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Iwade Village Newsletter

December 2009

Christmas Fete

This year the Christmas Fete will be held on Saturday 12th December from 10:30am to 3:30pm in Iwade Village Hall. Local people will be selling home-made jams, pickles and chutneys, cakes, gifts, cards, bric-a-bric and lots more. The Church, Iwade Women's Institute and the Gardening Club are also joining in the festivities so it'll be well worth a visit and it's so close to Christmas it's bound to make you feel really Christmassy in true Iwade spirit!

All money raised on the day will go back to the village to help three organisations, the Village Hall, All Saints Church and the Orchard Project.

If you would like to book a stall contact Amanda on 07866 413 207 or at thehurrells@fsmail.net or Dave at davemanning50@yahoo.co.uk. Hope to see you there!

Remember it's the December Farmer's Market in Iwade Village Hall from 10 to 1 on Sunday 6th December. Stock up on Christmas goodies!



Iwade's Jack Evans

Congratulations to Iwade's young karting star Jack Evans, aged 9 on winning his third Karting Championship at his local track Bayford Meadows. After his recent TV appearance on Meridian News, Jack is fast becoming a very talked about young boy with an amazing talent. Jack's dream would be to follow in the footsteps of his idol F1 Champion Lewis Hamilton and believes if you work hard in life and focus on what you do best, we can all try and achieve our goals. If you are interested in sponsoring Jack, please ring his Dad Graham on 07971 008 187.

Festivities

A poem by Betty Elliott courtesy of Sylvia O'Shea

Red berried holly and white mistletoe

Green fir trees with fairy lights aglow

Gifts to wrap and cards to write

The magic of Christmas has taken flight

Yulelogs safely gathered in

For the welcome fire within.

Fragrant fircones scent the air

Preparations begin for the festive fayre

Sleighbells ringing snowflakes fall

It's the most wondrous time of all,

Carols sung in adoration

Declaring, peace on earth to all the nation



Wishing Iwade a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Editor's Note

I'm looking forward to an Iwade Christmas. Tara and I have really enjoyed bringing you the news every month. Get well soon to Tara who is recovering from an operation.

I'm sad to say that Lynda and Tony MacGowan are leaving us in January. They will be very much missed in the village but we wish them well in their new home in Birchington and hope they will return to visit us!

Just to let you know there will be no newsletter in January or August to give everyone involved a well earned rest. A big thank you to Antony and everyone at Atlantic Print for continuing to print the newsletter on a monthly basis in full colour and not invoicing us for it! We hope to welcome Antony back to Iwade in the New Year.

Also thank you to Janet Gregory, Tara Kent and Amanda Hurrell, the Newsletter Team. Happy Christmas Iwade and a Very Happy New Year!

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For What's On in Iwade visit iwadevillage.co.uk and check out the What's On Calendar. Why not try something new this Christmas!

Thanks Newsletter deliverers!

By Janet Gregory (Distribution Manager) on behalf of the Iwade Newsletter Team

When you pick up your lovely glossy free Iwade Newsletters from your door mat each month it is likely you don't give a thought to how it arrived! We think it is important to be grateful to a small army of 20 volunteers, who tramp around the Village every month in all weathers (some pushing prams, others walking dogs) to make sure that every household on their round receives a copy as soon as possible after printing. So please join with us this Christmas in thanking all the

delivery team including Sharon Naylor, Emma Andrews, Gemma Coleman, Debbie Green, Peter Lovelock, Pat Spicer, Lisa O'Flynn, Lucy Phillips, Ann Scott, Sasha Carrington-Dawkins, Sue Wall, Kelly Stickells, Carol Harvey, Lynda MacGowan, Lyndsay Woods, Amanda Hurrell, Rachel Appleyard, Sally Bishop and all others past and present, some of whom help out at short notice.

Wishing them all a Very Happy Christmas 2009.

Tinkerbells Christmas Fete
Tuesday 15th December 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Iwade Village Hall
Visit Father Christmas, Ride a Pony,
Refreshments, Browse the Stalls...
Presents, Wrapping paper, Tags, Christmas
Logs and much more...

