

Iwade Observer

IWADE VILLAGE

FOOD & CRAFT FAYRE

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE

10am – 1pm

Locally sourced products, loads of homemade cakes, pastries and pies, even gluten free goodies!

Sweet and savoury, something for everyone!

Preserves and chutneys alongside self designed jewellery and bespoke wedding pieces. Handmade greetings cards, wooden gifts and candles, hand sewn crafts along with ladies fashion scarves and handbags.

Eggs from Featherbed Farm, a florist, fudge and decoupage gifts!

Refreshments always available (homemade sausages too)

Come along and see what's new!

New stalls always welcome – Call Geri on 07588 401553 or email fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk



Name of child: _____ Age: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____ Contact number: _____

KALC Community Award Presentation

At the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 11th May Nicola McKenzie was presented with a framed certificate in recognition of her work in the Iwade community over many years. The award, made annually, by The Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) recognises Nicola's "significant contribution to the local community". The Parish Council Chairman, James Hunt, presented the award, which is supported by the High Sheriff of Kent and the Chairman of the Kent County Council, to Nicola in front of councillors and members of the public.



A Big Iwade Thank You to James Hunt

A big thank you to Chair of Iwade Parish Council James Hunt who is now stepping down to Vice Chair to be replaced by Matt Gale.

James will still be active on Iwade Parish Council and also in his role on Swale Borough Council representing The Meads ward.



James has been massively involved in the Iwade community for many years not least in his role as Chair of Iwade Parish Council so a big thank you to him for that and long may it continue!

Vice Chair of the Iwade Parish Council
James Hunt

Ed

Iwade Herons U10s

Jonathan Veal

I currently manage the Iwade Herons U 10s (School year 5) and we are looking for players to strengthen our squad for the coming season.



We would like to invite players to come and train with us with a view to signing for the September season as an Under 11 (School Yr6) player. We welcome players of any standard as we are a friendly expanding team.

Please contact Jonathan Veal at jmveal@hotmail.com or text / call 07932 751 422 for further information. Thanks.

Pets' Service

Sunday May 10th saw the first All Saints Pets' Service when the church took on the characteristics of a menagerie when a whole range of animals, all surprisingly quiet, brought their owners to church. The idea was to remember how much we are given by our pets and how much they add to their owners lives. Pets ranging from Guinea Pigs to gerbils, and from hens to cats and dogs enjoyed a pet related feast after the service. The photo shows Sparkle the hen enjoying the limelight.

St George's Day Parade.

On April 23rd the Scouts and Cubs and their leaders led a St George's Day service, ably supported by Stephen Plumb! when their respective colours were marched into church and presented to the congregation. Members of Scouts and Cubs read, and the leaders publicly renewed their vows. A great turn-out, and the Scout Association was brilliantly represented by all those present as indeed was Iwade, and the parents of the young people taking part.



London Marathon

Thoughts on the day from Steve Carnt

The day itself started early and I was up at 6.45am to make it to the start line in Blackheath for 10am. Having got myself prepared (i.e. pinning on my race number and securing my chip timing tag to my trainers), I handed over my belongings and took my position on the red start line in pen 6. It took me 13 mins to reach the start line once the gun went off, and then that was it, off on my long journey of 26.2 miles. The miles ticked over quite quickly, spurred on by the atmosphere and encouragement of the huge crowd. My friends and family were there to cheer me on around the course which gave me the extra energy to push on, knowing that every step was a step closer to the finishing line. After 20 miles, I was entering unknown territory, and my body started to hurt especially my legs but I knew I was nearly there. I finally crossed the line in 4 hours

Church News The photo shows the colours being marched up the church path and about to enter the church.

Rogation Sunday

On May 1st a group of parishioners set out on the second annual Rogation Sunday walk to bless the fields and crops and those who tend and farm them. We were accompanied by two impeccably well behaved dogs who seemed to have enjoyed the afternoon as much as their two-legged companions.

The route of just over 3 miles took us to the boundary of the parish overlooking the now disused Funton Brickworks from where we made our way back to Iwade across the fields with fine views over the estuary.

The afternoon was rounded off with a "fulsome feast" of a buffet tea together with teas, coffees and a couple of glasses of wine.

We are already looking forward to next year's walk, so make a note in your diary if you'd like to join it - Sunday 21st May 2017!!

The photo shows two and four-legged participants about to set off.



