

**Iwade Community Entertainers
(ICE)**

Kelvin Rivers-Simpson

As quite a lot of Iwadians might know a group of local people have created an amateur Panto to be performed in the village hall on **Saturday 12th January 2019 at 2:30 and 7:30**, Ticket prices will be £5 for adults and £2.50p for children.



The tickets are at this moment being designed and printed and the contact for booking will be put on Iwade Village Facebook when they are ready for sale.

attempted and its sole purpose is to support the village hall with any profits we make thus helping the Iwade community as a whole.

This Pantomime has been written by ICE and is being performed by them. All of the finance, so far, has been raised by the group and we have asked the Parish Council for a donation also.

But we have also been asked to perform our village at the Criterion Theatre in Blue Town on the 19th January 2019 and some tickets will be available there also.

We hope this Pantomime will be a success, as it is the first time for many years it has been

So come on Iwade come and have a laugh at your fellow villagers and their acting debut.

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TINKERBELLS EARLY YEARS
Donna Barker

A fun and exciting term is well underway at Tinkerbells, the children have been getting creative with various activities, experimenting with materials and have created various firework pictures; salad spinners and spray bottles were the most popular choice of resources used by the children to create their pictures.

The children have also begun with the many Christmas activities and events we have planned for December. We will be holding our annual Christmas carol concert at All Saints' Church on Friday 14th December at 2pm. We also have our nativity for the school leavers and their families, preparations for the Nativity and concert are well underway. The children have started their Christmas wish lists, practiced their cutting skills making snowflakes and have made mince pies so far this term which is helping us all get into the festive spirit.

Next term we will be exploring 'People who help us', together we will learn all about the people in our local community who help us and keep us safe and we hope we will be lucky to have visits from some of the local services.

Our waiting list for September 2019 is growing rapidly at both settings, if you require sessions as from next year please pop in so we can add you to the waiting list to avoid any disappointment alternatively you can email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreeschool.co.uk

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Dec/Jan 19

**The Iwade
Observer**



Triumph Over Adversity

At a glittering award ceremony held at The Mercure Great Danes Hotel in Maidstone at the beginning of November local girl Angel Grownns was awarded The Triumph Over Adversity winner in the 6 – 16 category by Good Morning Britain presenter Charlotte Hawkins. Angel was nominated by her physio and occupational team in recognition of her resilience and courage.

Many people in Iwade know, or know of, Angel; she is a real inspiration to all around her. Angel has had to endure numerous operations already, having



been born with a number of rare disabilities, and is now recovering from an amputation of her right foot which was carried out to help her body tolerate the prosthetic she needed. Angel has returned to school and has already restarted gymnastics!

Angel's proud Mum Holly said that the judging panel felt that "Angel's bravery and resilience and her

ability to work hard, dealing with her disabilities with a positive attitude and a smile on her face is the reason why she won this award."

Photos show Angel with Charlotte Hawkins, Holly her Mum and Lee Crane Managing Director of Ward and Partners who sponsored the awards.

Iwade Village Hall Update

11th November marked the WW1 Armistice centenary and the Hall's very own Kevin Elwin, who served in the Royal Artillery and a lifelong Arsenal fan, was chosen to parade along with 100 other veterans at The Emirates Stadium ahead of Arsenal's game against Wolves. We are extremely proud to volunteer alongside you Kevin!



We are currently busy planning the Christmas disco on 22nd December, which is now sold out. Thank you to all those who have purchased tickets, this is going to be a great night!

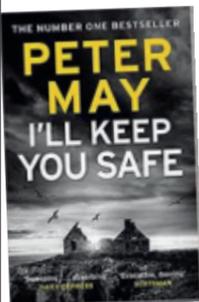
We are also looking forward to welcoming The Iwade Community Entertainers on 12th January for the pantomime ... Oh yes we are!!

