



Welcome to the April edition of the Observer

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Iwade Observer

Getting Rid of Waist and Waste

Gordon Henderson MP will be making an effort to reduce litter in Sittingbourne and Sheppey as he tries to reduce his waistline.

Mr Henderson has agreed to lose weight over a three month period, starting from today (1st March 2012) and finishing on 30th June 2012, to raise money for local charity, Litter Angels.

Litter Angels is a campaign set up to teach young children about the effects of litter on the environment by running educational art based workshops throughout Swale.

Slimming World, an accredited organisation, has weighed Mr Henderson in at 15st, 11lb and will be tracking his progress as an official adjudicator.

Mr Henderson said "It is about time I lost some weight, so this will prove a good opportunity to motivate myself and hopefully raise lots of money for Litter Angels, which I am always willing to support."

Anyone who would like to sponsor Mr Henderson by donating a one-off amount can do so by visiting his JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/gordonhendersonmp or by texting 'LITA11' with the sponsorship amount to 70070. Example: 'LITA11 £10'

Alternatively, if anyone would like to sponsor him an amount per pound (lb), please contact Jessica Drewery by email on jessica.drewery@parliament.uk or Jess McMahon on jess.mcmahon@parliament.uk with your contact details and sponsorship amount. They will then confirm Mr Henderson's weight and the sponsorship amount owed at the end of the challenge.

For more information about Litter Angels or to keep up-to-date with Mr Henderson's progress, please visit the Litter Angels website: www.litterangels.org.

Church Fair

We are organising a Fun Day at Iwade Church this summer, which hopefully will include various stalls and entertainment. We aim to have a local theme, so if you are a member of a local club or band and would like to help, maybe you would like to run a stall or help with the teas.

We are looking for contributors to help make our day great; please contact Sylvia on 01795 427777 or 07802 419 498 or email to rsik2000@yahoo.co.uk



A Message from Reverend Ron Partridge

Dear Friends,

The Iwade Market - snow managed to delay the opening in February, but rain failed to dampen the spirits of the stallholders in March, at the 2012 opening session for this important village institution. This is what village spirit is all about. People rallied round, the market carries on, and another tradition is secured, at least for the present. We are all showing that community, where we live and who we live among, are important to us. At All Saints Church people are being drawn to this historic building and to the faith it represents, which has been at the heart of the village for many centuries. But as the village is more than housing, so the church is more than a building. We find that we are all part of a family, based on where we live and on where we find faith. The village and the church are both looking ahead to an exciting time of renewal and rebuilding. Watch this space, as we all show our faith in each other, in the future, and in the One who holds both us and that future in his hands.

Yours faithfully

Revd Ron Partridge, Parish Priest and Curate, All Saints Church, Iwade

Iwade W.I

A party of Iwade WI members braved early February's freezing cold weather with a coach trip to Mc Beans Orchid Nursery in Cooksbridge, East Sussex. We had a tour of the glasshouses and were taught some basics of orchid growing. (see photo). McBeans was started in 1879 since when they have bred thousands of different varieties of orchids, registered hundreds and received hundreds of awards for its plants and for its exhibits. McBeans has exhibited at every Chelsea Flower show since its inception. Another claim to fame is that they provided the orchids the wedding bouquet of HRH Diana Princess of Wales. Our President Val Pugh had organised the perfect venue for lunch, an olde worlde inn with large open fires to help us thaw out. (see photo). Our monthly meeting on 21 March was in Iwade Village Hall where we welcomed Sarah Jane Ladbrooke with her interesting talk about her interesting finds while Mudlarking on the Thames.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 18 April, also in the village hall. We have Edinburgh Woollen Mills coming to show their new season's clothing range, modelled by 6 Iwade WI members. How about joining us for this evening? We start at 7.30 and it will cost you just £3, tea and home made buscuits available.

Also in April we will be attending the Spring Group meeting hosted by Bobbing WI this year. The speaker is Judy Knight on Fashion and the Ration. Federation Office is organising a number of events In April, including a Spring Gardening Day at Simon Langton Boys Grammar School Canterbury, a Dancing Day (Circle Dancing and Zumba) at Thanington Without, near Canterbury and a trip to the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom in London.

Meetings of Iwade WI are held at 7.30pm every third Wednesday of the month. For more information about Iwade WI please refer to the village noticeboards, contact Hilary, our Secretary, by telephoning 01795 474686 or emailing her at hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk

Heard of this?

www.wildspacesfund.org.uk

Click on Reserves and you'll find Iwade in the list!



