#PlasticPromise

Units across the Girlguiding Sittingbourne Division joined Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers and volunteers from across the UK during a week of action from 30th September to 6th October to be involved with the biggest ever girl-led campaign to tackle plastic pollution. They made a #PlasticPromise, committing to a simple but meaningful lifestyle change to help reduce single-use plastic. The campaign is part of the new Future Girl manifesto which stemmed from 76,000 4-25 year oldGirlguiding members in 2018



sharing their views about what they care about in creating a better world for girls and young women. Future Girl is built around 5 topics, with the #PlasticPromise being the first campaign to be rolled out under the 'Planet Protectors' topic area. One of the activities that the girls could take part in was to show why protecting the planet matters by taking plastic waste and turning it into sculptures of animals they wanted to protect from plastic pollution. Across the country many different animals were created from the plastic waste including whales, turtles, birds and other wild animals.

It is estimated that 2.5 billion disposable coffee cups are thrown away in the UK every year, which equates to a staggering 5,000 a minute or 7 million cups a day. Around 15 million plastic bottles are littered, landfilled, or incinerated everyday in the UK.

New research from Girlguiding's 2019 Girls' Attitudes Survey found 86% of girls and young women aged 11-21 say young people should be more involved in conversations with decision-makers about tackling environmental issues. Girlguiding is supporting girls to make sure the people in charge listen to their views, calling on the government to involve children and young people in the development of its plans for the deposit return scheme.

Over three-quarters (76%) of girls and young women aged 7-21 say it's a good idea to give people money back when they return plastic bottles to shops, to encourage more people to recycle. During the week of action, girls were encouraged to write to their MPs and MSPs, urging them to make a #PlasticPromise and asking them to go on social media and share how they are representing young people's voices.

Anyone is able to make a #PlasticPromise by visiting plasticpromise.co.uk and implementing their promise into their everyday lives. The 5 promises that can be chosen from are listed below but those aren't the only ways that we can strive for less single use plastic, any actions taken to help reduce unnecessary waste in the environment would be beneficial to the planet.

- 1. Start using a reusable water bottle
- 2. Start using an alternative to disposable cutlery
- 3. Start using a reusable box or wrapping instead of clingfilm
- 4. Start using a reusable coffee cup
- 5. Stand up and speak out about cutting plastic waste and make big brands listen.

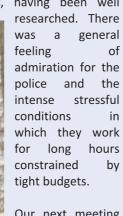
Iwade Reading and Book Group **By Hilary Foulds**

The group met at the Barn on 9th October to discuss "Found" by Erin Kinsley. This was my choice having been influenced by reviews and it was also BBC2 Radio 2 Book Club's pick. We weren't disappointed.

Evan is 11, and on his way home from school. He had stayed late with his friend Stewie for rugby practice, called into the shop then went to his bus stop. But Evan never got on the bus. His frantic parents report him missing. The police are involved but Evan isn't found until 8 months later when, by pure chance, he's found in the boot of a car, frightened and unable to speak about his experience.

The story doesn't end there. There's the aftermath to deal with, Evan's inability to cope, the fracturing of his family with their battle to keep going, and the pressure on the police to find the perpetrators particularly concerned when it comes to light there are other children are caught up in this paedophile ring.

It's a difficult subject. It isn't it a thrill-seeking book and it isn't graphic or sensationalised. The author manages to express the gravity of the situation and how frustratingly slowly investigations can be. We all agreed it was believable and realistic, having been well



Our next meeting is at Iwade Barn, 10.30am, Tuesday 12 November and the book chosen by Jackie is The Snow Goose and Other Stories by Paul Gallico.

Our December meeting, also at 10.30am, is on 10 Tuesday December. Glenn has chosen This is Going to Hurt by Adam Kay.

Why not have a read, and come and join us??

Adam K

Brownies

Nov 19

The Iwade Observer

We have been working on an "explorer" badge during the last half term, making best use of the light and weather! We went out on a trail around the village, attempted to make our own compasses with varying levels of success, learnt to strike matches and light candles! We also tried to play battleships...

We are looking forward to our Christmas camp at the beginning of December and a trip to the cinema to see Frozen 2 with lots of other brownies!





Christmas Lighting Event Road Closure Man







Parking – The Street

For some time now, the Parish Council has received complaints from residents regarding cars parked on pavements in The Street, making it impossible for pedestrians, wheelchairs users and pushchairs to pass by, leaving them with no option but to use the road.