Please remember that there is no food and craft fayre in December or January. The next market is on Sunday 17th February 10am-1pm with a variety of stalls selling handmade goods, gifts, cakes, pies, preserves, fruit and vegetables and much more. New stalls are always welcome, to book or for any other information please contact fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk Brambledown Farm will however be selling trees and wreaths from the car park on the morning of 8th December and again on 16th December.

Would you like to join other volunteers in making a contribution to all the great things that happen in Iwade? We currently have space for trustees and are looking for a secretary and a clerk. Please contact chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk if you feel you have some time to spare and would like to get involved, or would like more information.

All information on events, regular clubs and booking the hall can be found at www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk or by contacting bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk and please also keep up to date on the Hall's Facebook page.

From all the volunteers at the Hall, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year.



The Iwade Reading and Book Group met in the Barn today (13th November). We reviewed 'I'll Keep You Safe' by Peter May. Most of us are familiar with his other publications and felt this was not one of his better books. Although easy to read it laboured in great

Iwade Reading and Book Group

detail the life of those living on the small island in the Outer Hebrides. We felt the ending was rushed and not a great ending although none of us guessed the final outcome! The Group meets on the 11th December, again in the Barn, to review this month's book, 'The Innocent Wife' by Amy Lloyd. Our Christmas lunch is on the following Tuesday 18th, where Santa will bring a mystery book for each of us.

Key Dates at All Saints', Iwade for Christmas

Sunday 9th December 4pm:
Memorial Service

Sunday 16th December 10.45am:
Christingle Service for all the family

Sunday 23rd December 10.45am:
Open Church, an informal gathering for all

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve:
5.00pm Carol Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 30th December 10.45am:
Open Church, an informal gathering for all

We're here for you ...



Couldn't resist this lovely view of Iwade Church on a fine mid-afternoon in late October

Where were you all?

Observer Staff Reporter

Iwade Patient Participation Group (IPPG) held a public meeting at the Barn on the 7th November. It was notable for the very small number of villagers who turned up; just 6 attendees! Dr Tannor, Practice Nurse Clare W., Pharmacist Practitioner Gemma, Practice Manager Kirsty and members of the PPG were on hand to give information and answer questions.

One shocking statistic was revealed - each month there are still dozens, and sometimes hundreds, of appointments being made and not attended, meaning that appointments were not available to those who could have used them. Discussions were held concerning extended hours, blood tests, repeat prescriptions, etc.

Why not get along next time?

Monday Friendship Group

Janet Phillips-Gregory

Thank you everyone who comes along to our friendly get togethers in our lovely Barn. It is always good to see so many smiling faces hovering around the kitchen with a welcoming hot drink, especially after a chilly walk from home!

When Joan Exley and I first set foot in The Barn just for a coffee and a "nosy" around on an open day almost a year ago, we knew what we had to do. We are so happy that others now share our enthusiasm in helping to run this Group, and are also grateful to the Barn Trustees for their ongoing help and support.

At our most recent Monday meeting we had a "Guess who the baby is" competition which a team of ladies did very well with. The Men, predictably, were pretty dire and were only just able to recognise their own photographs!!



Approaching our first Christmas, it was decided to celebrate with a festive bring and share lunch on 5th December, followed by our usual coffee club on 10th December. There's a spare mug waiting for anyone new wanting to come and try, and lots to look forward to in the New Year, starting on 7th January ("Escape with a Cruise") and then 21st January (Kent Air Ambulance). Doors open at 10.30 am. and every Monday fortnightly thereafter. You might even spot our Community Warden or Community Policy Officer who are always welcome to a cuppa!

Crochet and Natter

In November, a group of 10 of us from the Crochet and Natter group went to a craft hotel in Devon for a long weekend and tried out a great variety of crafts such as glass painting, glass etching, silk painting etc. We also enjoyed 10 pin bowling and LOTS of food! We even had an early Christmas meal complete with complementary cocktails laid on by the hotel.



We all loved it and will probably go again next year - so watch this space if you're interested in joining us!