Iwade Herons Under 9's football match, 3rd March 2012

Iwade Herons FC v Snodland Nomads FC

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What a start!!

For the 1st time in a very long time The Herons came flying out the blocks. Controlling & passing the ball with real intent, Snodland didn't know what hit them; they just could not handle the Herons.

Aaron Field & Jack Hines still being solid in defence, our front four players in George Baker-Moran, Jack Findlay, Benjamin Beard & Alfie Roe playing the football we all know they can but doing it all together was simply fantastic. Benjamin Beard certainly had his shooting boots on today and was really striking the ball well.

The 2nd half was completely different. Although the Herons were completely on top in this game the players passing seemed to have dropped. This said the Herons did create several chances and if it wasn't for Snodlands man of the match, (the goal) the score would have been a lot higher. Based on the 1st half performance a well deserved win, 2-0.

The 2nd game started the way the 2nd half of the 1st game was played. The Herons on top with their passion & desire but just could not put passes together which was disappointing. Halfway through the 2nd half Darren & myself chose to make changes. Bringing George back on to play in defence to help sure things up, Jack Findlay on the right side of midfield to counter the Snodland left midfield player and Alfie Roe up front. The Herons looked a lot steadier and again took control of this game. Still creating chances, it was Jack Findlay who took advantage of some sloppy under pressure defending. Jack coolly stabled the ball over the line to make it 1-0 which is how is finished. Well done Herons, another very good performance all round. Some fantastic play early on, hard work, passion & desire really does work. The effort in training is slowly coming through on to the pitch. Lets keep it going boys.

Offical Opening of Iwade Allotments

Ben Stokes can officially open the Iwade Allotments on Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2012 at 11am onwards, so we will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony, with Big Lottery sponsorship and we hope to continue throughout the day. We are inviting any press that wish to come too.

We also wish to invite any Iwade residents who would like to come and take a look around and see what we do. There will be some refreshments on sale, and we may also have some vegetable seedlings available for purchase too (depending upon availability).



If you see anyone not cleaning up after their dog please report it to the Community Warden, Nick Mayatt on 07969 584184

Friendship Lunch - Next Venue & Date: The next Friendship Lunch will be held in Iwade Village Hall, from 12 noon until 2 pm on Friday the 13th of April. If you wish to come, to help us to know numbers.



Please call the following contacts by Monday evening 9th April: Ron Partridge 01795 842007 or Sylvia O'Shea 01795 478103. If you need a lift, also please call Ron Partridge.

Churchwarden's Notes

By Sylvia O'Shea

Hello there. Isn't the village looking very colourful with the coming of Spring? As I drive around the village, I often thank (in my heart) the folk who take time and trouble to plant the bulbs months beforehand, in anticipation that they will grow and bloom. The whole area seems to waken from the winter months. THANK YOU ALL

As mentioned last month, the Friendship Lunch for the over 60's, is this time being held in Iwade Village Hall on April 13th, 12-2pm. If you hope to come, could you please let Sylvia (01795 478103) or Rev Ron (01795 824007) know to help with numbers to plan for. Likewise if you would need transport, contact Ron to arrange. There is no charge, but offering basket available as you leave. If you haven't joined us before, please make this time an exception. We will be serving a hot meal, followed by short talk by Stephen Plumb, the Missioner.

On Good Friday, 6th April, you are also invited to come along to your Church for the special services. At 10.30am there will be a Family Service, then a Meditation Hour at 3pm. The morning service will be preceded by a "WALK OF WITNESS" which will leave the Village Hall at 10.15 led by Rev Ron Partridge. Please gather at Hall from 10am.

On Monday 23rd April at 7.30pm in the Church the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING is being held. A short said Communion Service will be at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend but only those of the Electoral Roll are permitted to take active parts in the meeting. This is the time that members of the Church Council and officers are elected.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday April 1st	Iwade Village Market	10.00am
Sunday April 1st	Communion for Palm Sunday	10.30am
Sunday April 1st	Six @ Six, All Saints, Iwade	6pm
Friday April 6th	Walk of Witness from Village Hall	10.15am
Friday April 6th	Family Service, Iwade Church	10.30am
Sunday April 8th	Easter Communion	10.30am
Wednesday April 11th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall	7pm
Thursday April 12th	Mobile Library, end of Sheerstone	11.15am
Friday April 13th	Friendship Lunch, Village Hall	12.00pm
Saturday April 14th	Church Open	12-2pm
Sunday April 15th	Communion Service	10.30am
Wednesday April 18th	WI Edinburgh Woollen Mill Show, Village Hall	7.30pm
Sunday April 22nd	Family Service	10.30am
Thursday April 26th	Mobile Library, end of Sheerstone	11.15am
Saturday April 28th	KRAG Great Crested Newt Survey	7.30pm
Saturday April 28th	Karaoke Night, The Woolpack	8pm
Sunday April 29th	Benefice Service at UPCHURCH CHURCH	10.30am

