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August 2010

Iwade Herons FC Awards

Iwade Herons Football Club held their 2010 Awards Presentations over two consecutive nights with the training squad up to the Under 12s on one night and the 13s to 16s on the second night. Not forgetting the annual 25+ a side football match!

After yet another successful season despite the weather all players were presented with a Squad Trophy and then the Managers presented their individual awards. Well done to all players and managers for the past season and good luck

for the next. Inside your Iwade Observer you can find the lowdown on the presentations for Players' Player, Sportsman, Most Improved, Supporters' Player, Top Goal, Most Man of the Match, Penalty Shootout, Goal of the Season and Specials Awards to Iwade Herons.

Iwade Herons are currently looking for players for all teams from Under 8s (School year 3 in September) to Under 14s. Please call either Jo on 477821 or Debbie on 439711 for more information.

by Debbie Elliott

Iwade Councillor Deputy Mayor



Congratulations to Councillor Ben Stokes and to Sylvia Bennett who are our Deputy Mayor and Mayoress until May 2011. Ben is the Ward Councillor for Iwade and Lower Halstow at Swale Borough Council and is very supportive of Iwade so we wish him and Sylvia well. He was elected on 18th May 2010 and will stand as Deputy Mayor for a period of one year. If you would like to contact Ben in his capacity as Councillor for Iwade or as Deputy Mayor you can call him on 476979, email him at ben.stokes34@tiscali.co.uk or write to 1 East Green Kemsley ME10 2SB

In the Press



So July saw Iwade and the Broadband project on BBC South East, Meridian, in the Telegraph, on Radio Kent and on loads of technical websites. If you're online go to telegraph.co.uk and search on Iwade and you'll find the broadband article that was published in the newspaper on Thursday 8th July. Half a page of a broadsheet!

I would like to thank all the residents who have been behind this project, the Broadband Committee, Lyndon Gurr and Brian Tayler at KCC who have supported the process, the Iwade Parish Council, and specifically Councillor Roger Truelove who initially told me that KCC had broadband grants available for 'not-spots'. For more information on what the project means to you and how you can encourage your provider to get on-board see inside your Iwade Observer.

Editor's Note



Pictured here are the gallant parents who took part in the three-legged race (carrying water balloons!) at the Tinkerbells Sports Day this year. Hope you've all enjoyed the heat and as I write cloud! No doubt there have been events across the village so as always send us your stories at newsletter@iwadevillage.co.uk as we'd love to publish them or call me Nicola McKenzie on 439892.

If you've got a daunting Summer holiday ahead why not try a Play Park Safari round the village? There are at least 5 that I know of! Enjoy your summer Iwade, home or away.
Nicola McKenzie

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Grove Park Fun Day

On Wednesday 11th August from 11am-2pm Grove Park Children's Centre at Hilton Drive S'bourne ME10 1PT would like to invite all families with children under 5 to our fun day. The event is free of charge and will include lots of activities and entertainment for you and your child including: The Mobile Farm Experience (a mini farm with animals such as pigs, goats, sheep and poultry), Creepy Claws (a mobile insect world with smaller animals and insects), music and movement, face painting, messy play, cookery demonstrations and more. No need to book, just turn up.

Grove Park Children's Centre is open 51 weeks per year and offers a range of activity sessions and other services for children under 5 and their parents / carers. Our reach area includes Iwade, Newington, Bobbing, Upchurch and Lower Halstow. If you are unable to come to the fun day but would like to know more, please contact us on 01795 477446, or visit our website at www.kenttrustweb.org.uk?groveparkchc

Swale Freebies

With the success of 'Iwade Does Facebook' and by being inspired by Yahoo groups' Freecycle an Iwade resident has set up their own facebook group 'Swale Freebies'. Villagers have been quickly jumping aboard and have already been benefitting from the giving and receiving of free items, doing our bit for the environment and keeping waste out of landfill. Why not log on and join them?

by James Hunt

Contacts Error

Apologies for an error in the July issue on your cut out and keep Contacts page. For Village Hall Chairman read Parish Chairman and note that the Village Hall is not run by the Parish Council.

Big Cat?