We hold Crochet & Natter on Friday mornings 10am to 12 am at the Church. Everyone is very welcome and there's no pressure to come regularly or for the whole 2 hours.

You don't need to crochet to join us, just come along and have a cuppa and a chat if you like.

If you'd like more info please contact Maria on 07933 797 880.



The Cairn on Remembrance Sunday



IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF VACANCY

NOTICE is hereby given that two vacancies have occurred in the membership of the above Parish Council.

Under the Local Government Act 1972, ten electors can petition for an election by writing to the Proper Officer at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT within 14 working days of the date of this Notice.

If no petition is received within that time period, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-opting a person onto the parish council.

Persons wishing to be considered for this appointment should apply in writing to the Clerk to the Parish Council as soon as possible but no later than:-

11 December 2018

Written applications should be made to the Clerk at the following address: -
Iwade Parish Council
53 Springvale
Iwade
Sittingbourne,
Kent, ME9 8RX.

Or by e-mail: iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk

Dated this 15 November 2018

Signed: *Lynda Fisher*

Parish of Iwade

Speedway Year Update and News

Paul Heller

Sittingbourne Speedway are gearing up to run their annual Winter Minibike Meetings at their track just off Raspberry Hill Lane. The meetings are run on a friendly, informal basis but the racing is fast and furious, with everyone out to have some Winter fun. Spectators are most welcome to come along admission is free, there is ample car parking, onsite toilets and a cafeteria. Practice usually starts at 11.00 and racing gets underway at 12.00 noon. Fixed Meeting dates are Sunday 25th November 2018 (Practice), Sunday 16th December 2018, Sunday 30th December 2018 with other dates to be advised.

Looking back, as the curtain comes down on the speedway season, Sittingbourne Speedway can reflect on a somewhat eventful year.

The season began full of hope and promise looking to be a very busy year of public events as the chosen track to host all the meetings for the newly formed British Amateur Riders League (B.A.R.L) and other meetings in conjunction with Kent Kings rapidly filling up the Club's fixture list. Unfortunately, after two meetings the B.A.R.L people moved their operations elsewhere which left a big gap to fill in the Club's calendar. The Club worked very hard with a lot of interested people and successfully put together and ran their own in-house team tournament using some long-established team names from the past such as Wimbledon Dons and Oxford Cheetahs. The tournament was a great success for both the riders and the Club and plans are well underway to hold a similar event next year. Other meetings ran by the Club resulted in disappointing attendance figures which unfortunately sadly reflects the current decline of speedway as a spectator sport throughout the country. However with some new opportunities arising for next year, with the chance of youth football being played at the site and some renewed interest from the motorcycle trials fraternity, the Club hope next year will be more fruitful and just as busy.

The Club would like to extend its thanks to all its friends, supporters and volunteers for all their hard work over the year and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ed's Note

Easy one this month!
"Iwade; have a great Christmas. We'll be back, in what we hope will be a prosperous new year for all.

IWADE'S CRIME REPORT STATS

- Anti-social behaviour 1
- Burglary 2
- Drugs 1
- Public order 1
- Shoplifting 1
- Vehicle crime 2
- Violence & sexual offences 7

(Reported in August 2018)

For more information about individual crimes and locations, please visit original source www.police.uk and type Iwade in "find your neighbourhood".

Christmas message from Councillor Mike Whiting, KCC member serving Swale West.

May I wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas. In the past year, I have tried to solve problems for the many hundreds of residents who have contacted me with issues ranging from home-to-school transport to fights with officialdom, from school places to health issues, lorry parking and congestion outside our village schools.

I remain in awe of those selfless volunteers who give so much of their time for others, and have been pleased to offer grants worth thousands of pounds to local voluntary organisations, all doing great work for their local communities. It has been a busy year.

The new year, will bring many challenges, but I am always here to help where I can. If you have a problem then please email me at mike.whiting@kent.gov.uk, and you can catch my regular posts on matters such as road works on Facebook (Cllr Mike Whiting).