*If you would like to book a stall call or text the Tinkerbells
mobile on 07592 544 285*

Friends of Iwade School update

Claire Bird, Secretary, FOIS

We ended the summer term after another successful School Fete raising £2500 profit which was not possible without the school and villagers' support – thank you for all coming along to enjoy the afternoon! So after enjoying the summer break we are now back into the school routine and the FOIS Committee are busy planning our events for the next few months. To finish off the end of the first half term we held our Halloween Disco which took over £700 – the children

surpassed themselves with fantastic costumes and great fun was had by all with some terrific dance moves on the dance floor helped along by Body and Sole Dance Academy! Plans are underway for a School Christmas Skating Day following on from the success of last year. All pupils will get to take to the rink and enjoy activities throughout the day. Keep an eye out on the school notice board and website for our other fundraising initiatives and future events.

Iwade W.I.

by Secretary Hilary Foulds



As I write this we are looking forward to the Farmers' Market on Sunday 1 November. Our members have worked hard to create a lovely WI stall to reflect our many skills. We do all sorts of things at the WI – except jam making! Most of us are into some sort of craft even if we're no good at it. Most of us are willing to have a go and sometimes find out we can do things we never knew we could. It's brilliant for confidence building. Of course if all you want to do is come along to the monthly meeting, listen to the speaker of the month and enjoy coffee and cake then that's fine too.

October was a good example of a month in Iwade WI. We had our meeting in the village hall with a talk and slides about Dormice in Medway from the Kent Wildlife Trust. It was all about the environmental issues and their habitat as well as how the countryside is managed. We were amazed by the organization and work that seems to go on behind the scenes and which the general public simply doesn't see. After the talk we had some social time – otherwise known as coffee and cake! The raffle was drawn and competition judged before we left for the evening.

Also in October some of us joined in the East Kent Federation of WI's 90th birthday party, a special lunch at

Happy Days' Christmas *Sue and Collette*

Our Christmas tree is due on the 1st December, in preparation for the start of the Christmas fun. I hope you all agree Happy Days Christmas Garden lights up the corner of Iwade.

A timetable of Christmas events is planned in a fun packed lead up to Christmas, including our visit from Santa who will be joining our 66 children and staff for a traditional Christmas lunch, made by our cook. We also have a traditional storyteller visiting the nursery. Our nativity play is being held in the village hall this year, and I

am sure the children will amaze their parents/carers and families. We are also very excited about our annual Christingle Service in the local church. All we need is snow again, so like last year, the children can make snowmen in our garden.

Currently we have no vacancies in the nursery but if you would like to look around we would be very proud to show you our nursery. We have a waiting list, which we would be happy to add your details to.

Upchurch Golf Club. (see photo). Talking of birthdays, some of our members were pleased to accept invitations from Minster in Sheppey and Holm and Danley WI's to their birthday parties.

November is when we have our Annual General Meeting to vote for our President and Committee for 2010. By the time you read this we will have had our tour of Cook's Kitchen on the Eurolink Industrial site. We will have competed against each other at the church's quiz night on 14 November. (We have booked 2 tables!) At the end of the month we have another visit to Sittingbourne Greyhounds. There is also the opportunity to participate in Christmas at the White Cliffs, Dover. They are putting on Festive afternoon teas during November and December for £5.75. If the weather is good it's a great opportunity to take a bracing stroll along the cliff tops and to admire the spectacular views across the channel.

December is the time for Carol Concerts. One of the WI's in our

Group hosts a carol concert every year. We are waiting to hear who has the job this year. At least we know it won't be us as it was our turn last year. There is a special Carol Concert at Canterbury Cathedral on 4 December for the East Kent Federation of WI's and some of our members will be traveling to Canterbury for that.

We normally have a Christmas party for our December 16 meeting. This year we have a caterer who is going to cook us a roast turkey Christmas dinner. Mmmm!

We have a super programme for 2010, details to follow next month. Trip to The Snow Queen at the London Coliseum in January, to the Brick Lane theatre in February for Robin Hood and we've had another invitation to see Loose Women being filmed.

It's never been a better time to join Iwade WI so why not call Secretary Hilary on 474686.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year from Iwade W.I.

Digging in December by Ann Menzies

To dig or not to dig? With the conflicting advice from different places it can be hard to decide what you should be doing. Personally I do prefer to dig over the soil to bring the clods of clay to the surface, where the frost will break them down for me by the spring. However digging wet, sticky ground is hard work and counterproductive as it ruins the soil structure. Some schools of thought advise against any digging at all. It was traditional to bury the manure or compost as you dug, but now the advice tends to be to spread it on the surface and allow the worms to drag it down under. This has the added benefit of mulching and preventing those weed seedlings from germinating, but can also provide a toilet area for cats.

