

BROADSIDE 2017 Milton Hundred Wargames Club

We are proud to present our 7th annual tabletop gaming event, Broadside 2017, on Sunday 11th June at Swallows Leisure Centre, from 10am to 4pm. With 12 wargames clubs and over 30 traders from all over the country, there is something for everybody!

Historical, fantasy and sci-fi demonstrations will be presented throughout the day, and our stalls stock miniatures games, card games and board games, as well as scenery, paints and other accessories to make a fully rounded tabletop gaming experience.

New to the hobby? Try our participation area, where you can try out numerous games, or our make-and-take table where you can build yourself a tank for free! (Sorry dads, this one's for the kids!)

We also have a flea market area where you can grab yourself a bargain! Entry to the whole event is only £3 for adults, with accompanying under 16s going in free! MHWC members will be on hand all day and always happy to help, just look for the yellow shirts.

Come along and try a great alternative hobby, one the whole family can enjoy!



Sponsored by
Pen and Sword Books
Military - Aviation - Maritime - Wargaming

Sunday 11th June

Swallows Leisure Centre, Central Avenue,
Sittingbourne, ME10 4NT

10am to 4pm - Entrance still only £3.00!
And non wargaming partners and children under 16 free
when accompanied by a paying adult

Kiddies' free 'Make & Take a Tank' table
generously provided by Armourfast!

Our popular Flea-Market style Bring-and-Buy
Book your table early to avoid disappointment!

www.facebook.com/BroadsideShow

The Iwade Observer

June 2017

**A MEDAL WITH MY NAME
WRITTEN ALL OVER IT !!**

The London Marathon

By Hayley Woolward

So the big day had finally arrived! I stood in the start pen & after an emotional goodbye to family & friends I was now feeling absolutely fine. I think I'd adopted the attitude of "well this is it, no turning back, just get on with it". The gun sounded and off we went.

I had huge problems on the day with ligament pain in my knee which slowed me down but there was no way it was stopping me! I hadn't trained for months for nothing and there was a medal at the end which had my name written all over it. I just slowed my pace and ensured I absorbed every minute of the day, after all I was never going to win it!



The atmosphere was truly electric and I was so overwhelmed by the noise and amount of total strangers that come out to show their support, all shouting your name with such encouragement. The day was hotter than expected but I did not stop smiling and can wholeheartedly say despite the pain, I loved every single minute.

Before I knew it I was crossing that finish line so proud of myself. I did it, I actually did it. I ran the London Marathon!!!

As well as being one of the best experiences of my life it also allowed me the platform to raise awareness and vital funds for Children with Cancer UK. The total balance, including gift aid, was over £4700. I can't thank everybody enough for their support and generosity.

(Ed's note - great work Hayley; having had a few weeks off now, are you planning to do it again next year??)

BUSINESS FOCUS

Andrea Bechelli
professional hair & make-up artist



Andrea has also just taken on a new business venture to work along side her current career and young family - she is an INDEPENDENT SCENTSY CONSULTANT - Home decor/ fragrance. Such a beautiful range of products that are child and animal safe.

If you fancy a 'scent session' where you'll experience all 87 scents, please get in touch with Andrea on 07969 998757.

www.andielou.scentsy.co.uk
Facebook: Andie lou's VIP Scentsy Customer Group

Andrea Grant has been involved in the Hair & Beauty industry for over 15 years and has worked as a MAC make up artist for the last 14.

She is a fully qualified Hairdresser and Make Up Artist. She trained at the LONDON COLLEGE OF FASHION, and has worked alongside the likes of Nikki Clarke, Elizabeth Arden Red Door, London Fashion Week and also behind the scenes on Sky Sports and other TV projects.

Andrea couldn't decide whether she preferred the hair industry or the make up industry, so she decided to qualify in both; they do work alongside each other perfectly!
Andrea offers her skills on a mobile basis within the local area.

The favourite part of her job is Wedding Hair & Make Up. "I absolutely love being part of someone's very special day, it is such an honour, and I enjoy every moment."

www.bechellihairandmakeup.co.uk
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Iwade Village Hall Community Events

A NIGHT AT THE (VIRTUAL) RACES!

