

Our cover photo this month was taken at a garden party hosted by Tricia Carr of Lower Halstow to raise money for the improvement of the facilities at All Saints Church, Iwade.

October 2011

Swale R.A.H.M.

Residents Against Housing Madness Your Last Chance to Save our Towns and Villages!!!

Swale Borough Council is currently deciding a Housing Strategy for the next 20 years. They meet in December to make their final recommendation and are likely to decide on a figure in excess of 13,000 new bouses across Sittingbourne and Sheppey.

This is almost one new house for every 3 existing houses in Sittingbourne and Sheppey! We think this is madness!

The Council admits this will mean the loss of swathes of Greenfield land – which will lead to urban sprawl across the entire area.

It will mean even more traffic on our already congested roads.

The A2 the A249 and the Stockbury Roundabout are already overloaded.

This will simply cause gridlock!

The levels of air pollution, already exceeding recommended levels in several hot spots such as Newington and Ospringe, will deteriorate even further.

And Swale have failed to provide the infrastructure needed for the last decade of housing chaos. We cannot cope with any more! We are short of schools, medical facilities, and public services. There are already concerns about energy supplies and water provision in the borough.

Swale Borough Council talk about Regeneration – it is looking more like a Degeneration! They claim to have a Masterplan – it looks more like a Disasterplan!

Visit our website www.swalerahm.org.uk

If you would like to help us campaign against these proposals, please get in touch with us at:

Swale RAHM, c/o Iwade Parish Council P.O. Box 588 Sittingbourne ME10 9ET. email address: info@swalerahm.org.uk Tel: Cllr Mike Baldock (01795) 471139

Say No to Swale's Housing Madness



Olympic Freya!

Pictured above is 6 year old Freya Quested from Iwade. She is wearing the Children's Promise campaign T Shirt and the above photo was used in the media to advertise the scheme. The scheme pledged to provide every child born in the UK on 20th December 2004 the opportunity to play a role in a ceremony or event surrounding the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games. Freya will take part in the Olympic Torch Ceremony at Leeds Castle next year and will also have a role at the paralympic games too. I'm sure Freya will do a fab job!

Editor's Note

by Tara Kent

A very warm welcome to your October edition. Summer seemed to pass by in a blur and now we're into the Autumn. It's Halloween this month and nowhere does Halloween quite like Iwade. We hope you all have a great time and look forward to seeing vour pictures (which you can post in the Iwade does Facebook page or send them to myself, James or Nicola via iwadevillage.co.uk) but would like to politely remind trick or treaters to only knock at houses which have a pumpkin or Halloween decorations up. On an entirely seperate note I'd like to say a very big thank you a young man named James who lives in Elm Tree Avenue. A few weeks ago I got a flat tyre on my 4x4 whilst out in Sittingbourne with my children. I was attempting (quite badly) to change it myself when James and his friend came to my rescue and did the job for me. It's nice to know we have such kind people in Iwade, so thanks again James!

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Well done to Iwade's All Star Riders!

The six-strong church cycle team completed a combined 200 miles on Saturday 12th September to raise money for All Saint's Church Iwade and Friends of Kent Churches, around £250 raised to-date. You'll have to wait for the November Observer for the detailed low-down from this year's ride leader and organiser Dave Wastall!



Thank you on behalf of All Saint's to all those who sponsored the team this year and we look forward to cycling again next year. Fancy joining us?!

Be sure to visit the Iwade Village Market on Sunday 2nd October from 10am to 1pm. There will be lots of stalls with homemade crafts, food and refreshments not to mention glitter tattoos and a bouncy castle for the younger ones! What a lovely way to spend a Sunday morning!

And also an advanced notice that Iwade's Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 26th November. More details in next month's Observer.

October pastoral letter

Dear Friends.

If we could only see with God's eyes. What would we see? We might see much more than we would like. We could see ourselves first of all as God sees us, and understand why he both loves us and is saddened by us. We could understand how much we really mean to each other and realize how much difference we could make to each other's happiness and fulfillment. We could understand how life may have damaged us, but also how much we owe to those who have contributed in countless ways to our own survival, healing and growth. We could look at others in the same way, and see how much their own struggles and wounds are the reason behind those things we find difficult to bear in them. Seeing others as we see ourselves, we might see how little we have the right to sit in judgement, and see how much difference we could make to other's happiness and healing. If we could only see with God's eyes. But this is one of the main purposes of prayer and worship - not to gain anything from God, not to increase our own self importance, but to learn to look at others, ourselves, and life itself, with the eyes of God.