There have been sightings of a large black cat roaming around Iwade. There have been sightings in other areas of Kent and in the past there have been many reported sightings around the Iwade area. Have you seen anything that may resemble a large cat? Maybe it could be a Panther, Leopard or Lynx – all of which have been sighted locally. I would like to hear from you about what you have seen. Let me know at jc_hunt@sky.com or call 439892. Don't feel silly or embarrassed, these cats really are about.

by James Hunt



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Herons Football Club Awards



Pictured here are the young Herons at their Awards nights for the 2009-10 season.

Well done to all involved in keeping the Iwade Herons Football Club g(r)o(w)ing!



Manager's Player: Under 10's - Jamie Hardy, Under 12's - Craig Lawrence, Jack Maskell, Josh Brissenden, Matty Russell, Under 12's Blues - Jordan Tindall, Under 13's - Tony Burrows, Under 14's - whole team, Under 15's - Anthony Burbury, Under 16's - Ben Reynolds,

Player's Player - Under 10's - Joshua Killick, Under 12's - Craig Lawrence, Under 12 Blues - Nick Orr, Under 13's - Nathan Jarrett, Under 14's - James Spencer, Under 15's - Reece Dean, Under 16's - Jack McConnell

Sportsman: Under 10's - Jake Bonds & Joe Lusted, Under 12's - Frazer Stevens & Ryan Rogers, Under 12's Blues - Haydn St Pierre, Under 13's - Nathan Jarrett, Under 14's - Declan Honour, Under 15's - Jack McGreavy, Under 16's - Jack Anderson

Most Improved Player: Under 10's - Ryan Hayes & Louie Sargent, Under 12's - Tom Olsen, Under 12's Blues - Alex Mann, Under 13's - Daniel Smith, Under 14's - Christopher Hogg, Under 15's - Reece Dean, Under 16's - Ryan Dean

Supporter's Player: Under 10's - Jamie Hardy, Under 12's - Craig Lawrence, Under 12's Blues - Emmanuel Agunpopo, Under 14 - Whole team, Under 16's - Dan Evans

Top Goal: Under 10's - Jake Phillips, Under 12's - Josh Brissenden, Under 12's Blues - Kallum Tindall, Under 13's - Jack Bailey & Jake Chapman, Under 14's - Frankie Crimes & Shane Lawrence, Under 16's - Jon Goodman

Most Man of the Match: Under 10's - Jake Phillips, Under 12's - Aaron Rogers, Under 12's Blues - Jack Murphy, Under 14's - Sam Attrell, Under 15's - Matthew Andrews, Under 16's - Dan Evans

Penalty Shoot Out: Under 10's - Luke Friend, Under 12's - Lewis Creed, Under 12's Blues - Jordan Tindall, Under 13's - Nathan Jarrett, Under 15's - Liam Lucas, Under 16's - Jack McConnell

Goal of Season: Under 16's - Dan Elliott

Specials: Under 10's - Neil Castle, Under 12's - Will Phipps & Jack Ketteringham, Under 12's Blues - Zac Spencer, Under 13's - Luchin Taruvinga, Under 14's - Steve Hogg, Under 15's - Ryan Marshall



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Iwade Farmer's Market Sunday 1st August 10am to 2pm Iwade Village Hall

Communion Service Sunday 1st August 11am All Saint's Church Iwade

Mobile Library Thursday 5th August 10.40am to 10.55 end of Sheerstone (Springvale end)

Family Communion Sunday 8th August 11am All Saint's Church Iwade

Grove Park Fun Day Wednesday 11th August 11am-2pm Grove Park Children's Centre Hilton Drive ME10 1PT

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 11th August 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall

Church Open Day Saturday 14th August 10am to 2pm All Saint's Church Iwade

Communion Service Sunday 15th August 11am All Saint's Church Iwade

W.I. Summer Barbeque Wednesday 18th August - Contact Hilary Foulds on 474686 or at hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk to join the Iwade W.I.

