

Iwade Parent and Toddler Group pictured left at their Jubilee Party in the Village Hall garden.

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Iwade does the Diamond Jubilee!

Just to prove Iwade can celebrate all that's good about Britain, here is a selection of photographs taken at various Jubilee celebrations around the village. You may notice a black and white picture, well some of you may remember this one. It's a picture that was taken in the old School Hall, Iwade School and their teachers for the Coronation of Princess Elizabeth in 1953. It's great to see how Iwade knew how to throw a party then and how they can still do them now.



Celebrations in Mansfield Drive



Party time at the Woodlands



Coronation party in 1953!



Iwade's Jim Grundy's London to Paris

Jim Grundy (remember his £50 donation to Iwade Nature and Conservation?) is cycling solo from London 2 Paris for Scope on 14th-15th July and is looking for sponsorship. To sponsor Jim contact him by email at jimgrundy1@aol.com or go to his fundraising page at uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JamesGrundy Good luck Jim from the Iwade Observer!

Telephone Scams

Nicola McKenzie

An Iwade resident called me today regarding a computer scam she was subjected to over the telephone. They told her they knew she was having problems with her computer and asked her to log on to the website www.ammy.com where they would have taken control of her machine and potentially taken bank details so beware.

Vote Youth Group

Until the end of July Iwade Youth Group will be one of the three community projects being voted for by Asda customers.

You will be given a green token at the till so please place your token in the Iwade Youth Group box. It's great that Iwade has been chosen and that the village can support our youngsters!



Messages from our local Councillor Mike Whiting

No more houses

At a recent Parish Council meeting, a representative from the Campaign For the Protection of Rural England claimed that Swale's new Strategic Planning document would result in yet more land being given over to some 700 additional new houses in Iwade. I have previously stated that there will be no further expansion of Iwade, over and above building land that is already in the pipeline or currently under construction. I did question what was being said, which clearly caused some concern among Parish Councillors and the members of the public at the meeting. The next day I got clarification from Swale Borough Council. They will not be asking for any new housing in Iwade, above that which is already in the pipeline. There will not be another 700 houses imposed on the village, and there will be a greenbelt established between Iwade and Kemsley. I hope that this will reassure residents, especially those upset by the unfounded claims at the Parish Council meeting, and I will be watching Swale to ensure it keeps its word.

Yellow lines, but where are the signs?

After years, I am pleased to see the yellow lines in School Lane. There was much consultation on what lines were wanted, and I was happy to pay for them from my KCC highways grant funds to ensure they were installed. While the double yellows are generally being adhered to,

there is an issue with the single yellow lines because no signs have been erected saying the times of day that parking is and is not allowed. That is being chased up, and I hope to see the signs installed very shortly.

KCC Leader's visit to Iwade

I was very pleased that KCC Leader, Paul Carter, took up my invitation to visit Iwade recently and see the great work going on here. He was particularly impressed by the allotments project, and how quickly things had happened. I was happy to put some KCC funds in to help the committee move the project forward, and have just signed off further funding to help create new facilities at the site. Projects like the allotments really do help build that sense of community for which Iwade is fast gaining a great reputation and deserve our support.

Youth Club

Another great project in the village is the Youth Club run by Carol Galvin. Carol and her volunteer helpers are providing a much needed resource for the village, giving a regular, safe meeting place for young people. Again, I have been happy to grant some KCC funds to assist the club, and am particularly interested in their plans for a youth Parish Council. In other areas, Youth Parish Councils have really given the young people a voice and I look forward to discussing those with everyone concerned.

And finally...

I attend Iwade Parish Council meetings most months, and find this a great way to meet residents and hear their concerns. If you



have something you want to discuss face to face with me, then drop me a line, mike.whiting@kent.gov.uk, and we can arrange to meet after the Parish Council meeting.

Your Local Kent Messenger Contact

Hello, my name is Amanda and I'm your village correspondent



for the Kent Messenger + Kent Online. I advertise all the local events and news for Iwade (there's always something going on!). This is just a reminder because my contact details don't appear in the Observer every month but are listed on the village web site www.iwadevillage.co.uk. If you have an event you would like advertised to a large audience please do contact me by email thehurrells@hotmail.co.uk or by phone 07866 413207 and I'll be happy to help. You can advertise things like summer fetes, taking part in charity events and it's a free service! I look forward to hearing from you with all your events for this summer.