With love and prayers (as my mother always used to sign her letters), Revd Ron Partridge, Parish Priest at All Saints, Iwade

PCSO Interview by Tara Kent

I recently met up with our PCSO Melanie Platt to find out a little bit more about what she does and her role within our community. Here's what she had to say.



How long have you been a PCSO?

I have been a PCSO for 2 and a half years.

When did you take on Iwade as your area?

In September 2009, an opportunity arose to work in the Iwade area after the previous PCSO moved to Maidstone.

Is this your full time job?

Yes, I work around 40 hours a week for Kent Police Authority as a serving Police Community Support Officer.

How does your role differ from a Police Officer?

The role of a Community Support Officer is to act as the eyes and ears of a community, being best placed to resolve issues with the community rather than enforcement of laws. Police Officers have powers of arrest, entry and search. While my powers do not extend this far, I have some more minor powers of search and I am able to issue fixed penalty fines for certain issues. I think that this is just about right, to allow me to deal with issues which really hurt neighbourhoods.

What kind of calls do you respond to?

Generally, I am present in the wards to attend and prevent crime and disorder incidents. Unlike police officers who generally have to respond to incidents from other parts of town I am dedicated to the area. If necessary I would be used to assist in a community emergency issue. For example, a few years ago I was one of the first officers to attend the house

fire in Recreation Way. Day to day, my responsibility is to work with the community of Iwade to make it a safe and enjoyable neighbourhood for everyone.

Do you get a lot of support from the Police?

Yes, I work closely with PC Phil Nickels in Iwade. There really is a good working relationship between PC's and PCSO's. If I encounter an issue that my remit does not allow me to deal with, I will refer this to a police officer colleague who will work with me to resolve the issue.

Do you work with our Community Warden?

Yes, I work with Nick and we get along really well. He's also the warden for Kemsley so we do liaise with him quite a lot and we share information.

What's your typical day?

I would report to Sittingbourne police station to get my appointments for the day, and meet with the rest of the PCSO's, PC's and Sergeants. We will discuss overnight issues so that I am prepared for my day. I will then deploy to my wards, splitting my time as necessary between Kemsley and Iwade. Between seeing residents by appointment, I would actively patrol the areas paying attention to locations where I would be most needed. At the end of my day, I would return to the police station to make my reports for the shift. As a PCSO, the expectation is for me to patrol my area on foot so can be quite tiring!

How much of your day would you say you spend out on patrol in Iwade?

I try to evenly split my time between Iwade and Kemsley. In reality, I will go where I am needed. On some occasions this may mean I spend more time in Kemsley, other times more time is spend in Iwade.

What kind of issues do you deal with within lwade?

To be honest Iwade is generally quiet, which is obviously a good thing for the residents! What I mainly do here is get to know the residents and keep in touch with what's going on. There are a lot of parking issues here in Iwade. It can be inconsiderate parking so in those cases I like to go and make people aware that they need to park more sensibly but a big problem seems to be school parking. I like to try and encourage people that live in the village to walk their children to school but unfortunately not all are able to do this. I work quite closely with the school on this issue.

Do you get support from our residents? Are you quite well received when people see you out and about?

I hope so, yes! People are pleased to see me and pleased that they are getting a police presence in the area, I think it makes people feel safer and this presence really does make a difference on crime and disorder levels . I am more than happy to meet any residents to discuss any community issues. I run police surgeries, the next of which is on the 12th October. In the meantime, give me a call – I will be glad to visit you, especially if there is a cup of tea waiting!

Kent Police website: www.kent.police.uk
PCSO Platt can be contacted via the Sittingbourne
Neighbourhood office on 01795 419119.
In the event of an emergency, please call 999.