Iwade Health Walks

James Apps

A little deviation this month; the Month of flowers and blossom when the weather is a little warmer and gardens start to bloom. Although many of us will walk around the village, perhaps the only walk for some, others of us will visit gardens in the area and enjoy the professional approach.

My sister and I paid a visit to the River Hill Gardens just south of Sevenoaks on a warm Saturday and enjoyed the bluebells, possibly the last of the large displays, and the walk through gardens that are about to burst into Summer flowers.

Billed as the Himalayan Gardens, River Hill offers a splash of Rhododendrons, the source of many species of the plant, and pleasant, wooded pathways leading to a high viewpoint overlooking the Weald. The day was hot and humid, possibly at times during the year, a very Himalayan atmosphere, and the breeze on the high point was most welcome.

Under the trees the bluebells glowed and here and there, dotted amongst the trees bright Rhododendron



flowers acted as a contrast to the soft and varied greens of Spring. A feature of the gardens is that they are child-friendly with play areas, a maze, and picnic areas and some surprising spots, such as the wild flower lawn displaying primroses and bluebells, a rose garden walk and Acers dotted around showing brightly coloured foliage.

We did not find the Yeti, but I'm thinking we might have been too early in the season for him to appear. However, we had the pleasure of watching children having fun rolling down the manicured contours of the grass in the walled gardens.



As I said, it was a pleasant diversion, even from the pretty gardens developing in Iwade.

A TOUCH OF AFRICAN ART COMES TO IWADE



It is our intention. We really have no other. That your lives be filled with wonderful colour To learn and grow and be a part Of a world of beauty and creativity through Art.

Formerly based in Cape Town since 2006, and having moved recently to Iwade, I would like to offer art and craft classes to the community on a Saturday morning or early evening for all who are interested.

At the moment I will only offer adult classes but would like to start children's classes. Anyone interested in their children having art or craft classes, please let me know.

For now I hope to be operating from The Barn as I am still sourcing other venues. If you know of a school, hall or church hall that could be hired or would like to have classes taught extramurally, I would love to hear from you.

I hope to do some 'Paint and Picnic' days here much like we did in Cape Town, weather willing of course, so we can capture some of the beautiful farmlands and natural landscapes of the surrounding areas.

I specialize in oils and acrylic paints, sketching in pencil and charcoal, as well as the use of Oil Pastel and Conté pencils.

I've had students who prefer Water Colour of Gouache and you are welcome to use this choice of medium in the classes.



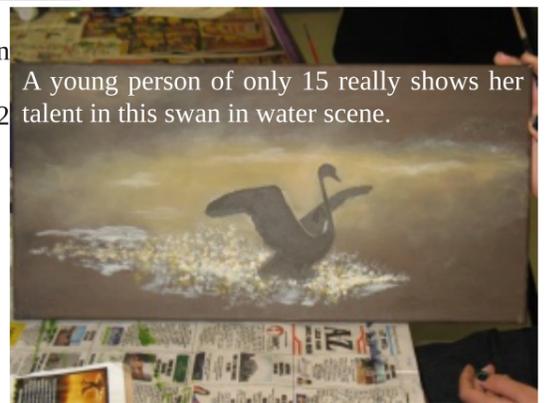
Some of our Cape Town art students at work on Oil Pastel Landscapes

I love to develop a person's skills and natural creative ability, and even though I have had students tell me in the past they had no art skills or talent, I have witnessed them develop in to skilled artists and they have done Andrea's School of Art proud.

We look forward to discovering your talents and helping you develop them so that you too can enjoy the reward of exploring the world of art.

Please visit our Facebook Page for more details: <https://www.facebook.com/Andreas-School-of-Art-154237151314226/>

Contact Andrea van Schalkwyk: 075 9022 3175 Email: asartbuzz@gmail.com



A young person of only 15 really shows her talent in this swan in water scene.

Iwade ROC Café (affiliated to Young Kent and ROC)

By the time you read this the new Iwade youth group for school Year 5 and older children, Iwade Rock Café, will have held its Taster Day on May 31st. Hopefully this will have been a great success and will lead to even greater things.



Following on from the Taster Day the group will meet each Friday evening starting from June 10th. We are still looking for extra adult helpers, so if you would like to help, get in touch - contact details below.

Keep an eye out for posters and on FB for further details.

