

Iwade Village Newsletter

May/June 2010

Kent Horse Fair *By James Hunt*



Iwade's first 'Kent Horse Fair and Auction' was held over the weekend of the 10th and 11th April at Raspberry Hill Farm. The event had caused concerns amongst residents who were worried that thousands of gipsies and travellers would descend on the village as the case has been in other parts of the country where the fairs have been held. The parish chairman met with the organisers and the police and spoke about the concerns of the villagers. It seemed that on the weekend of the fair the organisers and police had adhered to the guidelines set during the meeting. There were lots of signs directing traffic to the fair around Iwade and Bobbing as to not cause disruption to villagers. There was no beer tent at the fair. There was no racing of pony and traps in roads around the fair. Any caravans staying

overnight were indeed only in the field where the fair was and not in other fields around the village as villagers had feared. The police presence in the village was outstanding, with a mobile police station set up and many police officers patrolling the area. When I spoke to one of the police inspectors on the Sunday morning he reported that there had been no problems at all. If any trouble had arisen then it would have been dealt with very quickly. At the fair itself there seemed to be a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere with plenty to buy from the trade stalls and many horses to look at and buy at the auction.

The fair seemed to be an overall success and as long as it is policed and organised as it was this year then I think villagers should have no concerns if it is held again in coming years.



New Youth Group

A new youth group has been proposed for Iwade.

If you are interested in knowing more information then contact Carol Galvin on 07905 775935

Have you got a story or idea for the newsletter?

If so the newsletter team would like to hear from you.

Contact Nicola - newsletter@iwadevillage.co.uk
Tara - tarakent@sky.com or
James - jc_hunt@sky.com

Iwade Parish Council

Iwade Parish council has new contact details making it easier for parishioners to contact them.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL
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Chairman: Councillor David Manning
Clerk: Lynda Fisher

Iwade interactive - Did you know that Iwade has a facebook group? Just search 'Iwade does facebook' and come and join.

It's a great way to meet other villagers, post photos, talk about news or just have a general chat.

Editors note

by James Hunt

Well the girls have let me loose now! I never realised how much work goes into the newsletter each month until I joined. Although everyone works so hard on the editorial and distribution teams the newsletter needs your input. We are dependent on your contributions. If you would like to write an article for the newsletter about the village, send us some photos or have any ideas about what you would like to see appear in it then contact us using the details on the front or back page. Hopefully with your help we can have one of the best newsletters in Kent (although I'm sure it is already) and maybe you'll see some new things popping up from your newsletter team.

Iwade Cycle Route Number 1

By Nicola McKenzie

Distance - 3.5 miles

Difficulty - Beginner

Head out of Iwade up School Lane taking in some sights along the way. Passing School Lane recreation ground on the left carry on past School Lane Farm on the right. Continue up to Culnells Farm on the corner and follow the road round to the right. You'll pass the fishing lake on the left although you may miss it from the road coming this way. You might even see some of the Flying Club flying their model aircraft down in the field on the left. Keep going as School Lane is longer than you may think and just enjoy the country air making sure you watch out for bad drivers! If you fancy a diversion why not pop into the Basser Farm Shop at the bottom



of Basser Hill on the right (you might want to take a backpack with you if you want to buy anything to bring home for your tea). Your destination is the next left after Basser Hill on School Lane - Stickfast Lane Bobbing. Follow the undulating Stickfast Lane up and down (not big ups and downs just fun ones) until you reach Sheppey Way where you turn left to head back to the lovely Iwade. Lovely route for a sunny day.

Iwade Herons

By James Hunt

Sunday 21st March - Under14's

Double Fixture

Iwade Herons	2
Coxheath and Farley	0
Iwade Herons	3
Coxheath and Farley	2

Iwade Manager's player of the match went to the Iwade team in the first match and Jimmy Spencer in the second. The parents' player of the match went to Joe Lee in the first and Shane Lawrence in the second.

Sunday 21st March - Under15's

Double Fixture

Iwade Herons	0
Staplehurst Monarchs	2

Iwade Herons	1
Staplehurst Monarchs	1

Sunday 18th April - Under 12's

Vinters Park	0
Iwade Herons	6

Manager's man of the match went to Jack (The Tank) Maskell and the supporters' man of the match went to the whole team.

Herons are looking for children who will be in year 3 in September to start training now. For information call Jill Fox on 07860 213 211

Under 15's also need new players for next season. For information call 01795 553640

Do you have a news story for the KM Sittingbourne Messenger?