Important Notice: A2 Closure, Newington

It is necessary to close the A2 High Street at Newington (Swale area) from Monday 2nd April 2012 for up to 3 weeks. The closure is for gas mains replacement works to be carried out in a section of road too narrow for works to be done safely without a closure.

It is anticipated the road will be re-opened on or before Sunday 22nd April 2012.

Ickle Pickles Fete

We are having our fete on Sunday 27th May at Iwade Village Hall - open to everyone. Lots of fun stalls, cream teas, cakes, face painting and fun for the kids - all proceeds are going towards our huge Eco-garden project at the nursery.

Sporty Parties for Kids?

SportsParties4Kids is a new local family run business based in Iwade, which provides unique and fun sport themed parties run by Steve, a qualified CRB checked FA/BBA coach. He has a great deal of experience teaching and coaching children in sport and is also a qualified Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer.

Having small children of his own and coaching sport in a couple of local Primary Schools Steve knows how difficult it is to find a suitable activity to entertain a large group of children at a party. SportsParties4Kids offers a wide range of exciting activities and games which are adapted to suit all ages and abilities, and are designed to not only be fun for the children but to encourage them to try new sports and interact with each other.

Please contact Steve for more information on 07948 535 834 or enquiries@sportsparties4kids.co.uk. Alternatively take a look at the website www.sportsparties4kids.co.uk.

I am a Vole and a I live in a Hole.....

Did you know that Water Voles are an endangered species and that we have a family of them living in the Iwade Stream right in the centre of the village?



Kent Community Messaging

This is a joint message, from Swale Neighbourhood Watch, and Swale Police.

Several fishing bags, containing various rods, plus a bait boat; a fishing solar panel; and two Pond Pumps were stolen from a garden shed, in Mansfield Drive, Iwade, Sittingbourne. All was secure at 10:15 p.m., 22nd of February.

If you have any information, please contact your local police, on telephone number: 1 0 1, and state you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch.

Thank you, that was message: 2 3 5.

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Editor's Note

It's that time of year again when we say goodbye to winter (hopefully) and start to welcome spring. I have noticed lots of crocuses and daffodils springing up in people's garden and it never fails to make me smile at the bright colours appearing.

If you have any pictures of your gardens in bloom feel free to send them in and hopefully they may make next month's issue.

There is a comprehensive contacts list on the back page, I hope I have included everybody, if I haven't my apologies and please contact me so I can put you in.

Please check the notice regarding A2 closure at Newington, also the Church Fair and Ickle Pickles Fetes, something to look forward to for the summer months

Iwade does Facebook seems to have taken flight, there are some great questions, answers and discussion taking place. It's a great way to keep in contact and up to date on all matters Iwade. It has been said before and I'll say it again, the more residents get on board the greater power we have.

I wish all of you a wonderful Easter and hope the bunny brings you lovely things

Gemma Coleman

Parish Council Notes

Taken from the meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2012

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Village Park/Pond – Cllr. Hunt has spoken to Kent Reptiles and Amphibian Group (KRAG) who are visiting the village on the 28th April to undertake a Great Crested Newt survey on all ponds in the area.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Trees – A meeting will take place on Friday 17th February, with Graeme Tuff, Swale Borough Council, to discuss the location of the trees.

Borough Cllr. Stokes has spoken to Swale B.C. regarding the traveller caravans near the A249 slip road. Officers visited the residents and advised that they need to apply for planning permission – this has not yet been submitted.

Cllr. Stokes has received a letter regarding Nicholls Transport's relocation. He has been advised that we can expect 250 traffic movements per day to and from the new site

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – During the course of the month, Nick visited Happy Days Nursery and chatted to the children about his role in the village; spoke to residents in Dunlin Walk and The Waterway regarding dog fouling and asked them to contact him if they spot a person not cleaning up after their pets. He has contacted KCC regarding the faulty traffic lights in Ferry Road and been monitoring the road closure at The Street.