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE

**Iwade Village Hall
Ferry Road. ME9 8RG**

**1st Race
7:00pm**

Families welcome
Cash prizes with tote betting

Book a table now (£12) and receive a free bet
Race sponsors welcome

Come and have a flutter!

BYO food & drink

Entry £2 per person

To book, please call 07724 862774
or email secretary@iwadevillagehall.co.uk




Iwade & Kent Orchards for Everyone Project
presents

FRUITY LYRICS!

With poetry maps abound and cherries galore,
a myriad of colours and tantalising tastes in store

Come in and go out -
discover what fruits are about

on

Saturday, 17th June, 2017

11.00am - 2.00pm
at the Mews BrewHouse and
Iwade Community Orchard

Join us for a walk round the orchard after tasting our fare in the Mew BrewHouse serenaded by the Dave Bowdler and flute
Enjoy the artwork of Paul Fowler amongst the fruit map
Discover the trails and listen to our poet in residence Chris Poundwhite
Event Free. All families welcome to view the children's work
Bring your own picnic, weather permitting
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The Scouting movement provides a vital service within our community, giving youngsters opportunities to learn, grow and gain vital life skills and confidence but all this is only possible through our volunteers. As many of you are already aware, Iwade Beavers, Cubs and Scouts groups are very popular with youngsters in the village and surrounding areas, and as such we have waiting lists for all sections.



All of our section leaders have full time jobs and often struggle to meet the demands with so few of us; if we had more volunteers this would ease the pressure on us and enable us to do even more great things. We are a relaxed and friendly bunch, always making sure that we enjoy the activities as much as the youngsters!

Our groups can only run with the continued support of our volunteers so please, If you could spare as little as 1 hour a week or even every other week, especially if you have any experience in the activities we offer or anything else that our youngsters would benefit from, then **please get in touch with Kelly Croucher** kcroucher76@hotmail.com / 07780975444.

(Ed's note - why not get involved in Scouting; I can say from personal experience that the leaders have as much fun as the young people (if not more so!) - give Kelly a call NOW!!)

We have a hugely varied programme including arts & crafts, gardening, orienteering, pioneering, first-aid, cooking, fire lighting, all of the above and lots, lots, more.

For those of you not aware, here is what we have been getting up to recently...

All sections took part in a St. George's Day service and Fun Day at our district Camp Site with climbing walls, bouldering, go-karting, archery, shooting and much more.



The **Beavers** attended Lower Grange Farm HQ in Maidstone and experienced the massive climbing wall which they loved - many facing their fears first and leaving very proud!

Cubs are currently completing their Science badge which involves some cool experiments such as how to make CO₂ and extinguish a flame, cleaning copper with condiments, growing cress in a potato, sticking pins into a balloon



without bursting it and making our own electronic game.



Scouts recently went on a 10 mile JOTT (Jamboree on the Trail) from Faversham to Bredgar; following some very tricky country terrain but taking in the natural beauty made it "awesome!"

Iwade Can Sing

By J Jae Cole

I would love to tell you more about our choir.

We have been going now for 12 months and have had over 70 people from the village take part in the choir with a regular attendance of around 40 members. We have raised over £2,500 for local and international charities in this short time and plan to do more fundraising in the future.

We will be starting a new children's choir for ages 6 - 12 years old from Monday 15th May. We hope that our lively brand of singing will be bringing the village together to hear both adults and children sing on Sunday 18th June 2017. It is going to be an amazing day. Watch out for more information.

We would love the village to be out in force to support the children of IWADE CAN SING !

If you'd like to join our fun choir why not come along on Mondays to All saints Church and give it a try - no auditions, just fun, laughter and great songs.



Village Hall Update

Editor Rynn will tell you that the hall updates are always in at the last minute or a little late, but this time I have surpassed myself. Although I've managed to send it to him 2 days ahead of time, it's only because I am sat at Heathrow Airport waiting to fly somewhere hot when I remembered I hadn't done our update! The things we do to fill the Observer eh?!