If you grow plants from seed, now is the traditional time to get all those plant pots washed and ready for later. One of my gardening friends sneaked his

pots into the dishwasher when no-one was around, but I wouldn't really recommend this. Potting compost clogged the filters quite badly and caused him more work than he would have had if he'd just washed by hand. It doesn't have to be done in cold water outside though!

The fun part of gardening this time of year is planning what you want to grow in the coming season. Although there are lots of seed merchants online, the glossy printed catalogues have their own advantages, so order several and compare prices and delivery charges. Consider getting together with friends to combine orders or split packets. Seed swapping is one of the benefits of coming along to the Garden Club.

If you are interested in joining Gardening Club why not give me a call on 599755 or email ann_menzies@hotmail.com to find out more.

Internet Cafe

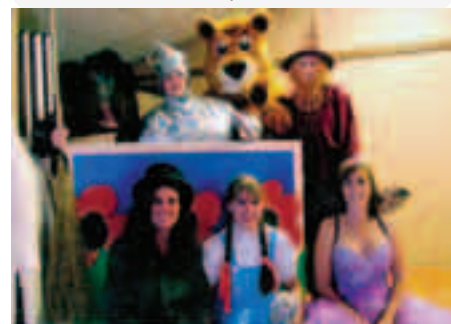
Hi all

Just a few words to ask if anyone would be interested in having an Internet Cafe facility within NVQ KENT office in Iwade.

There will be four PCs available for use at a minimal cost of £1 per half hour of internet usage. There will also be a drinks machine with hot and cold drinks available for you to purchase. I have left a feedback sheet in the local supermarket in Iwade village, if you can just take a minute next time you are shopping and just tick yes or no. Or call us on 01795 436471 or email sandra@nvqkent.com Thank you for taking the time to read this ad.

Kind regards Sandra

Director of NVQ KENT LTD



The Tinkerbells girls performed their version of Wizard of Oz to the children at Tinkerbells Halloween. Rumour has it they'll be performing it after the Nativities so parents will get to enjoy it too!

Musical Theatre Club by Chantelle Williams

On Thursday 22nd October, members of the Iwade Musical Theatre Club based at Iwade School took part in the Halloween Spooktacular Event at the new Isle of Sheppey Academy, West Site. The event took place in a bid to beat last years Thrill the World record of 101 students dancing Michael Jackson's Thriller at the same time. Students from both sites of the Academy, Iwade Primary School and Body & Sole Dance Academy, from ages 4 up to aged 18, joined together to perform the Thriller dance with an audience of over 300 parents and friends. We were pleased to say that we beat last years record with a grand total of 117 zombie students dancing together. Over 40 Iwade dancers took part in the event with the Juniors dancing to 'Spooky' from Lazy Town and the Seniors performed to the Bone dance from Hannah Montana as warm up acts to the Thriller dance. It was fantastic to see so many children dancing together and the students all looked brilliant in their school uniform zombies costumes.



Can you help?

Iwade Herons would like to start an Under 9s football team and are looking for someone to start up the team and coach. The Herons are also interested in hearing from boys and girls aged 7 to 9 who would like to play football.

If you are interested in your child joining the Herons or you are a coach and would like to start up the Under 9s then contact Debbie Elliott on 01795 439711.

ChurchWarden's Notes by Sylvia O'Shea

It has come to that time of year when there always seems to be far too much to do in too short a time, no matter how well one plans. Everyone has extra jobs and visits to fit into an already busy schedule, BUT if we just stop for a short moment and think WHY we are celebrating the birth of Jesus, it gives us the reason.

I sincerely hope you are able to give a resting place for just a night to the mobile stable. This has been travelling around the village for a number of years and it has always provided great pleasure.

Take a little time out to and come to the Village Hall on December 9th at 7.30pm to enjoy the Christmas Concert by the U.K. Paper Band. Following last year's success in the Hall it is being held there again – you will be sure of a warm welcome. Tickets are available from Sylvia or on the door on the night and cost just £4 (£3 for concessions). Call 01795 478103.

Tickets for the 2 Carol Services on December 24th are free and

may be obtained from Sylvia on 478103, Wynn on 424502 or Lynda on 476274. There will NOT be any on the night – always a 'sellout'! If you find you are not able to use your tickets PLEASE let one of us know before midday of 24th so they can be reallocated. There are always a number of disappointed people – the church only accommodates 120 at the most – not the 200 who have tried to get in previously.

