were advised the resident needs to apply for this.

iii. The Grounds Maintenance contract with Swale Brough Council has increased in cost due to a 30% increase from the contractor.

#### **3. Community Warden**

No report

#### **4. PCSO –**

Council members/RFO reported hearing drifting vehicles on Sheppey Way late in the evenings. Discussed the use of Hawkeye to deter the offenders. PCSO K. Linge advised she will be in contact regarding this.

#### **A. CRIMES OF NOTE:**

Nothing to note.

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

i. 15/07/22 – The Street – Black Moped made off from Police. Driver was not identified, and the vehicle was showing as not having insurance.

ii. 19/07/22 – Coleshall Cottage, Sheerstone – Informant reported that

he was possibly a victim of a doorstep scam. He had arranged to sell high valued items to a male on Facebook. When the male and his friend arrived at the door, they made small talk and asked the informant to put his bank details in to their Monzo account on their phone so they could transfer the money over. The informant did this but saw no confirmation notification appear. The males then stated that the money has been sent but the informant never received it. Due to this the informant told them to come back later for the items but they never returned, and the informant never got the money. Due to no money being exchanged and the goods not being parted with there is technically no crime.

iii. 22/07/22 – School Lane – 2 dirt bikes made off from patrols. Neither bike was displaying a VRM. Officers conducted an area search but was unable to locate the bikes.

iv. 25/07/22 – Grayling Road – reports of youths on e-scooters driving about swearing and shouting. I am aware of the issue but have yet to identify the riders.

v. 26/07/22 – Meadow Brown View – Informant reporting nuisance bikes in the fields near to their house. The informant did have video footage, but it was from a distance and the riders were not able to be identified. The incident was called in after the fact.

vi. 04/08/22 – Mansfield Drive – Informant reporting that there is an issue with youths gathering in the car park smoking cannabis. The informant was not able to provide any descriptions for the youths. Local officer is aware and will be paying passing attention to the area.

vii. 05/08/22 – Sheerstone – there was a report of an abandoned truck in the road. Officers attended. Due to the

vehicle not being stolen and not being driven at the time of officer's arrival it was reported to SBC for them to follow up and potentially serve a 7-day notice.

viii. 06/08/22 – Culnells Cottages – reports of 2 males driving off road bikes. Names of the riders were given and further enquiries into traffic offences are being looked at.

#### **C. ITEMS OF GOOD WORK:**

i. Both of the Games Trailer fun days went ahead as planned. Both sessions went extremely well. We had in excess of 20 youths at each session, all of whom seem to enjoy the day and were very vocal about having the event again. So, thank you for funding the days. Hopefully we can potentially look at doing it again during the next school holiday.

ii. There has been a significant reduction in the reports I have received about the nuisance group causing issues around the shops and the village in general.

## Matters Arising from the Minutes

### **20 MPH Zones and Highway Improvement Plans/Yellow Lines –**

**Cllr. Dollimore** – Highway Improvements requested a hybrid meeting, council members advised they would prefer a site meeting. Clerk to contact Highway Improvements and invite Borough Cllr. M Baldock.

Action: Clerk

**Planters, The Street** – no update. Keep on Agenda.

Action: Clerk

**Bollards Ferry Road** – no update. Keep on Agenda.

Action: Clerk

**Zebra Crossing, Iwade School** – Highway Improvements advised the Parish Council can add the request for a Zebra Crossing outside Iwade School to the HIP plan. Council members agreed and HIP plan has been submitted.

**Swallow Avenue – Add to HIP** – KCC advised the Parish Council to request

yellow lines on the turning circle to prevent damage caused to property from vehicles turning in the road.

Council members agreed.

### **Tree – Village Hall Garden** – Cllr.

Dollimore attended a site meeting with PTES regarding the tree in the village hall garden which is rotten. They advised they can remove the tree, and council members discussed and agreed to make a S.137 £250 donation to PTES, proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Waters.

Action: Clerk

## Planning

applications are viewable on: Swale:

<http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications>; KCC: <https://cloud2.atrriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

## Correspondence

**A. COUNCILLOR APPLICATIONS** – Chairman brought item 7.1 forward and discussed earlier in the meeting – see above.

**B. WILDLIFE CONCERN – EMAIL 06.07.22** – Council members advised to refer the residents concern to Swale Borough Council.

Action: Clerk

**C. 2021/22 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT** – Members agreed to accept the 2021-22 Internal Audit report and noted it raised no issues.

**D. ROSPA GARDEN REPORT** – Clerk to contact Handyman to carry out any necessary work. A copy has been given to the Village Hall Committee and Tinkerbells nursery, so they are aware of any work needed to the area under their control.

Action: Clerk

**E. CCTV ON LAMP POSTS** – Swale Borough Council have invited council members to meet at their control centre to review setup and processes. Clerk to arrange meeting.

Action: Clerk

**F. PLANTER, SHEPPEY WAY** – License to Cultivate – The Parish Council do not want a license to cultivate on KCC land.

Resident needs to apply for this. Clerk to contact KCC.

Action: Clerk

## Projects – Updates on Current and New

**Christmas Lights Event 2022** – Clerk instructed to source snowmachine and apply for grant from Swale Borough Council, and to contact Swale Borough Council regarding a food license. Areas for road closure and the diversion route will remain the same as last year with one small change – when the lantern parade is in procession the road will be closed from the Village Hall.

Action: Clerk

**Next Village Clean up** – The next village clean up will be held Sunday 23rd October. Cllr. Hyde suggested replacing the duck house in the pond at Woodpecker Park during this time, details will follow. Budget for the Clean-up is £300, proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Smith.

Action: Clerk

## Reports from Representatives

**Hall** – Cllr. Dollimore advised the new ceiling and lights are being installed, there is now CCTV around the perimeter of the building, and a keyless door lock has been installed. Bookings for occasional hirers has increased.

**KALC** – Cllr. Baldock advised the meeting was held Tuesday 9th August and councillors were re-elected for the same positions as previous year. Flo Churchill gave a presentation which included information on what Parish Councils can do. The Police also gave an update and advised they are also facing financial cutbacks.

**Swale Western Area Committee** – The next meeting is scheduled for 1st September.

## Any Other Matters Arising

A Speed Watch was held on Sunday 7th August and witnessed one vehicle speeding.