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Iwade Observer

April 2011

Prettiest Street Competition *By James Hunt*

You may remember in the September Iwade Observer a reminder about there being a prettiest street competition - Well hopefully you've got all your plants in because judging will be taking place soon. Judges from the Gardening Club will be checking out all the streets in mid June and will make a decision on who will hold the title of 'Iwade's Prettiest Street 2011'. The idea was put forward by Iwade Parish Chairman Dave Manning, who unfortunately passed away last year, as a way to keep the village well kept. The Parish Council supplied some bulbs to the village handyman, Steve Wakeling, to start adding a bit of colour and I will soon be trying to find out what trees in the village have died off and see if new ones can be installed. There will be a village clean up again in June and it will be good to see some new faces there this year. If we all do our bit to look after the vilage we can ensure it stays a great place to live and make it more attractive for visitors.



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KEEPING IWADE SPECIAL *by Iwade Parish Councillor Janet Gregory*

Nearly 500 additional new homes are already in the pipeline to be built in Iwade under planning permission previously agreed by Swale Borough Council in the current local plan. The new Swale Local Development Framework (next local plan) is due to begin and will run until 2026, which was outlined by Iwade Observer in the last two issues. Last month's front page drew attention to the need for residents to consider the 4 options offered by Swale Council for the next 15 years and urged everyone to respond. We live in a modern village which has evolved to meet the challenges of recent rapid growth and, according to the recent survey mentioned last month, many of us value the village lifestyle and countryside and are concerned about the threat of more development. Option 1 was the only choice which offers no further homes in Iwade, but more development on Sheppey seems inevitable in any case, increasing the traffic on the A249 and causing problems at Junction 5 of the M2. We must do everything possible to preserve our quality of life here in our unique village for the future, and let the powers that be know that we are a Force To Be Reckoned With.

Editor's Note

Hopefully as you are reading this Spring is well and truly here (I bet it's cold isn't it?). It was quite a struggle this month putting the newsletter together as although we had lots of articles we didn't have many photos. We are always wanting photos be it the main one on the front page or for smaller ones throughout so if you do have any please send them to us. You may think it's not worth printing but anything 'Iwade' could really help us. Send them to newsletter@iwadevillage.co.uk or post them on Iwade Does Facebook. They may not get used straight away but it will help if we can get together a nice selection to use in the future.

There is lots going on this year in Iwade - The allotments will soon be up and running, an Indoor Table top Sale and Easter Fayre in the Village Hall, the 'Prettiest Street' competition and lots more so hopefully you'll show your support and make all the time and effort that the volunteers have put in to make these things happen a success.

James Hunt

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To celebrate the Sixth anniversary of the Iwade village website, iwadevillage.co.uk will be relaunched with a contemporary new design and some new features.

A focus group will be run at the end of March followed by an online survey to check that the new website does what you want it to do. Keep an eye on iwadevillage.co.uk during April so you can complete your survey which will automatically enter you into a prize draw.

Meanwhile if you have any feedback or questions about the village website, good, bad or otherwise don't hesitate to contact me Nicola McKenzie on 01795 439892 or at nicola@iwadevillage.co.uk.

Flying Club Raise More Money



Medway Model Flying Club who fly near Stickfast Lane presented a cheque to The Kent Air Ambulance for £250 from fundraising. Pictured left is Phil Fearn and some of the Club members presenting the cheque to Mr George Wildridge representing Kent Air Ambulance.

Over the last 5 years the Medway Model Flying Club has donated just under £4500 to the Kent Air Ambulance raised through Barbecues, Flying events and Swap-meet and Boot sales held both at its site and at the Iwade Village Hall.

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Your Borough Councillor Update By Ben Stokes

I have been working with the Allotments Committee to have the land for the Allotments handed over. I have been informed by the Swale Borough Council Legal Dept that this will shortly take place and by the time the next Iwade Observer comes out the handover should be completed.

For the past seven years I have been constantly chasing Ward Homes to hand over the old orchard land in Woodpecker Drive. On Thursday the 10th of March they informed me that the land will be signed off on the 10th of March and will then be in the hands of the solicitors

to complete. Watch this space.