On December 12th members of the Church are joining the rest of village for the Christmas Fair in Village Hall. This means that the church will NOT be open as usual on 2nd Saturday 10am-2pm.

A Big Thank You to those of you who filled shoe boxes for Blythswood. The church collected 25 boxes which will make 25 people very happy.. Thank you.

We wish you all a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas – look forward to seeing you at one of the special events over the holiday.

Warden's Corner by Julia Warner

What is Anti Social behaviour? Anti Social Behaviour is any behaviour that affects other people in a bad way. This could be:
Noise Nuisance, Litter and fly-tipping, Vandalism, Graffiti, Rowdy behaviour, Drunkenness, Gangs or groups behaving in an intimidating way, Noisy or intimidating dogs.
Any of these can make an area frightening for people to live, work and relax in. This is not

right which is why Kent Police, Local Council Authorities, Kent Fire and Rescue service and other voluntary services now work together to use their powers to get to the root of the problem and take action to stop it. What can you do? You can tell your local Council Community Wardens, Neighbourhood Police and residents groups about your problems. If we are aware we can do something about them.

Village Hall

by Nicola McKenzie

Following Iwade Village Hall Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7th October welcome to the new elected committee. Peter Lovelock is at the helm as Chair taking over from Lynda MacGowan, Mark Pugh is now Vice Chair, Gordon Kilby remains Treasurer, Lynda MacGowan is Secretary and Sasha Carrington-Dawkins is tasked with taking the minutes at the meetings.

As Lynda is sadly leaving the village in January to pastures new, there is a vacancy for a new Committee member with possible post of secretary. According to Lynda the secretary post is not too onerous as Sasha takes the minutes.

If you are interested in joining the Village Hall Committee then call Chairman Peter Lovelock on 427177 or email peter.lovelock@sky.com



Community Warden Julia Warner

Contact details
Community Warden: 07872 378 220
Swale Police: 01795 477 055
Kent County Council: 0845 247 247
Swale Borough Council Anti-social behaviour Reporting line: 01795 417 575

Parish Council Notes taken from Iwade PC Meeting of 8th September 2009 by Nicola McKenzie

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Proposed sustainable energy plant, Kemsley Paper Mill – Cllr. Wilks has spoken to RPS concerning the 1999 bird survey.

Visitors/Public Time:

Parishioners – Residents from Helen Thompson Close expressed concern that their close was being opened up to take traffic from the new development, which comprises of 98 new homes. They have already sought the advice of a Solicitor and Members suggested residents contact Swale Borough Council's Democratic Services and request that they be allowed to address Swale's Planning Committee when it meets to discuss the application.

A resident raised the issue of cars going in and out of Happy Days' car park in a hazardous manner – at times pulling out without due care and attention and at other times blocking the highway. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to Happy Days seeking the assistance of the management to try and resolve this issue; failing which the Council will take the matter up with Swale Borough Council's Enforcement Team.

Finance Green Waste Bin – The Clerk reported that an 1100 litre bin can be obtained at a weekly cost of £10.50p, plus V.A.T. As the village hall's refuse container is supplied by the same company it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Hall's Treasurer to gain his views on the cost.

Village Hall Roof – Village Hall Committee to obtain a quote from the Village Handyman to seal the damaged areas, the

Parish Council will then consider the matter.

ROSPA Report July 2009 – School Lane Playing Field – four new swing seats have now been installed and the top of the frame repainted. Members agreed to work being undertaken on other equipment. The Handyman now carries out a weekly check on the whole area.

Parish Council Address – Members agreed to apply for a P.O. Box for Parish Council mail, the cost being £62.85p for renting the box for 12 months, plus £62.90p to cover delivering the mail for the same period; service to be reviewed at the end of this period.

Parish Council Laptop – Clerk to obtain quotes for a laptop, software and associated peripherals and quotes for upgrading the memory of her existing machine and obtaining Excel software for the accounts. Community Project Funding – Clerk to check with Councillor Stokes as to the actual amount of funding available for a Village Map.

Seven cheques in total raised for Playsafety Ltd, Wickstead Leisure, Office Expenses, Stiddard Forbes, Inland Revenue and the Handyman.

Correspondence: Street Cleaning – the website link has been posted onto the Village website.