Iwade WI by Hilary Foulds

Iwade WI has celebrated it's 80th birthday year with a group photograph to look back on in years to come. Our beautiful appliqueed tablecloth, seen in the photo, has a history all of its own. The cloth represents Iwade village with images of the church, the river Swale, sheep, cherry orchard, apples, the old Sheppey bridge and the elm trees for which Iwade was well known as the trees were a rookery. It was made by Vera Allen in the early 1960's when she was a keen member of Iwade WI. Sadly Vera passed away very recently but we are reminded of her every meeting when we use her heritage tablecloth.

Iwade WI members are having a very special year in 2012. It began with lunch at Hempstead House in January paid for from members' own fundraising efforts. Then, thanks to grants from the Iwade Parish Council, Swale Borough and Kent County Council, there was a fabulous Designer Day at the WI's own college, Denman College, in early May, where members were treated to a top class cookery demonstration of suppers for busy people and a fun talk, song and dance about the history of the musical - as well as a lovely lunch and plenty of tea and coffee with cake and biscuits. Such a treat!

The next treat is a visit to Carol Sage's Gardening World in Newington in October where she will give us a hanging basket demonstration while we tuck into toasted sandwiches and the like.



If you would like to join Iwade WI contact Secretary Hilary Foulds on 01795 474686 or by email at hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk to find out more about what's involved.

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Pitter Patter Childminding

Welcome to Pitter Patter childminding Services. My name is Servane and I am an Ofsted registered Childminder and a member of the NCMA (National Childminding Association). I was born in France and have lived in Iwade for the last 7 years with my husband Neil, a Head teacher and our 2 children (our son 8 attends Iwade Primary school and our daughter is 1 and ½.). Having our daughter only made me realise that being at home with children was really what I wanted to do. I pride myself in providing a safe and welcoming

home from home environment for both children and parents. I offer childcare for children from the Early Years and older and provide experiences to enhance children's learning and above all have some fun! I will also be offering a Breakfast and After School Club, with pickups from Iwade Primary school. There will also be a wide range of activities to suit all ages including home baking, arts and craft, outdoor play, meeting at social play groups, educational trips at no extra cost and the opportunity for children to learn an additional language (French). For more information please feel free to contact me on the number and email address below or for an



informal chat pop around. You can always find my details in the IwadeVillage.co.uk Directory under Pitter Patter. Pitter Patter: 07546 022 244 Email: barretts@live.co.uk

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 1 July 10:00, Iwade Village Market, Iwade Village Hall
Sunday 1 July 10.30, Sung Communion, All Saint's Church
Thursday 5 July 11.15, Mobile Library, Springvale end of Sheerstone
Saturday 7 July 12:00, Iwade Rock - tickets available from Tara on 07898 999689
Saturday 7 July 19:00, All Saint's Church Summer Concert, see article for details
Sunday 8 July 10.30, Family Communion, All Saint's Church
Thursday 12 July 19:30, Iwade Parish Council Meeting, Iwade Village Hall
Saturday 14 July 10:00, All Saint's Church Open Day
Saturday 14 July 14:00, All Saint's Church Fun Day, see article for details
Sunday 15th July 10.30, Sung Communion, All Saint's Church
Wednesday 18 July 19:30, July WI Meeting, Iwade Village Hall
Thursday 19 July 11:15, Mobile Library, Springvale end of Sheerstone
Sunday 22 July 10:30, All Saint's Church Family Service
Wednesday 5 September 7:30, Village Hall Management AGM, Village Hall

Editor's Notes

Well, where shall I begin, with the weather, the Jubilee or all the great things that are coming up in Iwade?

Weather aside, I think the Jubilee celebrations were great, it's an amazing achievement to serve your country for 60 years. There is Iwade Rocks on 7th July, it's in its second year and will be a great family day out, see Facebook/Observer/Iwade Village website for details. This is a fantastic community event! Thanks to Mike Whiting for his updates regarding housing, yellow lines etc, it's very comforting to know there are people on Iwade's side and want to help.

