



Barritos to you ...

We are a Husband and Wife duo who are passionate about food and have decided to take our passion further. It has been a dream to have our own business and fulfil ambitions, so we have taken the plunge. We love the community vibe in Iwade and embrace it but felt there was definitely room for a new lunchtime Flavour Town visit in a takeaway capacity and wanted to offer a fresh, delicious and memorable meal!

The final flavours that we tested, tasted, tweaked and developed over the last 9 months created our signature Barritos marinade and rub, enabling the Low and Slow Pulled Pork and Smokey Chicken burritos to be born. The Mexican food idea came unexpectedly after a meal in Disneyland Paris last year. Lockdown 1.0 made us realise a dream and Barritos came to life...

And here we are, Mexican street food, starting with a range of Burritos and sides, for your

taste buds to get woken up from hum-drum lunchtime sandwiches & salads. We would like to invite you to support a local business by shaking-up lunchtime when working from home or hosting a meeting to have a warm burrito made by hand with care and attention.

We are a new business, run by just the two of us and therefore have set order capacity to ensure we deliver the quality we are so proud of in our Burritos which are made in our family kitchen with love and care. We do advise to order in advance on the website to avoid any disappointment! Please give us a follow on Facebook and Instagram for any updates. Please do get in touch for any questions/orders or special requirements, we are happy to help.

Muchas Gracias,
Caroline and Barry,
Barritos – Dormedy to Door
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Whitechapels of Kent

We have lived in Iwade for 15 years and love the community life of the village.

Our passion is for the Retro/Vintage eras and for recycling and repurposing items that no longer have a practical use. Anything that is no longer loved is diverted into the hands of Gary –The Lampmaker, who will 'switch on his creative lights' and turn these items into truly wonderful & unique lamps. From roller skates to fire extinguishers, saxophones to record players nothing is beyond the Lampmaker.

Attention to detail is as important to us as your morning cup of tea is to you, which is why each lamp is created with British sourced vintage style twisted cable, switches, bulb holders & stunning energy friendly bulbs. Each one is fully PAT tested.

Why not buy your Christmas gifts and let us arrange the shipping (mainland UK only and dispatched via courier at the buyer's expense). Or they can be collected (at a social distance!!).

If you have something hiding in the back of a cupboard that you would like to be brought back into "the light", drop us a line with a picture and we can create a centre piece unique to you.

Our items have found their way all over the UK, to Australia, The USA and Northern Europe so we welcome you to join the Whitechapel's family by visiting our website to find your new must have illuminated art work!

Karen & Gary

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Remembrance Sunday 2020

Traditionally Remembrance Sunday in most villages has been commemorated with a service in the church followed by a move to the War Memorial where the two-minute silence would be observed and wreaths laid. This has been the pattern for the past 100 years. However, this year, due to the pandemic, Remembrance Sunday was a little different. We could not worship inside church buildings and gatherings around War Memorials were to be kept to a minimum.

As a Lay Reader in The Six I had been asked to lead the service at Iwade. The few of us who attended gathered outside the church before a cross that had been put in place for the occasion and to which three Remembrance wreaths had been attached. At the foot of the cross were

Remembrance crosses commemorating those from the village who had lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars. The cross offered a wonderful focus for our worship and for our remembering. And during the two-minute silence there was an amazing moment when we could hear birdsong. A further wreath and Remembrance crosses were laid during the service.

We had three readings; the 23rd psalm, John 1.1-5 and John 15.9-17. The reading from John 15 includes these words spoken by Jesus, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No-one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

We reflected that Jesus laid down his own life so that humankind might know that they are loved and known by God, and might have life. And we reflected that

those we were remembering had also offered their lives as a sacrifice that others might live.

In attendance at the service were men who had served in the Armed Forces who were remembering the comrades they had fought alongside - those who were injured, those who died - and the situations that they witnessed. It was a privilege to have shared Remembrance Sunday with them and



especially as they enabled me to glimpse something of what it really means to remember.

And a prayer;
God of peace and love, we remember with sadness the pain and suffering of war. We remember those who are suffering this minute because of past wars or present wars. We also remember the smaller wars that happen within communities, among friends, within families, within ourselves. We pray for peace. We pray for courage to be peacemakers, no matter the cost. We pray for the day when your love is alive in every heart, in every corner of the world. Amen.

Lis Willmet





Photo: Emma Ward

Iwade School's Remembrance.

Hello, I am Miss Fisher at Iwade School and I co-ordinate The Arts at the school. This year we wanted to show unity between our communities, all coming together to remember our fallen. These are the thoughts of some of our children.

Atticus in year 1 –“I liked ripping up the tissue paper to make them with my friends.”
 Vivienne in year 2 –“We learnt that poppies are the only plant or flower that grew on those wet, muddy fields.”
 Hermoine in year 3 –“We learnt about it so we can remember the soldiers who died for us. We made big poppies that went on our windows.”
 Ben in year 4 –“We celebrate it to remember the people who died in the war and served our country. We made poppies.”
 Bea in year 5 –“We remember all the soldiers that fought in the war. We made stained glass windows as poppies.”
 Rhea in year 6 –“Remembrance represents the soldiers who died in the war and how kind it was of them to help us. We had a two-minute silence and my class made a PowerPoint for our community.”

All the children were very respectful and shared their understanding of what it meant to remember the soldiers. Some of their art work is shown in the photographs.