If so contact Hayley at

hrobinson@thekmgroupp.co.uk

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Parish Council Meetings Move to Wednesday

Please note that the parish council meetings have changed from the 2nd Tuesday of the month to the 2nd Wednesday

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th May

Surfs Up! (Nearly) *By Nicola McKenzie*

Further to the Iwade Broadband Committee and the Parish Council selecting Openreach as the Iwade Broadband Provider on the back of a grant from KCC, Jim Place, Head of Next Generation Access (NGA) Partnership Programmes came to Iwade on 31st March 2010 to meet with Janet Gregory and Nicola McKenzie of the Iwade Broadband Committee and Lyndon Gurr of Technology Solutions Research at Kent County Council. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Openreach project in Iwade and fine-tune the contract between Openreach and Iwade Parish Council.

The timescales for the project which Openreach hope to be complete by September or October this year are:

planning process commences for fibre deployment.

2) June-July 2010 – Registration and sign up process commences via communications providers.

3) August-October 2010 – Commissioning and final build can commence.

The project involves running fibre to each of 4 new green cabinets in Iwade from the Sittingbourne telephone exchange hence the name Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC). The 4 new cabinets will each be within 50 metres of the 4 existing green cabinets in the village. Later in the project the Broadband Committee will be asking those residents who are keen to sign up to superfast broadband



Pictured left to right: Janet Gregory (Broadband Committee Chair), Jim Place (Openreach), Lyndon Gurr (KCC), Nicola McKenzie (Broadband Committee Coordinator)

when it becomes available to contact their provider to express their interest. This will hopefully kickstart the providers into making the superfast packages available in Iwade on the back of the Openreach fibre network.

Jim Place said that Openreach was very happy to work with KCC and Iwade on this project which will put Iwade on the map in terms of broadband in Kent.

Happy Surfing Iwade!

New Orchard *By Iwade Parish Council*

You may have noticed a smell in Iwade recently and wondered what it is. It's due to the fresh compost being spread over the new orchard to provide mulch to the new saplings and trees. This area will be given to Iwade as part of the Wards/Barratts development of 98 houses, providing compensatory habitat/land taken by the new development (at the top of Helen Thompson/Woodpecker Close).

Due to this area being carefully monitored by the ecologists working for Wards/Barratts, padlocks have now been put on both gates. The area isn't complete and the trees and shrubs also need time to grow. The land still belongs to the

developers until it is handed over so please be patient whilst surveys are carried out on the newts. It is hoped that this area, once established, will provide habitat to great crested newts, bats, beetles and other insect

life. It will be a valuable open space and with careful planning and planting will be used by local school children and residents for many years to come.



WI *by Hilary Foulds*

We have recently become involved in a small way with Whitstable WI which has teamed up with Support Our Soldiers (SOS) in producing Emergency Grab Bags for our soldiers wounded in the field whose uniforms have to be cut off for their wounds to be reached and treated. Back at the hospital in Khandahar, Afghanistan, unlike other coalition troops, it seems ours receive no provision from our government for temporary clothing or other personal items.

Our next meeting is on 19 May. Every May the WI Head Office asks all WI's to debate a Resolution on a given topic on which we vote to enable Head Office to move it forward. More about this next month. At this May meeting we are also lucky to have Jan Lacy coming to talk to us about the Friendship Lunches she organises (with others) for the over 60s of Iwade, Upchurch and Lower Halstow. There was a plea for help with these lunches in a recent Iwade Village newsletter and I gather they received some support as a result. We are hoping we can also help in some way although it has to be said many of us are over 60 ourselves and would qualify to RECEIVE the lunches.

We are a small friendly group of just over 20 members. Why don't you think about joining us? How about coming to see what you think? No commitment – you can just come to a meeting free of charge to have a look. We will welcome you. If you would like any more information about your local WI just telephone secretary Hilary on 474686.

Speedway

As the 2010 league speedway season gets underway and Sky Sports begin to televise league matches the season has already kicked off at Sittingbourne Speedway as the track has already held two practice sessions, in somewhat atrocious weather conditions, with both events well supported with a good turnout of riders. Sittingbourne Speedway's minitrack has also been running and a promising crop of

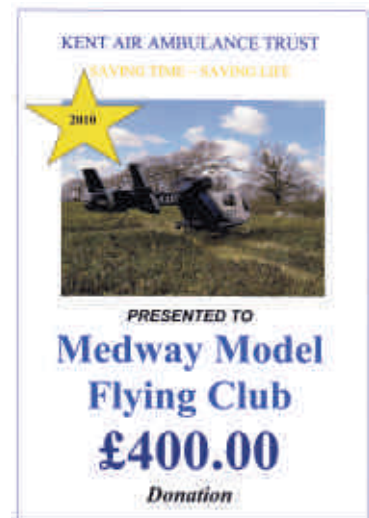
youngsters, some from last year and some starting out this year, are beginning to learn how to control and slide a bike around the track safely under the watchful eyes of the tracks training instructors. Lastly everyone at the track is hoping the weather will soon become more settled as we have a busy few months ahead with some sort of speedway activity at the track most weekends.