Anyway, onwards with what's going on at the hall.

On Saturday 17th June, we have the popular Race Night returning. Entry is just £2 per person with families of all ages welcome to attend and cheer on their horse. It's bring your own food and drink, so a great night that doesn't need to cost a lot. Please email bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk for a table. If you book and pay for a table in advance, you will receive a free bet too!

The following Sunday, 25th June from

10 - 2, we have another indoor boot fair but this one will also have stalls outside. There were some great bargains to be found at the last one, so don't bother with the larger boot fairs, come on down to your own local one! To book a stall (only £5), please drop Sho an email at bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk.

Moving to July, our 60th birthday party celebrations for the 16th are almost sorted. We just need some old photos of the hall and I can't believe that with so many folk having lived here since those days, we don't have any photos yet! Any photos lent to us will be returned safe and sound, we just want to build a memory wall.

We're also after local businesses who want to attend to promote themselves. To come along, your business must be in Iwade or you must be a resident here. We'd welcome your attendance!

On the day we have a free bouncy

castle for the children and jousting for the older ones (anyone up for a jousting challenge?) Sho will be cooking up some lovely food on the BBQ which will be at great prices too. Stalls will be in the garden and run by our regular hirers like Tinks, Brownies, Kingsquad and our charity stall is Swale Cats Protection. Our DJ and compere will be Dave who always makes the events fun and 'sparkly'! So come along from 10-2 on Sunday 16th July.

Official matters to finish and we have our AGM on Wed 7th June at 7pm. Iwade residents, over 18, are welcome to attend.

Well, our flight will be called soon so I'd best sign off on this. Apologies for any mis-information I write here, I'm doing it all from memory and it isn't what it used to be!

Hope you all have a great June!

Kent Orchards for Everyone

presents

FRUITY LYRICS

17th June, 2017

'With poetry maps abound and cherries galore . . . A myriad of colours and tantalising taste in store.'

Join us for a day of fun walks round your community orchards in Iwade after tasting our fruity fare in the Mews BrewHouse serenaded by Dave Bowdler and his flute, readings by Chris Poundwhite and art by Paul Fowler.

TIMETABLE:

11 am - 12 noon - In the Mews BrewHouse

- The launch of the fruit map-poetry zine with work from Iwade school
- Chris Poundwhite our poet in residence for the day will read some of the poems
- Paul Fowler our artist for the day will be there with his artwork to compliment the fruit map
- Dave Bowdler will provide a gentle musical soundtrack
- Enjoy the tantalising taste of fruits from the local orchards of Kent, specially prepared by the Mews BrewHouse. Recipes will be available on the website www.kentorchards.org.uk

12 noon - 2 pm - In the Orchard

- Have your well earned picnic
- Self guided orchard trail for children
- Let the family discover what is hiding in the orchard, take the trail with our guide for the day
- Is it a fruit or a nut – join the orchard walk and tell us about your fruity heritage tales
- Follow the poetry map round the orchards and find your poem.

For more information please contact

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We look forward to seeing you all there for a fun and tasteful day.

Tinkerbells Early Years

By Jody Nicholls

We had a very busy and exciting term 5 at Tinkerbells. The children took part in many activities related to our topic, 'Animals', and were busy making some pets and creatures of their own. They also enjoyed sharing pictures and talking about their pets at home. Thank you to all those who brought in photos or drew pictures of them for our display. They look great!

May ended the term nicely with some finer weather at last! We have been making the most of it by getting out and about. The children have enjoyed some walks around the village and some fun trips to the park too. We've have been keeping a close eye on the vegetables and wild flowers we previously planted in our garden. It was lots of fun for the children to plant and care for them and they've been very excited to watch them grow.

Our topic next term will be 'Healthy living'. We are really looking forward to this topic and the many activities we will do. We have already held a sponsored walk which was a great success and lots of fun for all involved. Thank you so much to all the families who donated to help raise funds.

As we enter the last term of the academic year, we will be very busy getting ready for 'big school' and have lots of events to look forward to. We are very excited to be having a party for our school leavers again and of course let's not forget the last day of term! We will be finishing off nicely with the Graduation Ceremony where we will celebrate our children's learning journeys with us and wish them well in their new adventures at 'big school'. It's sure to be emotional so bring a tissue too!