Mobile Library Thursday 19th August 10.40am to 10.55 end of Sheerstone (Springvale end)

Gardening Club Thursday 19th August contact Ann Menzies on 599755 for summer venue

Family Service Sunday 22nd August 10.30am All Saint's Church Iwade

Joint Six Parish Communion Service Sunday 29th August 10.30am All Saint's Church Iwade

Woolpack Summer Festival Sunday 29th August Hogroast from 4pm Music with Mr Clementine and Annie Love

Iwade Farmers Market Sunday 5th September 10am to 2pm Iwade Village Hall

Communion Service Sunday 5th September 11am All Saint's Church Iwade

Why not cut this out and put it somewhere you can see it... Ed

Churchwarden's Notes by Sylvia O'Shea

Whilst we are basking in the glorious hot summer, the old building of All Saints Church, comes into its own being a haven of coolness. Many visitors have commented on the fact.

The Annual Band Concert on July 3rd was another big success, with all agreeing it was one of the band's best yet. If you missed it, come along to the Village Hall on December 8th at 7.30pm to enjoy their Christmas Concert.

Long before then though, you can join us for the Harvest Supper on October 9th at 7pm then on November 6th for another Quiz Night in the

Hall. Again 7 for 7.30pm. Are you keen on cycling or walking? If so would you be willing to do a sponsored ride or walk in aid of Iwade Church? The Friends of Kent Churches arrange this annually, and half of the money raised goes to the nominated church of your choice and half to the Friends who generously help keep the old buildings in good repair. Nicola and a group of friends are planning on riding again this year, and Sylvia is sponsored for manning the church all day. If you are not able to ride or walk would you please consider a small sponsor to one of them? Greatly appreciated if you are able. Details from Sylvia on 478103. The

church is there for the village to use – we have had a large number of baptisms this year together with a number of weddings. Takes a great deal of effort finding the necessary funding to keep it in good condition. Every penny really does help.

Once the building work to north of church is completed, it is hoped we will have use of the new car park installed for the new burial area being created. That will make life a lot easier. Do please come along and say 'Hello' when church is open or for a service. Hope to see you shortly.

Will we be basking this summer?! Ed



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Anyone for Pimms?!

by Hilary Foulds



This month I am including photos of a couple of our workshops in knitting and card making. The knitting workshop has done exceptionally well this year, making numerous beautiful outfits for the premature baby unit at Medway Hospital. The card workshop, similarly, has done some excellent work making a number of cards for our personal use. I just love the handbag cards as shown in the photo.

I was tempted to include a photo of our very successful June Garden Party but I'd promised members I wouldn't release the photos of them shivering in coats, scarves and blankets. Well it doesn't exactly fit the image of a summer garden party does it? It seems hard to believe now but it was freezing that evening but we still ate our strawberry meringues and drank our Pimms outside and enjoyed our huge plant raffle before going home to a hot water bottle and a Bovril.

You may receive this newsletter after our next meeting on Wednesday 21 July. We have local historian Helen Allinson coming to give a talk on Kentish

Village Life in Victorian Times. Helen is always very interesting and entertaining and we are looking forward to the evening. The following meeting on Wednesday 18 August is our annual barbecue at member Sarah's home. This is one of our most popular events. What better way to spend an evening, enjoying a barbecue with like-minded friends and having a good natter.

Well, I'm afraid I have to admit that Iwade WI has done it again...we came last in the WI's annual Top Team Quiz. Those of you who are regular readers of the newsletter will know that Iwade WI hasn't got the best track record for Wine and Wisdoms which is a shame because we do enjoy them so. We also came last in one run by the Sittingbourne Heritage Museum which was on the evening of England's first match in the World Cup. It wasn't that we had a lot of competition that night either as many competitors stayed home to watch the match. I must however scotch the rumour that we only come last so we get the tubes of Smarties booby prizes.

Iwade WI is a small friendly group of just over 20 members. Have you ever thought about joining us? How about coming to see what you think? No commitment – you can just come to a meeting free of charge to have a look. You would be very welcome. If you would like any more information about this your local WI just telephone Secretary Hilary on 01795 474686.

Day in the Life



I have now been the Member of Parliament for Sittingbourne and Sheppey for two months. It seems like two years! So much has happened my life has been like a whirlwind!

This Monday was a typical day: Up at 6 am, visit constituency office, catch train from Sittingbourne at 8 am, arrive in Westminster and spend morning sorting out emails and snail mail. Spend afternoon in debating chamber and various meetings. Take part in votes at 10 pm and mad dash to station to catch 10:22 pm train. Arrive home at 11.55 pm

Weekends are equally as busy, with last Saturday a prime example. At 10 am I was in Iwade helping villagers in their annual clean up. By 12 pm I was at Seashells in Sheerness presenting awards to volunteers who encourage women to breast feed their babies. At 1.30 pm Louise and I opened the village fete in Bapchild and then spent a couple of hours dodging showers and supporting the various stalls.