Want to know more or would like to volunteer to help then contact Stephen Plumb on 07905 040119 or email at:- asiwade@btinternet.com, or Rynn or Jackie Kemp on 01795 439765, or email:- iwaderoc@gmail.com for further information.



The Observer has been given a provisional date for the Iwade@thebarn AGM which it is hoped will be on Tuesday 19th July at 7.30pm this will be an open meeting for all interested villagers.

Iwade Reading Group



Book of the Month
The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul”
by Deborah Rodriguez
Next meeting
10.30am Tuesday 12th
July

For more info contact Hilary on 01795 474656.

Gone fishing!!

I have a 10 foot fibreglass clinker style rowing boat (red) with one set of oars and row locks plus it's own trailer and light board with electric hook up for sale. Used once. £700 the two. Bought brand new.

Contact Amanda Cooper
Mobile: 07779 635020
or by email: amandacooper61@icloud.com

Iwade WI from Mary Foreman.

Hi everyone, we hope you are enjoying the lighter evenings. In April Iwade W I had their group meeting, which includes seven other W I s, and we were all delighted that our member Sandra Wilkinson won first place when she wrote a horoscope based on the words of Jerusalem. Well done Sandra !! Some members, with various other W Is, had a visit to the Houses of Parliament. We had the whole day to visit other well known attractions, tiring but a great day. Our luncheon club had a nice meal at The Woodstock. For more details call Glenn on 01795 436515

The Observer office recently received this from afar. Can anybody help??

“Be like Dad! Keep mum!”

My name is Jon Lakin and I live in Shrewsbury. I am hoping somebody in your village could please help me. I recently read a book called The Sign of Fear by Robert Ryan which is a reworking of the old Sherlock Homes and Dr Watson partnership set in 1917 near the end of WW1 concentrating on the time Watson served as a Major in the medical corp. It is an intertwining of fact and fiction.

An author's note at the end explains the outcome of one of the incidents with the following:- “rumours of a German spy killed in the North Kent village of Iwade have never been substantiated”. It is that comment in which I am particularly interested.

It appears from the story that someone parachuted into the UK and landed near Iwade with the above consequences. Just for my own interest I am trying to find out if this incident is fact or fiction.

I doubt that any witnesses to such are still alive but local legend/knowledge or rumour may be able to throw some light on the above as might parish records.

I would be grateful for any information that any of your village residents could offer on this please even if it is to deny all knowledge so that it can simply be put down to the author's imagination.

Hoping to hear from you.

Jon Lakin

(Ed. If anybody knows of anything it would be fascinating to hear this story. Let The Observer know via, the.iwade.observer@gmail.com or call us on 01795 439765)

Reflections on Iwade

The Observer was delighted to receive this poem from long time Iwade resident Dr V.M. Sethukumar.

Once close to the Pilgrim's way,
Never to wade to reach Iwade,
Amidst orchards and the church spire
With a babbling brook on The Saxon Way.

Lost are the brick kilns,
gone are the boatyards,
“No more is Pinkie's Corner!”
cries out the lonely mourner.

Housing numbers ever increasing,
Cars and traffic never ceasing.
In the midst of winter,
There's a lonely sprinter.

Where once yew trees stood on the bay,
Amidst lonely fields of hay,
Lazy sheep are grazing still,
Their fluffy coats ward winter's chill.

Dawn chorus breaks with jogging,
Some are walking, some cycling.
Tyres littering, plastics throw in,
Heart is aching, head moaning.

A ball of blue, our lovely planet
Let's keep it for all to rest
Now or never, we shall seize it.
Lest we know we'll lose it.

Home sweet home,
Our lovely Iwade.

Ed. Thank you so much Dr Kumar, some lovely evocative images, and won't verse 5 have resonated with all those who took part in the Village Clean Up on May 22nd - of which more next month. Do you have a latent literary talent?? Why not give it a try yourself. We'd love to hear from you. Send to the.iwade.observer@gmail.com or call 01795 439765 if you don't have access to the internet.

Wednesday 1st June 13:00-15:00 Pop Up Coffee Shop

Free, tea, coffee, home-made cakes, toys and stories for the children, why not get out of the house with or without children and meet some friendly faces.

Thursday 2nd June 11:15-11:25 Mobile Library

At the Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of ID required to join. Why not give it a try?
For further information please telephone 03000413131 or email: mobiles@kent.gov.uk

Wednesday 8th June 19:30 Iwade Parish Council Meeting

At Iwade Village Hall.
Public meeting and time allowed on the agenda for residents so why not go along and find out more about what goes on?