Wishing you the very best for the festive season and, whatever Brexit brings, here is to better times ahead for everyone in 2019.

Cllr Mike Whiting
Member serving Swale West
mike.whiting@swale.gov.uk

Merry Crimble and all that.

The Iwade NHS Walker's group extend greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all. We hope you will see us wandering around the village admiring the decorations you put up, although we will see them in daylight. A visit in the evening to the village for a wander is always a pleasant event, so go for it!

For those of you who are pro-Scrooge, greetings to you all too – Christmas is inclusive. Our group is having an afternoon Christmas meal at the Woolpack, and judging by our experience of the latest cuisine, we are in for a treat (as my father used to say).

Just a note to remind people that new walkers are always welcome. The walks we do are only moderately challenging, which means most people can manage them, but there are shorter or longer walks available in the Swale area. Locally, at the Milton Creek Country Park, there is a short walk for those who need a modest start on Wednesdays. Maybe a New Year's resolution?

For more information try:
www.oneyoukent.org.uk or
[#www.walkingforhealth.org.uk](https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk)

On behalf of the walkers – Merry Christmas!
James Apps

Christmas Reflection: "LOVE has a name: Jesus"!!*

What is in a name? I looked up the meaning of my own name recently, smiling inwardly as I learnt the answer: youthful. Really? Well, I'll leave others to judge the truth of that one! Yet at this time of year, as we remember the coming of Jesus both in history and in the future, his names speak powerfully, telling us all we need to know about him. Jesus means: 'God saves, rescues, restores and heals'; Emmanuel means: 'God with, amongst and for us'. When the word 'God' can seem so abstract to so many, open to so many different understandings; when in the face of unbearable suffering and injustice in this beautiful yet broken world so many cry 'why?'; these names tell us that God is LOVE, and is not distant, or far off, or indifferent, or immune to the realities and challenges faced by his beloved children in this world. For "LOVE has a name: Jesus", and walks in our midst.

The cry of this baby boy, born beneath a Middle-Eastern sky in chaotic times, reminds us how God seeks us. This cry proclaims God's passionate heart, shattering and subverting any expectations or illusions of what this God is like. For there's no hiding now. Want to know what God is like? Look to Jesus. Want to know how to treat each other? Look to Jesus. Want hope in life, not just beyond death but here and now? Look to Jesus. Want the power for peace, forgiveness and reconciliation? Look to Jesus. Want to know this for yourself? Look to Jesus. For "LOVE has a name: Jesus"! This is the free gift we celebrate at Christmas.

Yet at the end of the Christmas period when the decorations are put away again for another year, will we put Jesus away too, thinking "that's the story done for another year"? But the cry of Jesus' heart does not stop there at Christmas. It is not silent, nor silenced. It resonates through time as his people in each community across this world, enlivened by his indwelling Spirit, seek to embody Jesus bringing his love and hope where there may be none. He is no longer limited by one set of hands, feet and eyes in one place at a time! No, he worksthrough those of us who know our need of his grace in our lives each day, who know our need to be filled with his love so we might love like he does.

As his people, the Church, we know we are called to be about nothing less than being Jesus where we are, showing "Love has a name: Jesus". Not because we in All Saints or anywhere else are somehow better than anyone else; far from it! No, simply because this gracious Love has changed and is changing our lives.

So, will you join us as we journey through Advent, Christmas into 2019 with all the challenges and opportunities it brings? May we all discover for ourselves that this "Love has a name: Jesus"? May we discover how much we are sought and loved as Love's beloved.

For surely nothing else in life really matters?

Every blessing!
Julian

Rev Julian Staniforth
Rector & Priest-in-Charge of The Six benefice
*" Love has a name" By Jesus Culture; you'll find it on Spotify and You Tube. Oh, and crank up the volume when you do!

**IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 10 October 2018**

Present: Cllr. M. Gale – Chair
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. A. Dollimore
Cllr. P. Horner
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
2 Parishioners

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. Mitchell, Cheeseman, Clark, Mills, Langham and Dicker, Nick Mayatt, Community Warden and County Cllr. M. Whiting.

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 12 September 2018 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Visitors/Public Time

- 1. Visitors** – A resident raised the issue of maintenance of the orchards to the rear of Woodpecker Park; Clerk to put him in touch with the relevant Officer at Swale Borough Council. Action: Clerk
- 2. County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting reported via letter, has dealt with a number of individuals on school matters and highways issues.
- 3. Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden – Fly-tipping in Old Ferry Road reported to Swale Council. School and ASB parking in areas surrounding the school, has visited the areas highlighted by residents unfortunately he has not seen anything untoward but will be linking up with the new PCSO in the near future to keep an eye on the situation. The Chair stated that it appears from a social media post a resident believes the Parish Council doesn't care about fly-tipping, apart from reporting it to the Borough Council, PCSO or Community Warden, sadly there is very little it can do.

Correspondence

- 1. Community Champions (KALC Community Awards)** – agreed to keep with this Community award and not create a new one. Agreed to place in the next Iwade Observer, Iwade Village Facebook page and Parish Council Facebook Page. Action: Clerk
- 2. Kent County Council's 'Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Consultation'** – Agreed to respond that the charges will only increase fly-tipping incidents. Iwade is already a fly-tipping hotspot and the charge will result in the village suffering with more of this.
- 3. Offer to purchase land, side of access to Coleshall Farm** – sum requested to purchase the strip of land containing the Poplar Trees leading up to Coleshall Farm is £5000; Members agreed not to go ahead with this.

Finance

- 1. Request for Donation Carers' Support** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, agreed the sum of £200,

donation to come under S.137 expenditure.

- 2. Storage Unit Rental** – Still looking into costs/sizes, leave on the Agenda. Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk

- 3. Internal Audit Report 2017/18** – report noted; no issues raised.

- 4. External Audit Report 2017/18** – Completion of the external audit noted. Bank Statement comment and subsequent email from PKF Littlejohn stating numerous Clerks had had the same issue noted. No other issues raised and the Clerk has posted the required notices on the website and noticeboards.

Projects/Project Updates

Christmas Lights Project – Progressing. The Chair had a meeting with Demelza and agreed that we will be supporting them. The Woolpack will be putting on Mince Pies, etc. Figure agreed in the September Minutes was incorrect; proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Horner, Members agreed the correct figure of £9948, plus VAT, for Aylesford Lighting's a three-year contract to install, remove and store the festive lights. Action: Clerk

The Cairn Project – Cllr. Horner has agreement from a member of the Military to unveil the cairn. She is looking for a drummer to beat time when attendees come from the Church to the monument, has asked for 7 wooden crosses to go into the ground and also has a wreath for laying. The Reverend has agreed to bless the Cairn. Action: Cllr. Horner

Flooding

Promised report not received from KCC yet. It looks as though they are still putting the cause down to rainfall and will advise how to future proof the village. The Chair understands the report has gone to the Environment Agency and Highways for comments.

GDPR

Still awaiting quotes on setting up e-mails with a .gov or .org prefix.

Reports from Representatives

- 1. Hall** – Halloween Disco planned for 8-12 year olds. Race night raised £100.
- 2. KALC** – nothing to report.

Any Other Matters Arising

- Letter of thanks received from Kent Air Ambulance for donation.
- BT Phone Box** still not removed. Clerk to request this again and ask that the land be reinstated back to grass. Action: Clerk
- Christmas Lights Competition**, The Woolpack is giving a prize of a two-course meal towards this.

Ed's note - by necessity (space requirements) these minutes are an abridged version of the full minutes which can be found online at :- <https://www.iwadepc.kentparishes.gov.uk>

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 12 December 2018, 7.30 p.m. in The Village Hall.

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KCC Waste & Recycling	03000 41 73 73
KCC Highways	03000 41 81 81
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