It was good to be back at the heart of my local community after the madness of Westminster!

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Broadband FAQ

Q: When can I get super-fast Fibre-to-the-Cabinet (FTTC) broadband?

A: The new service should be available in the Autumn.

Q: Will I automatically get super-fast broadband?

A: Unfortunately not. You will have to sign up to a Fibre-to-the-Cabinet (FTTC) package.

Q: Can I stay with my current provider?

A: That depends. BT have already announced a package called BT Infinity which will almost definitely be available in Iwade once the network is live. Other providers are currently holding back but we hope that they will get on-board once they have completed trials.

Q: How can I encourage my provider to provide a super-fast package for Iwade?

A: Email your provider to register your interest. Specify that you want to benefit from FTTC when it is live in Iwade in the Autumn.

Q: What speeds can I expect with super-fast broadband?

A: Most areas in Iwade will get between 15Mbp/s and 40 Mbp/s. Some areas between 2Mbp/s and 15Mbp/s. Distance from the cabinet is a factor.

Q: If I incur an installation charge will I be subsidised?

A: Yes it is still intended to subsidise any installation charges of up to £75 per household through the Parish Council.

A specific broadband page will soon be available on iwadevillage.co.uk so keep an eye out for updates. And if you have any questions that are not answered here I will do my best to answer them or find someone who can. Contact me Nicola McKenzie at nicolamckenzie@sky.com or on 439892.

County Councillors Update

Mike Whiting and Alan Willicombe our Kent County Councillors for Swale Central which covers Iwade have been busy working on our behalf.

According to Mike, 96 percent of pupils got one of their preferred schools, the highest figure for many years, and nearly 80 000 potholes have been filled since the winter.

Alan will shortly be visiting Kemsley Mill with respect to their imminent planning application which could impact Iwade and will ask as many questions as possible to help him make a decision at the planning meeting. Watch this space.

Wargames?

Milton Hundred Wargames Club are now meeting every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Iwade Village Hall from 6.30pm. If you are 16 or over and interested in joining (you don't even have to have your own figures according to their website) why not visit their website at mhwc.co.uk to find out more or pop along to the Village Hall. Club meets in August are the 10th and 24th August.

OM (Peverel)

Do you pay OM management fees? Have you had an explanation of what they are used for? Contact Jeremy Pridmore at jeremy.pridmore@googlemail.com or call 439892 to communicate your opinion of OM and join forces.

New Map!



You may have noticed whilst walking through the village that a new parish map has been installed on the corner of

Woodpecker drive. This has been paid for with a community project funding grant from K.C.C. and is intended for visitors and residents to see what footpaths, cycle routes and services we have within the parish.

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Parish Council Notes

9th June 2010

School Lane Playing Field – Clerk has received a Notice to Determine from the Solicitor acting on behalf of the landowner, stating that the Parish Council is required to quit and deliver up possession of the field on the 16th August, 2010.

Clerk approached Hillreed Homes to see whether villagers can use the field once it has been handed over to the company, up to the time development commences. A promising response was received (subject to some form of contract being drawn up) and the matter is now with the developers and the Solicitor.

Broadband – following advice received from Lyndon Gurr of Kent County Council, the Chairman signed the BT Openreach contract.

Village Hall – Insurers confirmed cover for the garden area; Clerk pursuing the change of wording on the Village Hall deeds with Land Registry.

Vacancy - The Chairman advised that Cllr. D. White had resigned; Clerk to post the necessary notices.

Visitors/Public Time - A resident advised the Parish Council of a possible future planning application in respect of the **Speedway**.

The building work appears to have ceased on the **new 'Waterway' development** and concern was raised at the continued closure of the public footpath which runs through this site. Clerk to write to Amicus Horizon to ascertain the current situation.