Sylvia and I have enjoyed our roles as Deputy Mayor and Mayoress. We have opened School Fetes and Exhibitions, visited Care Homes and many organisations and activities in the community. We have met many people from all walks of life. In May our year as Deputies comes to an end, but I hope then to become Mayor and continue the work that we have done over the last year.

For many months I have been working with Head Teacher Katrina Ware in trying to get a Crossing Person outside the school. As usual the wheels of K.C.C turn very slowly. We have been recently been



informed that a traffic survey will have to be done. I have offered Katrina my help to get this done. An update will be in the next edition of the Iwade Observer.

Your County Councillor Update By Mike Whiting

School places.

Parents of children starting senior school in September will have received their offers in March. 97% of parents across Kent were offered one of their preferred schools, however if you are not happy with the place you have been offered then there is still time to appeal. Contact your local County Councillor, Mike Whiting, on 842631, or email him on mike.whiting@kent.gov.uk.

Potholes.

The wet weather has had a dreadful effect on the potholes in our roads, and many of the repairs done last year are breaking up. Potholes will only

get fixed if they are reported to the County Council. Iwade KCC member, Mike Whiting explains, "KCC are looking at their methods to find more long-lasting ways to repair potholes. Despite millions being spent last year, many potholes are reappearing and people's cars are getting damaged. Please report every pothole you find in the parish to KCC's website, www.kent.gov.uk/khsfaults, or by phone on 08458 247 800."

If you are not happy with the response you get, then contact Cllr Mike Whiting on 01795 842631 or mike.whiting@kent.gov.uk.



Register your right to vote

If you want to vote on May 5th you must be included in the Electoral Register. If you are included you will automatically get your polling card. If you are not sure, then you can check with Democratic Services. You will need to register by 14th April if you want to vote on May 5th.



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Iwade Village Market Sunday 3rd April 10am to 1pm Iwade Village Hall

Family Service for Mothering Sunday Sunday 3rd April All Saints Church Iwade

Church Open Day Saturday 9th April 10am - 2pm

Family Communion Sunday 10th April 10.30am All Saint's Church Iwade

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Monday 11th April 7.30pm- Preceded by short Communion Service at 7pm All Saints Iwade

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 13th April 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall

Mobile Library Thursday 14th April 11.15am to 11.25am Sheerstone (Springvale end)

Indoor Table Top Sale Saturday 16th April 9am - 12 noon Iwade Village Hall (Details on back page)

Holy Communion Sunday 16th April 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade

W.I Meeting Wednesday 20th April 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall

Allotment and Gardening Club Thursday 21st April contact Ann Menzies on 599755 for venue

Good Friday Walk of Witness Friday 22nd April 10.15am from Iwade Village Hall

Family Service for Good Friday Friday 22nd April 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade

Good Friday Meditation Friday 22nd April 3 - 4pm All Saints Church Iwade

Iwade Easter Fayre Saturday 23rd April 10am - 1pm Iwade Village Hall (Details on back page)

Family Communion for Easter Sunday 24th April 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade

Mobile Library Thursday 28th April 11.15am to 11.25am Sheerstone (Springvale end)

Ladies Only Day at Speedway by Paul Heller

A little piece of history was made when Sittingbourne Speedway Club held the very first Ladies Speedway Training School on Sunday 29th January 2011. The event was very well supported with some 30 ladies having a go on the Club's training track and main track, most had never sat on a speedway bike before, some had never been on a motorcycle at all but by the end of the day all had been round the track safely with no falls, all sporting huge grins with quite a few demanding to know when the next ladies event was going to be held.

The conditions were far from ideal considering all the heavy rain we have had recently and

only a remarkable job by the Sittingbourne track staff to make the track safe and ride-able meant the meeting could go ahead.

The event was organised by ex rider Barry Bishop and Steve Mills as part of their series of ongoing events to raise £50,000 for charity in 12 months. The meeting was heavily sponsored with all proceeds going to the charities: Help for Heroes, N.S.P.C.C. and Make a Wish.