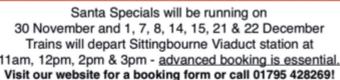
The Council will be monitoring the situation and if parking on the pavement does not improve, will install bollards to prevent this.

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IwadeVillage.co.uk

Backstory By Nicola McKenzie

IwadeVillage.co.uk was set up in 2006 by me to put Iwade on the world wide web. I love living in Iwade and I wanted to put everything about it in one place to be both useful, informative and interesting.

IwadeVillage.co.uk is now on its third version and is mobile-friendly and has a comprehensive Directory of contacts including Local Businesses (free basic listings for Iwade businesses or full advertisements available and not limited to Iwade), What's On (think Clubs and Activities), Bits and Bobs (Post Boxes are featured!), Council and Government, Places and Law and Order.

A comprehensive What's On Calendar is also online - if you are running an open event in Iwade get in touch and we can add a Facebook event to our Facebook page and add you to our What's On database so you appear on the home page in the month before and on the What's On page.

As well as a comprehensive Directory of contacts and What's On Calendar, you can also find the Iwade Observer going back to January 2006, Iwade Parish Council Minutes, News ... there are even bin icons at the top of every page so you know which bin(s) to put out! I know!

The current IwadeVillage.co.uk project is to raise its profile and make it the go to website for anything Iwade. When someone says - "Where can I find " why not go to IwadeVillage.co.uk and see if it's there. And if it's not get in touch and we'll put it there!

Thank you for reading, and thank you to the members of the new IwadeVillage.co.uk Feedback Group on Facebook (feel free to join if you would like to help!). The evening of Wednesday 5th February 2020 will see IwadeVillage.co.uk @ Iwade Barn for an IwadeVillage.co.uk focus evening. Drinks and nibbles will be provided in exchange for your thoughts on your Iwade Village website IwadeVillage.co.uk.

If you are a business, a resident with Iwade News (that includes missing pets!) or you're organising an event in Iwade or run a club and would like free then get in touch!

Retro phone on 01795 439892

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On Facebook at facebook.com/IwadeVillage.co.uk





Iwade PPG By Graham Pungenti

The Iwade PPG held their monthly management meeting at the surgery and again the number of people not attending pre booked appointments was unacceptable at 63.

This resulted in lost time for surgery staff who are there to treat patients. With winter fast approaching it is imperative that all pre booked appointments are attended, or cancelled if for whatever reason you are unable to keep your appointment. This will enable other patients to fill those vacant slots. Below is the number of missed appointments, and time wasted.

Advance Nurse Practitioner 2hrs 20 mins Health Care Assistant 2 hrs Paramedic 50 mins Practice Nurse 1hr 40 mins Doctor 3hrs 10 mins Pharmacist 45 mins

Men's Breakfast Club

A bit of a laid back meeting for our October gathering, on the 1st. the usual bacon and sausage butties with coffee and/or tea and a lot of chat.

Members were looking forward to VIP treatment at the next Speedway meeting at Raspberry Hill Lane on 13th October when 12 of them were to be guests of Paul and Graham at the track. Paul and Graham have been hugely supportive of the club over the last few months and gave us a great tour of the site back at the beginning of August followed up by the outing as above.

Look out next month for a full report and, hopefully, some great action shots.

The club is steadily growing with about 12-15 regulars now attending each month. Why not give it a try – just £1:50 for coffee and butties, at the Barn on the first Tuesday of each month from 09:30.

Remember – remember – the dark days of November James Apps NHS Walkers Group

Just when you thought October was going nicely, pumpkins fattening up and sold cheap in your local stores, All Hallows Eve approaching and passing by safely along comes November. This month can be a dark month; cold, gloomy, a time for remembering warmer days, especially on bonfire night when it was traditional to steal some of your father's old clothes, fined a lot of paper and rags, and make a guy. The cry "penny fer the guy mister?", was not an offer to sell it but a means to collect funds for sweets or fireworks. It was a time for my father to have a burn-up of gathered rubbish, and for us children to eat baked potatoes hot from the oven, and of course to watch the fireworks.

It was also a time for wellies and migrating socks that would not stay up unless they were long enough to fold over the tops of your boots. It was a time too to watch the trees finally drop their leaves, feel the wind blowing across the hills and be glad of the stews and heavy suet puddings made for our dinners.