All our sessions at Tinkerbells are currently full until September 2017 at Iwade, and spaces are filling up fast from then too. Therefore, if you are interested in a place or you would like your child to be put on our waiting list, please feel free to call in for a copy of our prospectus or email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk for more information.



June - Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6th	Parent and Toddler Group, Village Hall from 9 - 11
Wednesday 7th	Village Hall AGM 7:00pm
Thursday 8th	Iwade Health walk, Meet outside Pharmacy at 10:30
Saturday 11th	Milton Hundreds Wargames Club (see separate article)
Tuesday 13th	Reading Group, 10:30 - contact 01795 474656
Tuesday 13th	Parent and Toddler Group, Village Hall from 9 - 11
Wednesday 14th	Café All Saints, All Saints Church from 1 - 3
Wednesday 14th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall from 7:30
Sunday 14th	Food and Craft Fayre, Village Hall
Thursday 15th	Iwade Health walk, Meet outside Pharmacy at 10:30
Saturday 17th	Fruity Lyrics 11 - 2 (see separate poster)
Saturday 17th	Race Night at Village Hall (see separate poster)
Sunday 18th	Iwade Can Sing (see separate article)
Tuesday 20th	Parent and Toddler Group, Village Hall from 9 - 11
Thursday 22nd	Iwade Health walk, Meet outside Pharmacy at 10:30
Sunday 25th	Indoor Boot Fair, Village Hall, 10 - 2
Tuesday 27th	Parent and Toddler Group, Village Hall from 9 - 11
Wednesday 28th	Café All Saints, All Saints Church from 1 - 3
Thursday 29th	Iwade Health walk, Meet outside Pharmacy at 10:30

Iwade Brownies – Poppies and Pennies!

By Kerry Holman

We have had a busy few weeks at Brownies! We've welcomed some new Brownies which has been lovely. We have been working towards an outdoors badge - so far we have tracked the weather, planted herbs (some of them are growing, others are not!) and learnt about the Countryside Code.

Last week we went out on a Penny Hike and had a competition in our Sixes to see who could get back the nearest to the hall in 20 flips of the coin. We had great fun and covered a lot of ground in Iwade!

Next week, the WI are joining us for tea and biscuits. They are going to teach us to knit so that we can make poppies for the Poppy Appeal this year - not many of us can knit so we are thankful to the WI for coming to help us!

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12 April 2017

Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors – A resident raised the issue of the removal of the telephone kiosk by BT to whom she has raised an objection. Another resident queried whether areas between build outs should be used for parking; the Community Warden thought there were no restrictions on this; however, they are not parking bays. Clerk to ask the PCSO to look into the areas in School Lane. Action: Clerk
Several residents raised their concerns regarding the planning application for 40 The Street; the Parish Council advised that at its March Planning Committee meeting Members did raise objections and asked for a site meeting; Borough Cllr. Stokes will push for this.
2. County and Borough Councillors – Borough Cllr. Dewar-Whalley mentioned the app 'Countryeye', which can be used to report such things as fly tipping. Clerk to ask for details of the app to appear in the next edition of The Observer. Action: Clerk
3. Borough Cllr. Whiting, attending on behalf of Gordon Henderson, M.P., stated that a letter had been sent to IMH but no response received. He will look into the ratio of Doctor to patients.
4. Community Warden/PCSO – The Warden has been dealing with issues with the new play area in School Lane; the PCSO is aware of this.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Linkway and outside School Parking Issues – Zigzag lines not laid as promised; Clerk to again chase KCC. County Cllr. Burgess has given a grant of £1500 towards the cost of installing yellow lines on the corners of Linkway/School Lane. Action: Clerk