Swale Open Spaces Strategy – document noted.

Swale B.C. Revenue Budget – Concern was expressed that £30,000 was shown in the Revenue Budget for the maintenance of the stream, but the comment was made: 'Originally, this was created by a developer's contribution to

maintain the stream, but subsequently the Environment Agency has taken over responsibility for this. The Head of Amenities is investigating whether the balance has to be paid to the Environment Agency or if the Council can use it for other purposes. If the Council can use it, then it is proposed that the balance be transferred to the General Fund. Members felt that this money should not be allocated elsewhere and the Clerk was instructed to write to Swale Borough Council requesting that this money be earmarked for the maintenance of the stream, as originally intended. Creation of New Committee: In light of current situation until investigations complete, it was agreed to form an Emergency Committee, comprising Cllrs. Dave Manning, Phil Fearn, Derek White, Peter Wilks and Amanda Hurrell.

Parking near Sheerstone: The Chairman expressed concern at the dangerous situation caused by cars parking around the green to the front of Sheerstone. Many of these cars belong to customers and staff of nearby businesses. The Clerk was instructed to write to K.C.C. Highways asking if they can do anything about this.

Planning

It was agreed to defer the following two items to the Planning Meeting on 23rd September:

SW/09/0755 – provision of temporary haul road (3 years) whilst land to west of Woodpecker Drive/Helen Thompson Close developed.

SW/09/0756 – Erection of 98 dwellings – Land off Grovehurst Road, Iwade.

Dates for the Diary (December and January)

Farmers Market Sunday 6th December 10am to 1pm Iwade Village Hall

Communion Sunday 6th December, 27th December, 3rd January & 17th January 11am All Saint's Iwade

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 8th December 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall

Christmas Band Concert Wednesday 9th December 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall

Mobile Library Thursday 10th December, Thursday 24th December 10:40am end of Sheerstone

Christmas Fete Saturday 12th December 10.30am to 3.30pm Iwade Village Hall

Family Communion Sunday 13th December 11am All Saint's Iwade

Happy Days Christingle Monday 14th December 1.30pm All Saint's Iwade

Family Crib Service Sunday 20th December 10.30am All Saint's Iwade

Christmas Carol Services Thursday 24th December 3.30pm and 6pm All Saint's Iwade

Christmas Communion Friday 25th December 10.30am All Saint's Iwade

Mobile Library Thursday 7th January and Thursday 21st January 10:40am end of Sheerstone

Church Open Day Saturday 9th January 10am to 2pm

Family Communion Sunday 10th January 11am All Saint's Iwade

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 12th January 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall

Gardening Club Thursday 14th January 7.30pm Woolpack Iwade

Family Service Sunday 24th January 10.30am All Saint's Iwade

Coffee Morning and Good News Van Visit Wednesday 27th January 10:15am to 11:30 All Saint's Iwade

Useful Contact Numbers

Swale Borough Council 417850 csc@swale.gov.uk | Kent Highways - 0845 8247800

Crime Reporting line (manned 24/7) 01795 477055

PCSO Melanie Platt 0777 222 6183 melanie.platt@kent.pnn.police.uk | A/PS Darren Walshaw 07800 675

375 darren.walshaw@kent.pnn.police.uk | Sergeant Daniel Worthington 01795 419120

daniel.worthington@kent.pnn.police.uk | NeighbourhoodWatch 01795 419211 | Crime Stoppers 0800

555 111 | Anti-Social Behaviour Team 01795 417575 | Fly Tipping/Graffiti/noise nuisance / Dog control

and Abandoned Vehicles 01795 417850

Kent Community Warden JuliaWarner 07872 378 220

Gas Emergency 0800 111 999

Kent Healthwatch 08458 247 103

Iwade All Saints Church Contacts Revd Canon Alan Amos 01795 842913 (priest-in-charge) | Revd Jacky

Davis 01795 842557 | Mrs Sylvia O'Shea, 01795 478103 (churchwarden) | Maria Wilkinson 01795 477133

| Rev David Webb 01795 424502

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Ltd 01795 436471 | Town & Village Homes 01795 422776 | Woolpack 01795 472656

Clubs Cubs and Beavers Village Hall Mondays 6.15 to 8.30 | DartsWoolpack TuesWed and Thurs male

and female | Fishing Club Gordon Dickson 07889 155 315 | Gardening Club Ann 599755 | HealthWalks

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