On Your Bike!

If you would like to help raise money for our beautiful church and have a fun day out then put Saturday 11th September 2010 in your diary for the Friends of Kent Churches Cycle. 2007 saw Amanda Hurrell take up the challenge, 2008 Amanda also rode with Nicola McKenzie and Rowena and Steve Beard and Conrad and Lisa Veness and Nicola McKenzie continued the tradition in 2009. 2009 ended with a late lunch at the Woolpack which worked better than a mid-cycle lunch in 2008 where noone wanted to leave to get back on their bikes! The name of the game is to go from church to church stopping for tea (and cake if you're lucky) as you go. Lower Halstow won the prize last year for most hospitable church with two choices of cake and a beautiful flower festival to boot! After Iwade of course where Sylvia our Church Warden is sponsored to man all day and provides refreshments and delicious home-baked goods. If you're interested in taking part this year either on your own, with your own team or as part of the Iwade team then contact Nicola on 01795 439892 or at churchcycle@iwadevillage.co.uk.

Medway Model Flying Club

by James Hunt



The Medway Model Flying Club, who has a field in Stickfast lane, currently has vacancies for anyone wishing to fly any fixed wing models. (No vacancies for helicopter flyers at present). During the year the club holds fund raising events and during 2009 they raised £400 for the Kent Air Ambulance. A KAA representative was presented a cheque at their February club meeting. If you are interested in joining the club please contact Phil Fearn, pfiwade@blueyonder.co.uk or Neville Legg, nevillelegg@btconnect.com

New Mission Initiative for Iwade and North

Sittingbourne *By Captain Stephen Plumb*

Hello, my name is Stephen Plumb, I am married to Dawn and we have four grown up children and two grandchildren. I have recently been appointed by Canterbury Diocese and Church Army as Fresh Expressions Missioner to North Sittingbourne. 'Fresh Expressions' is to develop new and culturally relevant ways of being a Christian community for those who don't connect with 'traditional' forms of church. Community is a much used word now days, but what do we really mean by it? There are communities defined by geography, common interest, and network. Iwade is a village 'community' where all these three can be found. Community is at the very heart of God's purpose for our lives. God made us for relationship with himself, and each other. At the heart of any community is the need for relationship, belonging, identity

and purpose.

Dawn and I are looking to live in Iwade, to be active members of the local community and start 'Fresh Expressions' of church. I would really appreciate hearing the opinions and views of people who live in Iwade. I can be contacted on 07905040119 or email captainplumb@btinternet.com

If you would like to find out a little bit more about me, there is a DVD and audio interview on websites www.churcharmy.org.uk and ww.thesix.org.uk I look forward to getting to meet you, and together building community with you.

Stephen Plumb



Stephen's passions in ministry is sharing faith with those who don't yet know Jesus, helping the church be relevant, Holy Spirit prayer ministry, and overseas mission particularly

Every Wednesday at 10.00am Morning Prayer is said in church.
Every Thursday at 5.30pm Evening Prayer is said in Church.
All are welcome at these short services.

Churchwardens Notes *by Sylvia O'shea*

We wish to first express two THANK-YOUS. The first is a very sincere THANK-YOU from Jeanne Stockley for all the prayers and good wishes sent to wish her well. She is now home and recovering from her operation - slowly but surely. She has been overwhelmed at the care, love, flowers and cards she has received.

The second THANK-YOU is to Vivien and Lucy for their very generous offer of help to clean the church once a month. This is greatly appreciated. It is amazing how much two young and energetic young women can do in half the time it usually

takes us. THANK-YOU both.

A little reminder that you have two opportunities to visit All Saint's Church each month. On 2nd Saturday of each month, it is open for visitors between 10am and 2pm, with a selection of items for sale (including home made cakes). Second time is the fourth Wednesday of each month (except August and December) between 10.15 and 11.30am when there is opportunity to browse amongst a range of books, CD's, DVD's and videos suitable for all ages, all available for you to borrow, while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea and biscuit.

Do wander down the road and say Hello one day. We promise to make you welcome. We really don't bite!!!



Summer Band Concert

Saturday 3rd July in the church grounds

Tickets £5, concessions £3.50

Call Sylvia on 01795 478103 for tickets.

Parish Council Meeting Notes by James Hunt

Taken from the meeting on Tuesday 9th February 2010

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Risk Assessments – Clerk advised that she is still collating information and has to hand a quote from LCP to inspect the parish lighting. At the present time the Handyman carries out a weekly inspection of School Lane Playing Field and ROSPA the annual inspection. She will report back further at the next meeting.

Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes

Reported that he has received a lot of support for the School Patrol Person. He is also pursuing the hand over of the Village Park.

Cllr. Whiting

Reported that the Parish Map is 'on its way' and a decision needs to be made on where to locate it.

Community Warden

No news of a new Warden at the present time.

PCSO Melanie Platt

Not much to report at the moment except dog fouling. She is going to work out an approach to try and resolve this problem.

Broadband

A representative of the Broadband Committee outlined their work to date. As a result of their efforts nine proposals were received; this was narrowed down to two and the successful company, Openreach, was chosen following a vote by villagers. The Broadband Committee now need to seek approval from the Parish

Council. The Chairman, Cllr. Manning, proposed that the Parish Council accept this proposal – agreed unanimously by Members. The Chairman thanked the Broadband Committee for their commitment to finding a solution to Iwade's Broadband problem, and in particular Nicola McKenzie for all her hard work as Coordinator of the group.

School Lane Playing Field

Swale Borough Council's Jim Wilson, Major Projects Officer for Planning, and Graeme Tuff, Green Spaces Officer, addressed the meeting regarding the proposals for the maintenance and running of the playing field once the development adjacent to Coleshall Farm is completed. Graeme Tuff stated that the Parish Council could either manage the whole site; just the playing field, with the Borough Council managing the pavilion, or the Borough Council could take over everything. If the Parish Council took on the site Members queried whether there would be any financial support from the developers to assist with costs (particularly the pavilion) during the first few years – Graeme Tuff to investigate. Members thanked the officers for attending the meeting and agreed to investigate the proposal fully and inform them of the Parish Council's decision in due course.

Finance

Iwade Scouts, Cubs and Beavers and Mother and Toddlers Club – requests for assistance with Village Hall hire costs – no decision taken. Clerk instructed to write to both groups asking

for a representative to attend the March meeting to support their applications. W.I. – request for assistance with Village Hall hire costs. The representative from the W.I. put forward their application for a donation of £105 to assist with this expenditure. Expenditure agreed under S19 1976LG(MP)A: the Parish Council's power to support recreational activity. Iwade Village Hall Hire Costs - noted the increase in the hourly charge for the hire of the hall from £6 to £7. The Village Hall Committee also asked if it is possible for the Parish Council to move its meetings to Wednesdays. This might be difficult for the Chairman, but he will investigate and report back.

Mitigation Licence

Members have received copies of an exchange of e-mail between Cllr Wilks and Natural England regarding proposed development of the Old Orchard east of Woodpecker Drive which is defined as "Core Habitat" for great crested newts. Members agreed unanimously that Cllr Wilks instruct Peyto Law to engage with Natural England in the decision making process relating to the granting of a mitigation license by Natural England. Estimated cost £500.

BBC – The Chairman said he has been approached by the BBC to take part in a programme, which involves a visit to Germany to look at Biomass Power Plants. Advice had been sought from KALC, who thought it would be good for the Parish. There will be no expenses incurred by the Parish Council and any comments put forward will be his own personal views.



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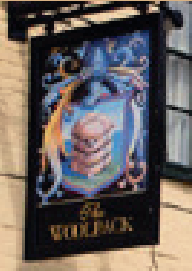
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Dates for the Diary

Family Communion Service Sunday 9th May 11am All Saint's Church Iwade.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 12th May 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall.

Mobile Library Thursday 13th and 27th May 10.40am at the end of Sheerstone (Springvale end)

Communion Service Sunday 16th May 11am All Saint's Church Iwade

Family Service with baptism Sunday 23rd May 10.30am All Saint's Church Iwade

Coffee Morning with Good News Van Wednesday 26th May 10.15 to 11.30am All Saint's Church Iwade

Communion Service at Stockbury Church Sunday 30th May 10.30am. For all six churches in cluster No service at Iwade

Farmers market Sunday 6th June 10am-1pm Iwade village hall.

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Mobile Library Thursday 10th and 24th June 10.40am at the end of Sheerstone (Springvale end)

Church Open for Visitors Saturday 12th June 10am to 2pm All Saint's Church Iwade.

Communion Service's Sunday 13th and 20th June 11am All Saint's Church Iwade

Coffee Morning with Good News Van Sunday 27th June 10.15 All Saint's Church Iwade

Family Service Sunday 27th June 10.30am All Saint's Church Iwade

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Village Hall Hire call Sue on 01795 475967 (iwadevillagehall.co.uk)

Crime

Crime Reporting line (manned 24/7) 01795 477055

PCSO Melanie Platt 0777 222 6183 melanie.platt@kent.pnn.police.uk

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Kent Community Warden (temporary cover) 07872 378 220

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Church

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