I cannot believe how much has happened and is happening in our Village at the moment. I cannot fit it all in, so my sincere apologies if it appears this way. I think Iwade is going to have an amazing summer (regardless of the weather). I hope you enjoy your the coming months, whatever you have planned

Gemma Coleman

Iwade Pond Clean-up

Iwade Parish Council have been talking to the Environment Agency about clearing out the pond in Woodpecker Drive and a date has now been set for the work to be done on Tuesday 14th of August. This is going to be a big task and we really need residents to be involved. The work will start at 10am and go on until 3pm when a Duck House will be set out in the middle of the pond. During the work there will be lots of things for children to do – making bird boxes, colouring in, along with mucking in and getting all the weeds loaded on to the trailers ready for disposal. Please come along – this is a great chance for residents of all ages to get involved in the village along with having something for the children to do during the summer holidays. More information will be available nearer the time on iwadevillage.co.uk and on 'Iwade does Facebook'.

Iwade Nature and Conservation Group

The Nature and Conservation Group has been set up to educate residents and children about the nature and wildlife we have around the village and to be involved in the upcoming 'Iwade Nature Park'. If you would like to join the group or find out more about what is happening call James on 07788 101 228 or email incg@btinternet.com



Ickle Pickles raised £1800 at their Summer Fete to transform their Nursery garden into a Sensory Eco-garden. Wow! A huge thank you to everyone who helped, donated, brought things along and spent their money on the day!

Cancelling unwanted Doctor and Nurse appointments

Iwade Health Centre politely request that patients telephone them if they are unable to attend their doctor's or nurse's appointment.

During the month of April 2012 80 patients did not attend their doctor's appointment and 88 patients did not attend their nurse's appointment.

Help the Health Centre to help you and telephone 01795 413100 if you are unable to attend.

Summer Fun Day by Sylvia Francis

Saturday July 14th is a very special day for our village Church. During the afternoon from 2pm to 4pm we are having a Summer Fun Day and all are invited to come and enjoy the fun.

We have Games and Face Painting, a Bouncy Castle and for the Dads a chance to try their skills at the Coconut Shy.

There will be home-made cakes and delicious local Strawberries and Cream for sale.

All Children that come in fancy dress will win a prize so all you fairies and pirates come along and claim your prize!

In fact something for everyone.

So please come and support your local Church in its quest to secure the toilet facilities we so badly need enabling us to use the Church for many new and exciting projects.

On display in the Church we hope to have a plan showing how a few alterations and toilet facilities can re-establish our Church in the heart of village community life.

Walking Litter Pickers



A big thank you to Jan Morris and the Thursday Iwade Health Walking Group members for doing their bit for Iwade and the countryside.

Whilst out enjoying their weekly Thursday morning walks they have doubled their fitness levels by opting to pick up litter from the hedgerows and roadside as they go.

The walkers are hoping that all that bending is helping their waistlines and they report that there was a lot of litter to collect, even out across the fields and marshes. The 'Litter Pickers' are pictured here doing their bit. Good Work!

Churchwarden's Notes by Richard Lyndsell 01795 478755

Hi, I begin these notes with a big thank you from all of us at All Saints to Sylvia O'Shea and Maria Wilkinson, the outgoing Churchwardens after over twenty years sterling service to the Church and to the community. Ron Francis (01795 427777), my fellow arden and I are grateful for their support and guidance, for without their continued presence alongside us, we would never be able to take the baton forward.

Arrangements are being made for improved facilities to be installed at the Church and come the autumn, we may see work beginning there. We have toilet facilities in mind for the early stages, none too soon say some!

Apart from the regular services, we also have the annual band concert in the Church grounds at 7pm on Saturday 7th July, tickets are £5 and £3.50 concs, they may be bought on the night at the gate or in advance from Sylvia on 01795 478103. The cost will also provide half-time refreshments. We will also be holding a summer fete and fun day at the Church starting at 2pm on Saturday 14th July. There will be a prize for every child in fancy dress.

There will be no service at All Saint's Church on Sunday 29th July, instead there will be a service held at Newington for all six churches in the area.

Until next month.

Parish Council Notes (including Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Held on Wednesday 9th/23rd May 2012

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Iwade Medical Centre – Parishioners came forward in person and on 'Iwade does Facebook' expressing concern at the level and quality of service provided by the Medical Centre. The NHS Trust was aware of some of the problems and because of the outcry held a public meeting to discuss what is going on at the Centre.