Councillors - None present

Cllr. Stokes advised the Clerk prior to the meeting that the sickly smell comes from Countrystyle's meat processing plant. The firm has advised him that action is being taken to remedy this.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt) – advised Members on action taken regarding **fly-tipping** in Old Ferry Road; litter in Budgen's car park and Fans Lane, and the hole in the road in front of the Woolpack. He also mentioned the **vandalised telephone box** in front of the Village Hall, which now has no door, and B.T. won't replace it due to the vandalism it has suffered. It was suggested the Clerk write to B.T. to see if they will relocate the phone box to the village centre, where it can be monitored by the centre's security cameras.

Village Newsletter - Request received from the Village Newsletter's editorial team for a donation to assist with printing costs, (in the past this has been free) which could be in the region of £220 per month for black and white copies. 'One off' payment for this year of £500 granted.

The Progressive Council – Agreed Clerk to attend this conference on the 19th June, at a cost of £70.50p (which includes VAT.)

Plant up the Village – Handyman to obtain bulbs and colourful perennial plants for planting. The Chairman would like to instigate a 'Plant up the Village' competition, plaque awarded for the prettiest street and residents being encouraged to grow plants to bring more colour into the village.

Farmers Market

by Amanda Hurrell

A warm day brought out residents old and new to purchase fresh local strawberries and cherries, cakes and honey and to catch up with friends over a hot cup of tea. The village hall committee ran the fruit and veg stall and sold out of strawberries within the first hour! So they plan to be back in August with more local seasonal produce. Residents and stallholders commented on the lovely atmosphere and the gentle stream of people arriving throughout the day. Some new stalls for July including sweets, a wood turner and organic potted herbs made a good balance and offered plenty of choice. If you missed this one then make a note to pop along in August. Some new food stalls will be arriving and face painting for the kids will be back. Thank you to everyone who supported the local event and we hope to see more of you in August.

A big thank you goes to Sasha who started the Market in February 2009 and has raised over £1500 for the Hall. Sasha is handing the reins over now and would like to thank all those who helped her with the Market and wish it the greatest success as she continues to support it every month.

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A six month wait, but worth it!

by Missioner Stephen Plumb

We were living in Belfast, and for 6 months daily searched the Internet for a 4 bedroom house to rent in Iwade. Why Iwade? Two main reasons. First I had been appointed, by the Canterbury Diocese to their new role as Pioneer Missioner to Iwade, so to live here seemed like a 'good' idea. Secondly we really like Iwade, its location, its community facilities, and the people who live here. When we first looked at the house we are now living in, a neighbour introduced himself and gave us the 'low down' on the locality. We

moved in on May 24th and since becoming neighbours, he's fixed our boiler, and we have been to his place for a BBQ.

Dawn and I are keen to be an active part of the Iwade community. We have grown up children, who live in other parts of the UK, so the excellent child care provision in the village or the local school is not somewhere we will visit daily. However we are now volunteer helpers at the Lamplighters group in the school hall and Dawn is a Weight Watcher, which meets after Lamplighters.

The location of the village means it's not far from Sittingbourne, yet surrounded by countryside. I jog with my dog Tess, most mornings around the village, and its a great way to start the day. There is a local Healthy Walks group, which I have joined and walks on Thursdays, and again it's great to get out in the open and meet new people. These walks often end with a drink at the Woolpack. It was worth the 6 month wait to get here, and we look forward to living a full life here in the beautiful village of Iwade.

Iwade Community Survey



There has been lots of change in Iwade in the last few years with many new people moving into the community. I'm keen to find out the make-up of the community and am asking for your help answering a few simple questions. You can respond to me Stephen Plumb by email at captainplumb@btinternet.com, by post to 9 Wigeon Road Iwade ME9 8WQ or in the response box at Budgens in the Village Centre. Feel free to answer as few or as many questions as you wish and use an additional piece of paper if you need to. Thank you for your time. Details also available on iwadevillage.co.uk

1. How long have you lived in Iwade?
2. Where did you move from?
3. What do you like/value most about living in Iwade?

4. Is there anything that you dislike about living in Iwade? If so, what?

5. What do you think would make life better here?

6. Have you got to know new people here in Iwade? If so, how/where?

7. Do you have a religious faith/experience?

8. What are the ages of your household members?
9. Are you happy to be contacted about your answers?

10. Contact Details (note that contact details will not be kept once this survey has been completed)

11. Do you have any other comments?