Finance

Fingerposts – Clerk advised that £4647.29p (a grant supported by County Cllr. Mike Whiting) has been paid into the Council's bank account by KCC. This is money for the manufacture/ replacement of the existing fingerposts. The work will be carried out by the Village Handyman and it was proposed by Cllr. Jones and seconded by Cllr. Hunt that the funds be released upon production of invoices by him.

Iwade Health Centre

Following concerns expressed by Parishioners, Councillors instructed the Clerk to ascertain who has taken over the Health Centre (it originally came under the PCT) and how many permanent Doctors work there. Parishioners are unhappy with locum Doctors and having to wait a long time for appointments.

Planning

SW/11/1537 – Approval of all reserved matters, pursuant to outline permission SW/08/1127, for erection of 187 dwellings on part of the site – Coleshall Farm, Sheppey Way, Iwade, ME9 8QG. – Members considered this application and raised the following objections/comments:

- To include salt bins (this is recommended by Highways), sited as appropriate.
- Whole site to be 20 mph to the gateway, with signage.
- Priority signage on School Lane traffic calming areas.
- Object to the location of apartments at the boundary abutting on to existing dwellings in Mansfield Drive.
- Restrictions on parking on the roads because of emergency vehicular access.
- Insufficient Visitor parking.
- The need to include improvements to the wooden bridge, which is structurally unsound, crossing the stream. Residents would like to see this as an established footpath, but in its present state it is unsafe to use.
- No vehicles to use School Lane during the construction stage.
- Wheel washing facilities on site to prevent mud on the highway.
- When working on School Lane (traffic calming, etc.) what provision will be made to allow access to properties at the end of this road?
- Along the boundary to Coleshall Cottages will the ground level be higher because of the water table?

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- There is a need for an attenuation pond – surface water cannot go into the stream due to flooding issues.
- During times of prolonged heavy rain the ground becomes saturated and water runs off the playing field, flooding adjacent properties in Springvale– what measures will be put in place to prevent this?
- Properties in the adjacent Hillreed development already suffer from water pressure problems; will services such as water, gas and electricity be improved to accommodate this extra housing and not put added pressure on existing facilities?
- Concern that the increase in housing within the village will put added pressure on the existing primary school, whose roll is almost full.
- Concern that there are already insufficient secondary places within Sittingbourne. Money is being released for education through the 106 Agreements, but what action is being taken to remedy this situation?

In the response to Swale Borough Council (Planning) to add in the following general comments:

- What is the current rule regarding parking spaces per household?
- At the exhibition sometime ago, when residents were able to view these proposals, a wildlife corridor was promised to the rear of properties in the Orchard Edge development (Hillreed). Residents are concerned that looking at the current plans there is no sign of this corridor. Residents further commented that this has been provided at the edge of other developments within the village and want assurance that the promised wildlife corridor will exist.
- When the second phase is planned, will provision be made for low level housing, e.g. bungalows, to be sited near to existing bungalows? The Parish Council is pleased to note that Hillreeds have taken this into account in this phase.

SW/11/1538 – Minor amendment application to SW/09/0756 to vary condition 32 by substituting drawings to make slight revision to layout, resulting in substitution of 4 larger houses with 8 smaller units – creating a net increase of four additional units within the existing permitted development site. – Parcel 8 (Land east of Woodpecker Drive and Helen Thompson Close), Iwade, ME9 8DW – members raised the following objections:

- Not in keeping with the surrounding houses and will not sit well with the adjacent nature park.
- Parking issues – lack of parking for properties and no visitor parking, could result in ad hoc parking in this area causing access problems for emergency vehicles.
- Increase in housing density.

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 11th April 2012, commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

A Sad Farewell from your local Avon Lady

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all my Avon customers who have supported and bought from me over the past ten years. There are too many of you to speak to in person but I wanted to make sure you all knew how grateful I have been for your custom.

Due to the rules being changed at Avon I am no longer allowed to do my round as I have moved out of the village. I am sorry to let you all down but it is beyond my control and I would have been happy to continue for the next ten years. You can still order on line until such a time as they find new representatives. Once again a big thank you,

Lisa O'Flynn

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

Crime

Urgent Matters 01622 690690 (urgent non emergency matters) • 999 for all Emergency Matters • PC Philip Nickells 01795 419119 • Kent Community Warden Nick Mayatt, 07969 584184, nick.mayatt@kent.gov.uk • Neighbourhood Watch 01795 419211 • Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111 • Anti-Social Behaviour Team 01795 417575 • Fly Tipping/Graffiti/noise nuisance / Dog control and Abandoned Vehicles 01795 417850

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