The current providers have terminated their contract and the Trust is looking at alternatives. There have been problems with booking appointments because of staff shortages; hopefully by now they should have a full complement of Doctors. The current telephone system does not give an engaged tone when the Receptionist is taking a call and patients get the impression that no-one is answering the calls; a new system is shortly being installed which will remedy this situation.

Youth Council – It had been brought to Members' attention that there are a number of successful Youth Councils within this country, where young people work very successfully together. This subject was raised at the last meeting because teenagers within the village had commented that there was 'nothing for them to do in Iwade'. Regretfully none of these youths attended the meeting and the Youth Council can only move forward if it comes from the young people themselves. Members kept the item on tonight's Agenda in the hope that the youths might attend (none) and can now only hope that people within the community will encourage them to come forward.

Visitors/Public Time

Guest Speaker – Peter Blandon, Chairman of Swale Committee, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) – The Chairman welcomed Peter to the meeting and asked him to outline what is likely to be CPRE's response to Swale's Core Strategy.

He opened by stating that Swale Borough Council are required to produce plans for housing, employment and other business over the next 20 years; the 2006 Plan is due for review and they are building on that Plan.

CPRE are concerned at the housing targets and housing land; this is land which is set aside but not given planning permission. Within Iwade two sites already have permission – the 'Fruit and Produce' site (adjacent to the 'Woolpack's' car park) and land at Coleshall Farm. There are in addition two new sites; land to the south-east and land to the east of Iwade; two Greenfield sites phased in around 2020. CPRE argue that there is no reason to use Greenfield land for housing. This essentially means that 756 houses are in the pipeline for development over the next 20 years. In Swale overall they are looking for 13,500 houses for the period 2006 to 2031, an increase of 25-35%.

Employment land would provide jobs for 10,650 people; CPRE has used the Office of National Statistics figures to compare with Swale's figures and in reality only 7500 houses are needed, not the figure that Swale quotes – CPRE agrees with the Office of National Statistics.

Furthermore there is nothing in the Plan regarding new schools and nothing is being done as regards Junction 5 of the M2.

County Cllr. Mike Whiting queried the two new sites mentioned by Peter, as he was not aware of these.

Chairman advised that this matter has already been taken up with Borough Cllr. Alan Willicombe, who has referred the Clerk to Brian Planner at Swale Borough Council. The Clerk advised that she has received an e-mail from Brian Planner stating that he has passed the query to James Freeman, Head of Planning, asking for a response to be sent to her.

The Chairman thanked Peter for outlining CPRE's observations on the Core Strategy 'Bearing Fruits' Consultation.

William is off to Gillingham by Gemma Coleman

For William Foord, aged 7 soon to be 8 and devoted supporter of Manchester United, the dream of becoming a Premier League footballer is a step closer to becoming reality. William loves football, he lives and breathes it along with his parents Sarah and Bill. For someone so young he has made his mark. He started playing for Iwade Herons when he began at Iwade Community Primary School. He has also just finished playing for Milton and Fulston where he has ended the 2011/12 season scoring 52 goals in 22 matches. This saw him become top scorer of the year for them.

William has played for Charlton Athletic and Gillingham Football Club Youth Teams. He was in a dilemma when both teams were due to play each other and he had to choose who to play for. Being a local lad, he picked his local team, Gillingham. He can also be proud that he has played against other Youth Teams, such as Arsenal and Crystal Palace, scoring goals against them.

Gillingham FC have had their eye on him for a while, since the age of 5/6 to be exact but he was too young to play for their Youth Team. It is with great pride and pleasure to announce that William has been chosen to play for Gillingham Youth Team in their Under 9s squad for the 2012/13 season. He can continue his journey at Gillingham FC and at 16 he can try out for the main squad, let's

keep our fingers crossed. His official signing will take place on 4th July 2012. Needless to say William's parents are very proud of him as are all that know him. Sarah and Bill Foord would like to thank Swale Youth Development, run by Swale Borough Council, who gave William £100 to help support him with the purchase of kit. Wouldn't the village be proud if in 10 years there could possibly be a local lad playing for England and you can say that you read it here first. Good luck William



Tinkerbells Early Years

We have had another very busy month at the setting, Zoolab visited us and took us all on a rainforest adventure!! The children had the opportunity to hold various small animals and insects including a very large cockroach, a snake, an african snail, they also learnt some very interesting facts about these animals too.