Dates for the Diary

Communion Service Sunday 2nd October 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade
Iwade Village Market Sunday 2nd October 10am to 1pm Iwade Village Hall
Harvest Supper Saturday 8th October 7.30pm All Saints Church Iwade
Family Communion Sunday 9th October 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade
Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 12th October 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall
Mobile Library Thursday 13th October 11.15am - 11.25am end of Sheerstone
Quiz Night Saturday 15th October 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall
WI Wednesday 19th October 7.30pm Contact Hilary on 474686 for details
Communion Service Sunday 16th October 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade
Live Music Saturday 22nd October 8pm Woolpack
Family Service Sunday 23rd October 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade
Mobile Library Thursday 27th October 11.15am - 11.25am end of Sheerstone
Karaoke Saturday 29th October 8pm Woolpack
Benefice Communion All Saints Day Sunday 30th October 10.30 am All Siants Church Iwade



by Hilary Foulds

We started our Autumn season with our Harvest Supper evening in September. We welcomed 50 members and guests from other WI's in our Group. The week after over half our members attended a meeting of the Newington Group, this time hosted by Abbey WI at Abbey Church Hall, during which everyone enjoyed a talk about Japanese festivals and customs. October is a really busy month for us, full of lovely things to entertain and challenge us. The Luncheon Club meets on 5th, this time at The Woolpack in the village. We have one of our Knit and Natter meetings on 8 October when the ladies will try to come up with some interesting ideas of items to make that will sell at the Christmas Fayre in the village hall on November 26 which we hope will be well supported as usual by the village. On 14th we have 2 teams at the WI Wine & Wisdom organised by Upchurch WI followed by our regular monthly meetings at the Iwade

village hall on 19th when we have June Faulkner coming to give us a talk on Growing Old Disgracefully. On 24 October we will be holding our very first Credit Crunch Lunch in the village hall. We will be catering for 70 WI members from within our group. It's called Credit Crunch because it's cheap. The only frugality is that there won't be a main course. For a paltry £7 we are providing a choice of soup for starter followed by a cheese platter, pickles and crusty bread, finishing with trifle or apple pie and tea/coffee. Wish us luck. We've never done it before...and we'd like to do it again next year. We've got such a lot of events to look forward to, particularly in 2012 our

80th birthday year. There is still room for you in Iwade WI. How about coming along to one of our meetings to see how you like us. We'll do our best to make you feel welcome. We are all individuals with different interests but we do enjoy getting together to listen to an interesting talk or to enjoy a meal together. Meetings of Iwade WI are held at 7.30pm every third Wednesday of the month, mostly in Iwade Village Hall. For more information about Iwade WI please refer to the village noticeboards or contact Hilary, our Secretary on 01795 474686 or by email hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk





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Tinkerbells

by Donna Barker

We are near to the end of term one already and a busy term it has been! We have lots of new children who have settled brilliantly and we have all been getting to know each other.

We would like to thank all parents/carers and friends of the setting for collecting Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers, we have used the vouchers to purchase more resources for outdoor play and lots of gardening tools to use at our new allotment. Tinkerbells are very excited about our new allotment, this is a fantastic opportunity for our setting and all the children. Gardening is great for children, they can

have fun and at the same time learn new skills. They will learn about science, nature, the environment and new skills such as co-operation, responsibility, nutrition, creativity, the list is endless. We will keep you updated with how we are all getting on, this is the first photo of how our allotment looked when we first got it!! A massive thank you again to past and present parents/carers who raised money to purchase a shed for the allotments. We will be holding another Christmas fayre this year, anyone who would like a stall please contact Donna on 07966 762239. We have prebooked the 6th December but this date is to be confirmed.



The All Saints and Iwade Youth Group are to run a family film season each Friday in October. The films will be U or PG rated and suitable for all the family. There is no admission cost, however a donation to the All Saints loo fund would be greatly appreciated. The doors will open at 7.00pm, films will start at 7.15pm. Refreshments will be provided at a nominal cost. The first film on Friday the 7th October 2011 will be Chicken Run in cinematic surround sound. For more details please contact Carol Galvin on 01795 42735 or carolgalvin@live.co.uk