Sunday 12th June 10:00-13:00 Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre

At Iwade Village Hall.

Wednesday 15th June 13:00-15:00 Pop Up Coffee Shop

Wednesday 15th June 19:30 Iwade W.I. Meeting

If you would like to join Iwade W.I who normally meet every third Wednesday of the month at Iwade Village Hall then contact secretary Glenn Walters on 01795 436515 or at gk.charisma@sky.com
This month's meeting features 'From IT to Soaps'.

Thursday 16th June 11:15-11:25 Mobile Library

Wednesday 29th June 13:00-15:00 Pop Up Coffee Shop

Thursday 30th June 11:15-11:25 Mobile Library

Traffic Issues outside Iwade School and surrounds

From Iwade Parish Council:

Those of you who attended the meeting in the Village Hall on the 22nd April will recall that it was agreed that the web link to the Traffic Management Plan be circulated to residents so that they can advise KCC if there are any issues.

The link residents need to look at is: <https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/loadFullDetails.do?aplId=72127> and by clicking on the document tab it will then bring up the Traffic Management Plan. Check IwadeVillage.co.uk for the link as this will not be easy to type! Ed

If you are aware of any issues can you please forward these to the Parish Council iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk. Please note that by doing this it will be taken as agreement that your comments can be forwarded on to Mike Whiting, Gordon Henderson M.P's Constituency Manager; County/Borough Councillors, Kent Police and Officers at KCC all of whom are dealing with the concerns

IWADE VILLAGE HALL – JUNE

Seems like a lifetime ago, but I must start with the fantastic Quiz Night we held in conjunction with All Saints Church back in April. We raised a whopping £374 on the night, which means a lovely £187 each for the hall and church. Our sincere thanks to everyone who booked a table, to Rynn for being the compere, Sho for the raffle, Sue and Sandra who collected the papers in and Jackie and Nicky who did the scoring. The winning team were Purple Reign, great name with a nod to the recently departed Prince and the Queen's 90th birthday. Congratulations to them, hope you all enjoyed the chocolate, see photos showing some of the happy quizzers!



A fantastic effort from everyone though and one we hope to repeat in September or October .. watch this space!

Even further back, you may remember we had a colouring competition in March. Well, it's back and this time the theme is a summery one of course! Age groups are: 2-5 years old and 6-10 years old (just the two this time). Not sure what the prize will be yet, but something scrummy for sure. All you have to do is get the children to colour the picture in (please feel free to add embellishments) and bring it down to the Food and Craft Fayre on Sunday 12th June between 10am-1pm. There will be a box with a silver lid to pop them in (or

give them to Gaye on the card stall).

Lots of exciting stalls for June including gluten free cakes made by Cornucopia (a regular stall holder), more fudge (you can never have enough in my eyes), hand turned wood art by Len, a new Peruvian pottery stall, a florist (perfect if you're planning a wedding or just want to brighten your home), decoupage gifts, Bella Mora jewellery stall, eggs from our local Featherbed Farm and plenty of our regular stall holders too.

Our Food and Craft Fayre is held on the second Sunday of each month in the hall and car park, so if you're new to Iwade, or if you've just not been down recently, why not come and visit on the 12th to see what's on offer? Bring your family, grab a breakfast bap and have a wander around.

Our AGM was held on 25th May but of course, as the Observer Team need a couple of weeks to produce and print this fantastic magazine (*Ed. Thanks Joa - cheque's in the post!!*), I can't give you an update on anything, but I'll be sure to do this next month for you. Hopefully we will have managed to secure a Trustee for the last spot on the Committee as new ideas often come from the new people. Don't feel that you have to be on the Committee to share your ideas though; If you have a fundraising idea that would benefit the Iwade community, please let us know and we'll see if we can help.

That's it for this month folks, the sun is shining and let's hope that continues through the summer for us all. Keep up to date with Iwade Village Hall by following us on Twitter, joining our page on Facebook (search Iwade Village Hall), or by checking out our website www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 20th April 2016 At 7.30 p.m. in The Barn

Present:

Cllr. M. Gale
Cllr. J. Hunt
Cllr. J. White
Cllr. L. Mitchell
Lynda Fisher, Clerk

Members relating to The Barn.