The children have been extremely busy at the allotments, we now have a well-developed plot with fruit, vegetable and flower areas, it will not be long before we will picking our first lot of fruit and vegetables. I would also like to thank C.P. Landscaping for the generous donation of pea shingle to finish off our minibeast hotel corner.

We ended the term with a jubilee party, the hall and garden decorated with bunting that the children had made! This was a very busy afternoon and it was wonderful to see so many parents and children at the party.



Iwade Village Market

Date for the diary – Iwade Village Market organisers have decided to put on a market for August so put 5th August in your diary for the Iwade Village Market at Iwade Village Hall from 10am to 1pm. Great range of stalls and refreshments in the kitchen so hope to see you there. To book a stall contact organisers on 07990 767893 or 07904 610298. Obviously don't forget the July Iwade Village Market which is on Sunday 1st July at Iwade Village Hall from 10am to 1pm. Hope to see you there, something for everyone!

Iwade Herons Under 9's Tournament Winners



1-0 (League) 2-0 (League) (DTU) 0-0 (League) 1-0 (Semi-Final) 0-0 (Final) (3-2 after Penalties)

Players: Jonny Lang, Jack Hines, Aaron Field, Frazer Akhurst, Jack Findlay, Benjamin Beard, George Baker-Moran, Alfie Roe, Conor Wood & Zane Marshall.

League

4 games in total, one team didn't turn up. Iwade Herons had a great opportunity to show exactly what they can do in competition format against teams they had not come across before. A solid performance from everyone in the 1st game and a great individual goal by George saw the Herons ease past Tankerton FC. With Holtwood not turning up, this put the Herons in a strong position straight away by being

awarded a 2-0 win putting us clear at the top of the league stage. The 3rd game against Walderslade was a little tighter as a change of personnel created a little uncertainty. A sound performance from Jonny in goal and the 100% effort from everybody made up for our shortcomings and ended with a 0-0 draw.

Semi-Final

This was against a very well organised Sittingbourne Athletic side who were a very good attacking side which showed from their results from earlier in the tournament. Frazer Akhurst was given a man to man marking job on their best player and Frazer did what he does best and didn't give him a sniff. The Herons showed their dominance going forward but for the Sittingbourne keeper to deny us. With a few missed opportunities close range from Benjamin Beard, he certainly made up for it. Good tenacious work down the right hand side from Jack Findlay passed the ball inside to Benjamin who smashed the ball home from 15 yards out, the keeper had no chance. The Herons won this 1-0.

Final

The Herons started this game the way they finished the Semi Final, fantastic. With the passing ability the boys have up front along with the defensive pairing of Aaron & Frazer and with Jonny in goal now gives the Herons a solid look. Leybourne FC showed their usual strong resilience and the Herons kept on battling hard. Some fantastic saves from both keepers throughout the game, strong work in midfield, excellent hold up play from Alfie up front and what I can only describe as world class defending from Aaron & Frazer to deny the Leybourne forwards a strike on goal. This was always going to be a close run and the game finished 0-0. This meant the dreaded penalty shootout. Only the players on the pitch at the end of the game were allowed to take a penalty. 5 takers had to be chosen at first with the remaining 2 takers in sudden death. What was impressive is that everyone put themselves forward to take one. The sheer naivety of the boys not knowing what pressure there is when you are put in this situation. "They know now". The Herons won the toss and chose to go first: After the first 5 were taken the score was still level at 2-2. With the crowds now surrounding the pitch to witness this epic game to the finish it was Sudden Death, first one to miss. Aaron Field stepped up and...smashed the ball into the back of the net, Leybourne stepped up and...Missed!!! The herons had won.

A great tournament with everybody contributing and the important part is that everyone got a winners trophy. Fantastic boys!! You deserved your moment.

Herons U18s and U7s looking for players

Iwade Herons Football Club Under 18's squad and Under 7's squad are looking for players. The Under 18's train on Saturday mornings in Iwade from 10am and the Under 7's train on a Sunday morning from 9am.

If you're interested in joining them or know someone who is call or text Karen on 01795 553640 or 07545 250 156 for the Under 18's and Darren Roe on 01795 420255 or 07882 107 680 for the Under 7's.