It was also a time to make the Christmas cake and puddings, and be glad that the jam making programme for the year had gone to plan. We didn't eat soup - that was for posh people - but the endless pots of stew bubbling like Macbeth's witches brew, on the cooking range smelled wonderful and warmed the house.

Then there was the smell of damp clothes warming on the horses, the hiss of wet coal placed carefully with the tongs on the fire, and grey skies that slowly grew darker earlier as the month progressed.

Not only that it was draughty; freezing in the scullery - we took turns to bath in front of the fire and went up to bed wrapped in towels over our pyjamas to be glad of the hot water bottles in our beds.

In this year, and the past few years, November can be anything but that, reliably miserable I mean, and unpredictable, sometimes warm like

a September day, and sometimes cold - usually wet.

And what is all this about?

It is all to do with thinking climate change as we are walking about and of a young person who is angry enough to tell the people in charge that we/they have to try and put it right before her future disappears. My memories in this epistle, as I am preaching a bit, reflect how my days used to be.

Predictable.

Not any more.

Our walking group experiences weather so unlike what it once was that at times, if it was not for the calendar, it would be difficult to pick the time of year without thinking about it.

However, the seasons may not be as predictable as in the past, or unlike me when I was a child, you may have homes that do not create draughts, and you have proper bathrooms with toilets inside the house, and heating to keep you warm, everything is more or less into season for the time being, and of course Christmas is coming.

And hopefully fresh English chestnuts.

Iwade Village Hall Update

I know it may seem early, but we are busy organising ourselves for Christmas at the hall!

We have two upcoming workshops on 24th November to make lanterns for a Christmas parade for the light switch on, on 1st December. We are hoping that this will be the start of a tradition for the Christmas lights switch on that will run for many years to come, and it will be magical to see the procession of lanterns!

The Grotto is back this year and will take place on Sunday 22nd December midday - 4pm. This is one of our most popular events and places are limited. Tickets are £3 per child, this includes meeting Father Christmas in the grotto and receiving a gift. We will also have some Christmas arts and crafts activities, for a small additional fee to cover costs. Tickets will go on sale at the market on 17th November 10am - 1pm, along with variety of stalls selling handmade goods, gifts, cakes, pies, preserves, fruit and vegetables and much more. Hot and cold drinks are available, along with burgers, hot dogs and bacon rolls! New stalls are always welcome, to book or for any other information please contact fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk

Please come along and support your local market

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.



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All Saints Church Service Dates

Upcoming key service dates and times:

<u>10th November 10:00am</u> Remembrance Day service

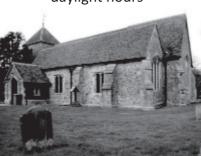
8th December 10:45am Christingle service

5th December 10:45am All age service & 4:30pm Memorial service

22nd December 4:30pm Crib service

24th December 5:00pm Carol service & 11:30pm Midnight mass

25th December no service, however, the church will be open during daylight hours



Iwade @ the Barn -Community Day

You might have spotted this last month! The Barn is in the very early stages of organising a Community Day.

If you are involved in one of the many organisations, clubs, or societies in Iwade then you won't want to miss out, so make a note of the date – May 3rd 2020. We will be contacting you soon! More information to come, over the next few months, so watch this space.

Get IT in your diary – even if you don't know what IT is yet!!

Monday Friendship Group

At our most recent meeting on 30th September we gathered as usual in the Barn for a chat and a cuppa and were pleased to welcome our new Community Warden, Adam McKinley. It was a great pleasure to meet Adam and he spoke to lots of the members about some of the issues that they felt impacted on life in Iwade, ranging from antisocial behaviour and petty vandalism to mindless littering.

We continue to meet on alternative Monday mornings from about 10:15 until 11:45 and have a range of speakers and activities each meeting. Our scheduled meetings in November are on the 11th and 25th and fortnightly thereafter.

We are an informal, friendly group, so why not come along, you'd be most welcome.

An update from Councillor Corrie Woodford

Dear Residents:

Now we are a few months into the new coalition at Swale I wanted to give you an update. Since becoming a councillor for Bobbing, Iwade and Lower Halstow I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you either at parish council meetings or generally out and about. There have been a variety of issues that have been raised with me but unfortunately the most common has been fly tipping and anti-social behaviour. These are both issues that are being raised with the cabinet at SBC. The young people of our community do sometimes all get tarnished with the same negative report and I was able to see first hand that this is most certainly not the case. I had the opportunity in August to visit a group of local students (including members from Iwade) who were completing the NCS program. I saw the presentations they gave for their community outreach projects covering topics from environmental issues to homelessness. They were very impressive and a credit to our village. I have also had the opportunity of supporting some great local organisations and charities through my members grants. Iwade Church has been given a donation towards their new toilet and I was able to visit the Freedom centre to see the amazing work and support they give to some of our local community. I am very pleased to also be supporting them with a grant.