End of Financial Year

•Checking internal control objectives were agreed - Members agreed that these have been met.

•Assessing 2015/16 Accounts again proposed 2016/17 Budget – Year-end figures were noted and the agreed budget looks firm.

•Amendments to Financial Regulations – Cllr. Gale to look at the revised Financial Regulations

Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Members were welcomed to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllr. Cheeseman.

Declarations of Interest

Dispensations are in place for

and Clerk to bring back to the May monthly meeting. Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk

Major Projects for 2016/17

•The Barn – to look at creating a 'Wish List'

•Any other Projects – ANPR Camera; possible cost £6500.

Next Meeting

Members agreed to hold the next meeting in October, 2016. Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING Held on Wednesday 13th April, 2016

Present:

Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. M. Gale – Vice-Chair
PCSO Matthew Link
Cllr. L. Mitchell
9 Members of the public
Cllr. P. Horner
Cllr. J. White
Cllr. R. Clark

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Cllrs. Plumb, Hyde, D. Gale, Cheeseman and Rook and Nick Mayatt, Community Warden.

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

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

Visitors/Public Time

•Visitors – A resident again raised an issue with a property in School Lane. The Chair has already spoken to the PCSO regarding this but agreed to get further reassurances about the matter.

•Community Warden/PCSO – The Community Warden's report was circulated. During March he dealt with fly tipping, a neighbour dispute and circulated dog fouling leaflets. The PCSO reported that there were no major incidents; there have been a couple of burglaries lately which are being investigated.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

•Grovehurst Roundabout and Slip Roads – Hoping to bring this up at the School Lane site meeting on the 22nd April.

•England Coast Path – Iwade to Grain – updates on Presentation – Presentation will now be given in September.

•Linkway and outside School Parking Issues – A site meeting will take place outside the School on

Friday 22nd April at 2.45 p.m. Present will be Mike Whiting (representing Gordon Henderson M.P.); Officers from KCC, residents and representatives from the School. A letter has been sent to residents in nearby roads inviting them to attend a meeting afterwards in the Village Hall.

Correspondence

•London Southend Airport Standard Instrument Departure Procedures Consultation – Planes will come over the East of Iwade and towards Kemsley. The only issue is that they will fly across the SSSI Site and this needs to be looked at and taken into consideration. There has been some concern over arrivals and the noise that planes are making and whether this will have any impact. Agreed to respond on these two points. The Parish Council wishes to thank Gareth Wiseman who assisted with this consultation.

•Consultation on draft Corporate Equalities Strategy – No comments.

•Swale Borough Council Green Spaces Consultation – No sites to put forward.

•Consultation – Street Entertaining and Busking – Noted.

Finance

•Gateway Entrances Quotations – Cllr. Gale to discuss with Cllr. Rook.

•Operation of School Lane Playing Field & Pavilion – Parish Council/Iwade Herons – Still speaking to Swale Borough Council and the Herons; this is now waiting for the hand-over to Swale and then the legal agreement.

•Village Clean-up Day – Village Hall booked for the morning. Cllr. Hunt will put an article on Iwade Village Does Facebook. To look to using The Barn for the afternoon BBQ and to perhaps look at purchasing BBQ equipment for next

year's event.

•Village Garden Competition – progressing well.

•Grass Cutting Contract 2016/17 – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell; all agreed the £4.95p increase.

•KALC Subscription 2016/17 – Proposed by Cllr. Clark and seconded by Cllr. White; agreed to renew at a cost of £941.40p.

Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

The Architect is working on the Building Regulations; the kitchen design has come through and has been forwarded to him. Swale Council has requested more details for the doors, this has now been submitted. Once everything is approved work can commence. The fencing will be sorted. The Trustees will be approaching the Parish Council for a donation towards insurance.

Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)

•Hall – Cllr. Gale reported that a new Trustee has come on board. They are looking to install new dryers in the toilets. Year-end accounts have been filed with the Charities Commission. The security deposit for the hire has been reduced from £150 to £100. An Events Committee has been formed and the AGM will take place in May.

Any Other Matters Arising

•An extra 100 copies of the Iwade Observer are required due to the increase in the number of homes in the Village. There will be an additional cost of £250 - £3300 for the whole year. Members were 'minded to' accept this; Clerk to check with Swale Borough Council on the number of properties at present in the Village.