Planning

1. 17/501610/FULL: side and rear single storey extension: 1 Sheerstone Iwade Sittingbourne ME9 8R – no objections.
2. 17/501737/FULL: Erection of a single storey side extension: 26 Ferry Road Iwade Kent ME9 8RR – no objections.
3. 16/508446/FULL – Erection of a detached dwelling: Land North of 40 The Street Iwade ME9 8S – agreed that the Parish Council's previous objections still stand. Members also object because the new statement states a four bedroomed family home but this is a commercial enterprise. Clerk to reiterate the request for a site meeting with Swale's Planning Committee, with a representative of the Parish Council being present. Action: Clerk

Correspondence

Iwade Medical Centre –Clerk has received a response from IMH; agreed to write again querying why 'Iwade is a particularly challenging area to recruit for'. Action: Clerk

Finance

1. Grass Cutting Contract 2016/17 – Still awaiting information from KCC/Swale Borough Council; place on May Agenda. Action: Cllr. Hunt/Clerk
2. KALC Subscription 2017/18 – Proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Clerk; agreed to renew the subscription at a cost of £1040.83p. Action: Clerk

Projects/Project Updates

The Barn – First lot of electrics are in and boarding/doors installed. Trying to get Carillion to fix plasterboard.

Reports from Representatives

Hall – Just completed the financial year and in profit. Successful quiz night; race night and boot sale coming up and the hall's 60th anniversary in July. The central heating controls have been replaced.

KALC – nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY JUNE 14TH.

!! PRESS RELEASE !!

From Iwade Patient Participation Group (IPPG)
(c/o Graeme Horner – Sec IPPG)

17.05.2017 IWADE HEALTH CENTRE

There is much concern with the current state of Iwade health centre. Both staff and patients are suffering.

To attempt to identify and rectify some of the problems a new Iwade Patient Participation Group has been formed. It will take time for changes to be made. By the time this Observer is published a first meeting will have been held with Integral Medical Holdings, the providers of NHS services to the Centre. In addition, the IPPG will have hosted a public meeting in the village hall on 30th May at which patients will have had the opportunity to raise their concerns.

The IPPG are currently planning to arrange quarterly public meetings. We are setting up a system to receive patient complaints and suggestions both on paper and online. It must be understood that we cannot consider individual medical complaints.

In the past the centre has benefited from well-respected lead doctors and professional staff. IPPG will be working hard to restore the quality of service that patients need and have a right to expect. The positive support of Iwade residents will be a major factor in improving the present unsatisfactory state of affairs.

In the meantime we ask that the, heavily stressed, reception staff are supported. The problems are not of their making and they need our help to restore the previous quality of service. The new IPPG is also there to help. By the time you read this our new contact system will be set up. Do get in touch and let us know your concerns and suggestions.

(Ed. latest - See Facebook for the latest information about membership, etc. The Observer wishes the new IPPG good luck in their quest to improve the quality of healthcare provision for all the patients at Iwade Health Centre. We hope to bring you up to date news each month for the many people who don't 'do' facebook.)

Orchard Walk Evening Chorus Walk

On May 9th a small band of villagers joined Simon Ginnaw, from the Iwade and Kent Orchards for Everyone project, on an Evening Chorus Walk around Woodpecker Park and the surrounding fields to listen to and identify the many birds that inhabit the area.

Armed also with "bat detectors" we were soon, under Simon's expert guidance, identifying a diverse range of birdsong. Species identified included, Whitethroat, Black Cap, Robin, Chaffinch and many others; we also saw foxes, hares and grebe as we wandered the local footpaths.

By sunset we found ourselves at the back of the church where we were shown by Simon how to use the bat detectors. It was quite cool and bat activity being affected by the temperature, we were beginning to give up on seeing the bats. Just as we were about to go, and beginning to shiver as the temperature dropped, we were rewarded by a number of bats giving us a display of their insect-catching prowess as they soared over the cemetery extension at the back of the church. - A thoroughly enjoyable evening and if the project's next event, Fruity Lyrics, on Saturday 17th June, is half as enjoyable it will be well worth going to - see separate poster.



Editor's Note

This is the second month of our new Business Focus item and we invite any Iwade business to use the Observer to showcase their business to the people of Iwade. Let us know what you do, where you are, how you started, who you are, etc. Give it a try!!

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