If there are any concerns that you wish to discuss with me please contact me at

CorrieWoodford@swale.gov.uk

All the best, Corrie

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11 September 2019

Present:

Cllr. S. Cheeseman - Chair

Cllr. A. Dollimore - Vice-Chair

Cllr. P. Hyde

Cllr. R. Langham

Cllr. S. Lancashire

Cllr. T. Trower

Cllr. M. Boniface

Cllr. B. Whiting

Lynda Fisher, Clerk

5 Parishioners

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish 2. Drains, School Lane - County Cllr. M. Grovehurst Road, vehicles trying to gain Cllr. Clark, County Cllr. Whiting, Borough Cllr. Woodford and Lee Fennell, PCSO.

2. Declarations of Interest and 3. Parish Councillor Vacancies – Councillors additional pressure on this junction. **Dispensations**

Item

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Trower, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 10 July 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Visitors/Public Time

- 1. Visitors A resident referred to the comments. proposal for bollards in The Street, he has main area is outside The Woolpack.
- received he updated on talks with SGN comments. and the gas main replacement along the A2, referred to working with the Police and 3. 19/503974/HYBRID: Hybrid application In particular the Environment Agency only Swale Borough Council in relation to fly- comprising of - Outline application (all mentioned pollution; there was no tipping and advised of a £60m highways matter reserved except for access) for up reference to flooding concerns and the repair programme for the next two years.
- 3. Community Warden/PCSO Community Grovehurst Road and The Street and for a Warden has retired, awaiting a new country park: Land East of Iwade Iwade Strangely KCC make no reference to their Warden.

The PCSO advised of damage to the

and youths on the roof of the School. Fuel cannot be objected to, Councillors have stolen, vehicle stolen, and caravan stolen raised the following concerns: from Featherbed Lane. Windows were smashed at The Woolpack during the night. Overcapacity of Received a complaint about bad parking at Interchange, the A249, Key Street School time. Lee advised he normally Roundabout and the M2 Junction 5: we works the hours of 8-6 or 1-11.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Whiting now has the camera and is liaising and desperately needs remodelling sooner with Cllr. Langham.

Action: Cllr. Whiting/Cllr. Langham

- Whiting/KCC Officer Bring back to next access to the A249/Sittingbourne/Isle of meeting. Action: Clerk
- welcomed Michelle Boniface to the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that Richard There is a dire need for infrastructure to be Cllr. Cheeseman declared an interest in Mills had resigned. She will advertise the in place prior to any housing development, 6.3 vacancies. Action: Clerk
 - 4. HIP Committee First Meeting -Councillors to arrange a date. Action: Concerns over the lack of GPs and the **Committee Councillors**

6. Planning

- 1. 19/503637/FULL: Erection of single after. storey rear extension, pitched roof with full hips: 2 Elm Tree Avenue Iwade 4. 19/502769/FULL: Culnells Farm School Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8UD - no Lane Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8QJ:
- from agricultural to residential garden and respond: erection of a car port with annexe above: 2. County and Borough Councillors - Tiptree Bungalow School Lane Iwade Members were disappointed to see the County Cllr. Whiting written report Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8QE - no
 - to 466 dwellings and a community hall. Full impact the extra water will have on the planning application for access from Iwade Stream. Kent ME9 8ST – agreed to respond as earlier comment on this application:

reports of speeding, is going to try and get is in Swale Borough Council's Local Plan, ordinary watercourse, we need to be sure the local patrol team involved. Dealt with which has been approved by the Planning that it is in a condition to take this nuisance youths around the shopping area Inspector and thus is set in Stone and additional volume. A CCTV survey could be

Grovehurst the understand Highways England has placed a block on any further development until the situation is remedied.

1. Speeding and Speed Watch - Cllr. The Grovehurst Interchange is dangerous rather than later.

> At present there are long queues on the Sheppey, the extra housing from Pond Farm and this development will place

> rather than the norm where this is done afterwards.

difficulty in recruiting them for this area.