The event also brought former World Speedway Champion and Sky Sports Speedway pundit Sam Ermelenko and Sky Sports T.V. Presenter Charlie Webster their first visit to the Iwade circuit and both of them took to the track for a couple of spins. Several other League speedway stars were on hand to give advice alongside the Club's

Club's own Training Instructors.

Lastly, and perhaps the icing on the cake for the Club, Sky Sports sent down a camera man who filmed the event and a short film clip was shown on Sky Sports News on the following Monday.



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Iwade W.I

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At our last meeting, Macknade Fine Foods from Faversham explained their ethos of sourcing high quality produce locally wherever possible. Stefano Cuomo brought us samples of wonderful cheeses and cooked meats, encouraging us to try everything and to discuss why we liked or disliked anything.

We seem to do a lot of eating at Iwade. In January we had supper at The Dancing Dog, to celebrate Iwade WI's 79th birthday. It was a great evening, very relaxed and all the better for not having a long drive home. It was good for us to be able to support a local business and The Dancing Dog looked after us very well. The sticky toffee puddings were to die for. We also had a meeting of our luncheon club recently, visiting The Maypole at Borden.

In April we are off to The Three Tuns in Lower Halstow.

We have a couple of outings in April, the Group Meeting at Eastchurch Village hall when some of our members are participating by catwalk modelling charity shop bargain outfits. Later in the month some of us are going to Ashford to a WI Spring Gardening Day.

I have said before that the monthly meeting is the minimum you can expect on joining Iwade WI. There is so much more you can get involved with if that is what you want, such as the Knit and Natter afternoons, card making and sugar craft workshops.

There is another offshoot of the WI, the Craft & Home Economics Guild, held at the Methodist Church Hall, Minster on the 4th Thursday afternoon of the month. To join this group costs just £5 for the whole year for which you get an interesting speaker, tea and biscuits and a free ticket for their raffle. A few of us from Iwade WI have joined the Guild and are amazed how they do it for the price. In February someone from Tesco spoke about the Food Labelling minefield which

is something the WI nationally is concerned with. In March we will have heard a speaker from Macmillan Services and in April it's a talk from a make up Artist.

The Guild also has its own craft club held at the Bethel Church Hall in Minster on the first Monday of the month. In February we learnt how to do Tatting. Mine did look like a load of tatt as I wasn't gifted in that department but others took to it very well. Both these groups are very friendly and welcoming. If you are new to the village or simply a bit lonely there is really no need. Iwade WI will help you to integrate and build up a whole new social life. It makes so much difference to your day when you see people you know when you walk through the village or go to the village shops. You soon feel a part of the community and your life is enriched as a result. You can stick to the monthly meeting if you prefer but there are other social opportunities that exist for you if you choose to take them up.

Jacob's Expedition

Hello, My name is Jacob Kennison, I am a 15 year old student at Borden Grammar School, and I live in Iwade. I am going to do a sponsored cycle from London to Paris this April to raise money to go on a month long expedition to Tanzania for a project to rebuild a primary school and the chance to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. To take part in this life changing experience I need to raise £4000 to cover the costs of the expedition so I am looking for all the sponsors I can get. I will also be doing odd jobs around the village such as carwashing, gardening and dog walking. To sponsor Jacob you can contact him at jacob.kennison@btinternet.com and follow his progress on his blog - www.jacobsworldchallenge.blogspot.com - Ed

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Churchwarden's Notes By Sylvia O'Shea



You will hopefully recall that last months notes mentioned that during April the times of some services had been changed in an effort to accommodate the Mothering Sunday Service and Easter Day. The change of time to 10.30am has proved such a popular one that it has been decided by the P.C.C to hold EVERY service at 10.30am from the 3rd of April. Save you the job

of wondering whether it is the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month. Details of services with the new time are listed in the Observer Diary.

We sincerely hope you will join us for the Mothering Sunday Service as well as Good Friday and Easter Day if you are not able to come every Sunday. The walk from the hall on Good Friday at 10.15am is always quite popular. Just gather at the hall from 10am. Hot Cross Buns (or biscuits) served with hot drinks after service. Between 3 – 4pm an hour of meditation will be held in church reflecting on the events of the awesome day over 2000 years ago.