Churchwardens Notes by Sylvia O'Shea

We wish to offer sincere thanks to the six interpid cyclists who rode around many of the local churches on September 10th raising funds for the Friends of Kent Churches. Thanks too to all who sponsored them. Sylivia offers personal thanks for sponsoring her 'sittin' at the church providing endless cups of tea/coffee for visiting cyclists. It was a long day but very fruitful, she's raised £70 so far. Have you bought your tickets for the Harvest Supper on 8th October? They are just £7 for a Roast Beef meal, sweet and tea/coffee. You are requested to bring your own glasses & wine if required. Tickets are going fast but there are a few still available from Connie Kilby on 471932 or Jean Tansley on 435749. There's musical entertainment all evening, a raffle and the assurance of a great evening with friends. Do come and join us - 6.30pm for 7pm start, 8th October in the Village Hall. Another popular evening is the Quiz Night in Saturdya 12th November again in the Village Hall. Cost is just £5 each with table or 6/8. Please come if alone, you will be sure of a warm wlecome and will soon feel part of a team. The cost includes a light Ploughmans Supper, tea/coffee. Please bring your own glasses & wine if required. Tickets will be available soon from Ron & Sylvia Francis on 427777, Wynn Webb on 424502 or Sylvia O'Shea on 478103. Ring early to book your table. Remember that your village church of All Saints is open for visitors every 2nd Saturday of the month 10am-2pm. We offer all a cup of tea or coffee and space to enjoy the lovely atmosphere of this medieval building. Look forward to seeing you someday.

Parent & Toddler Group by Vanessa Pollard

What a lot of changes this term. We have said goodbye to many of our older children as they venture into 'big school', and wish them all the best of luck. They look so grown up in their school uniform; it seems strange that they were only with us 6 weeks ago.

We have made fantastic arts and crafts during the summer term and have many more to come this autumn; clay modelling, rice pictures, snow globes and puppets to name but a few. The children really have risen to the challenge and so have the parents too on the more difficult crafts! The parents have equal if not more fun than their children, which

is lovely to see. The toddler group volunteer helpers are now thinking about the Halloween and Christmas parties for the group. We usually hire a bouncy castle and have lots of party food, great fun is always had by all; and even if it is all too much for the younger ones we always have a craft or colouring table. Of course, we must not forget the visit from the big red man himself, always a special moment for the children! We are a friendly group of Mums, Dads and Grandparents, who meet up on Tuesdays 9am-11am term time only. We charge £1.50

per child and 20p extra for a sibling; which includes a drink, biscuit, endless cups of tea or coffee, and a craft. Also



included is a bit of light relief when talking to other likeminded parents about the joys of parenthood; the highs and lows! Come along if you are at a loose end or are desperate to get your little one out on the long, dark days to come of winter!

Vanessa, Diane, Lisa, Sam and

Please note there is an additional nominal charge for special events.

Iwade Herons Under 9's Reports 17 September 2011 Rochester FC Under 9's vs Iwade Herons FC Under 9's 0 - 4 & 0 - 3

Some heavy rain just before kick off meant this game was a little more difficult for both sets of players but it was The Herons that again showed that they had been playing together for some time proving again that passing and working hard as a team really is key. With 3 in the midfield, George Baker-Moran, Benjamin Beard & Jack Findlay joining the front man of Alfie Roe proved formidable once more, along with another tight ship in defence marshalled by both Aaron Field & Frazer Akhurst protecting the awesome Sam Cross in goal who again kept for the 4th game running a clean sheet. The 1st game started quite quickly, a good run down the left hand side by George and a neat little pass inside gave Jack Findlay a tap in at the far post. The second came soon after with George trying his luck from long range which with a blink of the eye was in the back of the net. George hit the target for the 2nd time in the half with a well driven shot low which left the goalkeeper no chance. In the 2nd half with Sam, Aaron & Frazer doing exactly what they were asked to do made it difficult for Rochester to make any kind of impression on the Herons goal. We then broke away quickly with some fantastic tackling again from Aaron who passed it out to the left which was then crossed in to Alfie Roe who turned and hit the ball on the half volley straight into the back of the net giving the defence and goalkeeper no chance. All in all the 1st game could have been a cricket score but for some really good saves from the Rochester goalkeeper which meant that this finished 4-0 to The Herons. With poor Ben Adams not being able to play due to a possible broken nose meant that the boys had to reshuffle more for the 2nd game. With Alfie Coe, Conor Wood & Jack Hines coming in and continuing the fine play that had been played in the 1st game, the Rochester team appeared dejected. Another fine corner like last week from Alfie Coe again proved to much this week for the Rochester defence. Hard and low forced the defender again to put the ball into his own net. With Conor going up front and Alfie Roe moving to left midfield both seemed on several occasions to have plenty of opportunity to increase our lead without success. It was then when Conor broke free creating a little bit more time and space for himself to calmly slide the ball past the opposition goalkeeper. Alfie Roe got his 2nd goal of the day by scoring in similar fashion to conor but this time powering his shot past the goalkeeper. The 2nd game was not as strong as the performance in the 1st but finishing 3-0 to the Herons.