We would ask that Broadband services are built into this development, not added

Construction of an irrigation reservoir, with associated operational development and been making note of the offenders and the 2. 19/503916/FULL: Change of use of land landscape enhancements - agreed to

responses from KCC and the Environment

"As this proposal will be increasing the pathway in the new cemetery. Had various Whilst the Parish Council realises that this volume of surface water to the existing undertaken at detailed design stage.

Please note: Any feature capable of conveying water can be considered to fall under the definition of an 'ordinary watercourse' and we would urge the applicant to contact us prior to undertaking any works that may affect any watercourse/ditch/stream or any other feature which has a drainage or water conveyance function. Any works that have the potential to affect the watercourse or ditch's ability to convey water will require our formal flood defence consent (including culvert removal, access culverts and outfall structures)."

Does this mean that KCC no longer see the need for the applicant to gain their formal flood defence consent? This is very worrying in light of the flooding last year in the village, when the watercourse was unable to cope with the amount of water that entered it. Residents did question whether water allowed to drain into the stream from the Weinerberger works contributed to this -KCC Officers are aware of this concern.

7. Correspondence

- 1. Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy Consultation - Agreed to respond that like most Parish Councils, Iwade has very real concerns regarding emissions and the pollution/health risks associated with them. The amount of housing in the Swale area is forever increasing and this in turn leads to greater use of our roads, roads which are already at full capacity. Much needs to be done to encourage car sharing and alternative motor fuel such as electric vehicles; this needs to also spread into the commercial sector, e.g. HGVs, etc. Action: Clerk
- 2. Annual Policing Survey Agreed Members to respond individually. Action: All Councillors
- 3. Swale Landscape Sensitivity Assessment - Cllr. Langham delegated to respond. Action: Cllr. Langham
- 4. Draft Kent and Medway Housing Strategy 2019-23 – Agreed to respond that the over capacity of the existing infrastructure should be addressed, and any new infrastructure needs to be in place before any new housing. Action: Clerk
- 5. KCC Draft Drainage and Planning Policy Statement – Same response as 7.4. Action: Clerk

8. Finance

- 1. Tree Lights PAT Testing Bring back to next meeting. Action Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk
- 2. Councillors' Conference 2019 Cllr. R. Clark - Clerk advised that this has been cancelled.
- 3. Replacement Shed Village Hall Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Langham, agreed £299 for a replacement shed for the village hall.
- 4. Model Financial Regulations 2019 Clerk to modify to Iwade's specifications and then circulate in readiness for bringing back to the Parish Council. Action: Clerk
- 5. Microsoft 365 Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, agreed the installation of Microsoft 365 software, on an annual contract but paying half of the monthly fee, which equates to £4.70p. The other half to be paid by Bobbing Parish Council.
- 6. Planters Proposed by Cllr. Trower and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire: agreed the extra £160 for topsoil for the original planter and £535 for a second planter and topsoil. Action: Clerk
- 7. IPPG request for Donation Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Langham, agreed a Section 137 donation of £100. Action: Clerk
- 8. Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting - Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 31 August 2019:

Clerk's Expenses £37.32p H.M. Revenue & Customs £302.77p Steve Wakeling £574.00p B&K Masters £535.00p Playsafety Limited £82.20p Citizens Advice Swale £50.00p PKF Littlejohn LLP £360.00p Invicta IT Solutions Ltd £879.72p Eight cheques in total

Other outgoings:

Staff Wages - August £1219.54p Eon: Energy Supply, Street Lighting - July £74.78p

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Countrystyle: Hire of 110 Ltr. Envirobin -July £34.27p

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August £34.27p

9. Projects/Project Updates

- 1. Bollards, The Street County Cllr. Whiting unable to install a camera to monitor parking and traffic issues in The Street. Agreed to place an article regarding parking in this area in The Iwade Observer and to monitor the situation. Further agreed to take off the Agenda but to bring back if the situation deteriorates. Action: Clerk
- 2. Festive Lights Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Trower, agreed the quotation for 20 festive lights and infrastructure of £12308.60p excluding VAT (reclaimable). Action: Clerk
- 3. Community Flood Plan The stream walk through did occur but a couple of people did not turn up. Planning to get the Agencies to attend another meeting. Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Trower

10. Reports from Representatives

- 1. Hall Things going well. Murder Mystery Weekend postponed, now taking place next year. Christmas Grotto Sunday 22 December. Starting work on the Lantern Parade, which will take place with the Lighting up Ceremony on the 1 December.
- 2. KALC nothing to report

11. Any Other Matters Arising - None

12. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 9 October 2019, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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