Please note that the annual

Parochial Church Meeting on April 11th is open to all residents of the village but only members of the Church Electoral Roll are permitted to serve on the Church Council and vote on issues raised.

Have another little thought to share with you -

“Into your hands I place this day,

All that I have and do and say,
Please grant that every hour is filled,

With thoughts and actions you have willed”

Elections

Thursday, May 5 is election day in Iwade. The polls are open from 7am to 10pm.

Swale Borough Council election - If you want to stand as a candidate in the Swale Borough Council contest, then you must get your nomination in by noon on April 4. Make sure you speak to Swale council's Democratic Services department as soon as possible on 01795 417330.

Postal votes - Most people these days can register to vote by post. To apply, contact Democratic Services at Swale Council. The deadline for registration is 14 April.

Iwade Parish Council Elections - If you want to stand for election to the Iwade Parish Council then you must obtain a Nomination Pack from:

Swale Borough Council - 01795 417330 (Democratic and Electoral Services), or the Clerk to the Parish Council - iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk - please give full name, address and contact number. Completed Nomination Packs need to be returned to Swale Borough Council by Noon on Monday 4th April, 2011. Guidance notes are included giving full advice on the steps to take. If more people stand than there are places then there will be a Parish election on the same day as the Swale Borough Council election, Thursday 5 May

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Parish Council Notes Taken from the meeting held on the 12th January 2011

The Parish Council was shocked at the sudden death of its Chairman, Councillor David Manning, at the beginning of January. David had been a politician for many years and was an Honorary Alderman of the Borough of Swale. He joined the Parish Council in May 2008, and was Chairman from May 2009 to date. He was passionate about Iwade (a true 'Iwadian') and fought alongside other Parish Councillors to improve amenities within the Village. He was keen on sports facilities and one of his wishes was to see a cricket pitch within Iwade, particularly for young budding cricketers. He had recently become part of the team running and organising the Iwade Farmers Market and had thrown himself wholeheartedly into the enterprise. His Local Government expertise and enthusiasm will be sorely missed by his colleagues on the Parish Council. Our hearts go out to his wife and Sons.

As the Parish Council is without a Chairman, Councillor Gregory agreed to take the chair for this meeting and proposed a few minutes silence to reflect on our lost colleague and friend.

Cllr. Gregory then opened the meeting declaring that in view of the Chairman's death it will be kept brief and only important points will be dealt with.

Parishioner/ Public Time

Parishioners – The Chairman read out an e-mail from the Hall Committee (Chairman of which was present at this meeting) requesting that representatives of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee meet to discuss the possibility of a new hall. Agreed that Cllrs. Hunt, Hurrell and Clerk attend.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – Cllr. Whiting – expressed his sadness at the death of the Chairman. He was pleased that the land for the allotments was agreed by Swale Borough Council.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – Warden's report was circulated and noted by Members. He added that the Warden Scheme has been funded for further two years. PCSO – did not attend.

Finance

Precept 2011/12 – Clerk advised that she will be submitting the Precept forms to Swale B.C. and as agreed at the last meeting; there will be no increase in the Precept this year.

Budget 2010-2011 – Clerk advised that following information received from Swale Borough Council regarding Elections, she will increase the amount for the purpose in the budget to £2,000.

Bus Shelter – Cllr. Hunt has obtained two quotes from Haymac; one for softwood the other hardwood. Cllr. Whiting suggested there might be some funding

available from KCC. Clerk to contact Highways to ascertain whether permission is needed to replace the existing shelter; particularly if the existing base needs to be altered and whether there are any services under it. This item to be placed on the next agenda.

Resignation – Cllr. Peter Wilks

This vacancy has been advertised.

Planning

SW/08/1127 Land adjacent to Coleshall Farm, Sheppey Way, School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8QY – Clerk advised that she had only just received details of the report for Swale's Planning on 6th January. Cllr. Stokes attended and the part relating to the Playing Field has been deferred.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 13th April 2011, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.



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More information in next month's Iwade Observer.....



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