4 games played, 4 wins, 12 goals scored & no goals conceded Well done boys, top of the table and a nice start to the season....let's keep it going

Parish Council Notes

taken from the meeting of Wednesday 8th June 2011

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Core Strategy – Members agreed to hold a meeting with other Parish Councils to discuss this matter on Monday 25th July, 2011, at 7.30 p.m.

Bus Shelter – Clerk has received final details of services beneath the present site from Highways; has spoken to Dukes a recommended contractor who has confirmed that they are on the K.C.C. approved list. County Cllr. Whiting asked for the paperwork to be forwarded to him for action.

Action: Clerk

Co-option of Parish Councillor -Having been nominated for the vacancy, Roy Jones signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his place as a newly appointed Councillor at the meeting.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes was congratulated on his appointment as Mayor and his partner Sylvia Bennett as Ward Representative for St. Michaels.

CIIr. Stokes believes that grass cutting in the village has been reduced to once every 3 or 4 weeks (instead of every 2) by Glenwoods, due to a cut in the budget. Clerk requested to write to Swale Borough Council to ascertain timetable.

Action: Clerk

County CIIr. Mike Whiting mentioned that the yellow lines requested for the bottom of School Lane will be going to the next Joint Transportation Board meeting. This matter will also need to go to public consultation, which will be carried out by Swale Borough

Council. Councillors asked of this if he could try and get the lining done before September, in readiness for the children returning to school.

CIIr. Gregory referred to the current work being carried out by Southern Water in Ferry Road and the damage caused by contractors' vehicles parking on verges. Clerk has complained to Highways and Southern Water is awaiting a response.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – Warden's report was circulated and noted by Members.

Finance

Prettiest Garden in the Village Competition – Clerk to ascertain a date for the judging by Cllr. Stokes; by contacting the Mayor's Secretary. Action: Clerk

WI request for funds to visit Denman College - the Chairman welcomed representatives of the WI to the meeting. To celebrate Iwade WI's 80th Birthday next year the group plans to spend a day at Denman College. The overall cost of this visit, including workshops and transport, is approximately £2185 and the group is seeking a donation from the Parish Council. Members agreed to defer a decision on this matter until the next meeting, pending the outcome of the discussion on the grants application system later in tonight's Agenda.

Finger Post Quote – deferred until the next meeting.

Printer – Clerk confirmed that a new Parish Council printer has been purchased at a cost of £79; plus £25.99p for a set of ink cartridges.

Grants Application Form – to regulate the process for organisations applying for grants, a draft application form has been sent to all Members for consideration. Following a discussion on areas that needed to be included in the form it was agreed that Members advise the Clerk of any additions and a revised form be brought back to the next meeting. Action: All Councillors

Planning: Cllrs. Plumb, Hunt, Gregory, Phillips and Clerk; Finance: Cllrs. Plumb, White, Gregory, Jones and Clerk; Parks and Green Spaces: Cllrs. Hurrell, Hyde and Menzies; Village Hall: Cllrs. Hurrell and Menzies: KALC: Cllrs. Gregory and

Committee Membership

Menzies; KALC: Cllrs. Gregory and Phillips

Correspondence
Minerals and Waste Development
Framework – the document was
taken by the Chairman to read and
report back on at the next
meeting. Action: CIIr. Plumb

Planning KCC/SW/0194/2011 - Use of Building 15A for internal shredding and screening of wood; use of existing weighbridge, weighbridge office, site office and washroom/toilets to the south and use of external storage area to the north for storage of shredded wood - Building 15A, Ridham Dock, Iwade, ME9 8SR - Members agreed to write objecting on the grounds of traffic movement, noise, dust, flooding, storage and surface water run-off. SW/11/0269 - Car Park for small allotment site/50 storage sheds -Land rear of Elm Tree Avenue, Iwade, ME9 8UD approved SW/10/1436 - Variation of Conditions - Country style Recycling, Ridham Dock, Iwade, approved



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