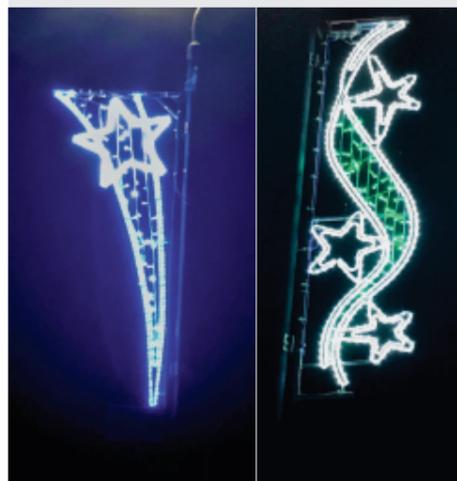
Let's Light up Iwade ...

By Tracy Palmer

Things have certainly been gloomy this year and Christmas is likely to look a little different to normal, but seeing the village Christmas lights arrive did put a smile on my face, and also got me thinking. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all work together, by decorating the outside of our homes, to make the village really light up this December to lift spirits and spread some much-needed festive cheer?

Taking a walk to admire Christmas lights is a lovely family friendly (and socially distanced!) activity and would certainly brighten up the dark evenings. A few festive souls have already put their decorations up, so let's join them in embracing the Christmas spirit. I think we all need that more than ever this year.

Let's Light up Iwade.



Happy Days remembers

By Caroline Wiles

Remembrance and fireworks have been the two topics very much in our minds for the early part of November. We are sure you will agree the children's decorations marking Remembrance Day were beautiful. Our windows displayed the children's magnificent poppies, reflecting those displayed around Iwade village. We were incredibly proud of our children throughout the 11am silence on Remembrance Day. They sat so quietly and patiently throughout the silence – no easy task for lively young children!



Firework Night bought a whole different vibe and really kicked off the glitter season. Things are only going to get more sparkly as December approaches. The beautiful Christmas tree and lights are a cause of much celebration at Happy Days, although we are holding off on the Christmas carols and songs for now.....but only just. Although we are sad our traditional Christingle Service cannot be held in the church this year, we are planning lots of seasonal fun and games in the run up to the Christmas holiday. It's never too early for a Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy Days Nursery wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

The nursery has been very busy over the last few months but we have some spaces available. Please do not hesitate to contact the office (01795 424348) for more information or visit our website www.happydaysuk.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Willowway College, Culnells Farm, Iwade

by Louise Funnell



We have had a great start to the academic year here at Brogdale CIC. With the initial lifting of the restrictions, many of our youth groups were able to meet again and our College courses commenced with students old and new joining our Willowway site on Culnells Farm, Iwade. Throughout this second lockdown, we have been able to offer support & wellbeing to young people in Swale and of course to our students. At Craftworks College, our blended learning platform is continually growing for the students when they are unable to attend.

At Willowway (on Culnells Farm), we have three groups of courses available: Practical Horticulture, Practical Environment & Conservation Skills, and our new Employability Course. With us, students also gain their functional skills qualifications, as tutors provide tailor-made lessons that are attuned to the young person's skill, ability, and interest. Take for example this table (see pic.), which is the result of a maths lesson. It was also a chance to offer the student pastoral care, as the table was made as a tribute to their grandad. This is our SENCO Victoria modelling it!

Recently our Environment & Conservation Students received a Hedgehog Home from local company ENGIE. We are looking to putting it into the ground, and seeing who decides to reside there over the winter!

'Pruning Time' Landscape & Gardening

Jason & the team have been hard at work, in and around the local area! As last year, we have gift vouchers available. If you would like to give (or ask for) a gift for all seasons, then give Maria a call on 07903 476881

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Wynn Webb - Obituary

Many people in Iwade will still remember our dear Vicar and his wife David and Wynn Webb; they lived in School Lane and were heavily involved in the Church life of Iwade. Wynn used to run the Lamplighters Children's Club for the youngsters and was brilliant at making models from sticky tape, out of odds and ends. She would always welcome newcomers into the church, offering help and support when needed.

Sadly, Wynn passed away on the 28th October, at the age of 93, after a short illness. She will be missed by all who had been touched by her kindness and generosity of spirit.

Her funeral service was held at St Michael's Church in Sittingbourne where she had been attending since moving from Iwade.

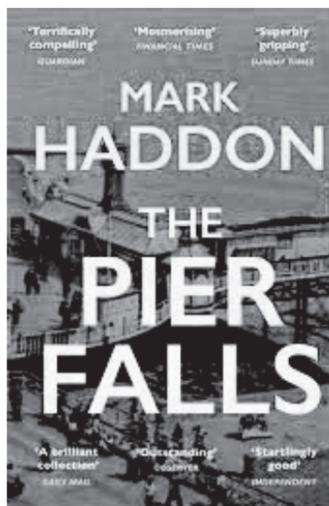
Reading Group

By Glenn Walters

Iwade Reading and Book Group met via Zoom on 10th November 2020, to discuss Rosie's War by Kay Brelland. There were mixed comments but most finished the book.

The story of Rosie was quite harsh but it was set during WWII in London and showed an insight into how it was for ordinary people trying to go on living in those times with severe shortages of food, bombing raids, loss of lives and homes and living with constant fear. Rosie joined the Ambulance Service in an attempt to "do her bit" and how she survived.

The next Zoom meeting will take place on 15th December at 11am to discuss The Pier Falls by Mark Haddon. We will open our Secret Santa presents that day so please get yours to Hilary before 12th December.



Your help required - Situations Vacant!!

The Iwade Observer still urgently has two volunteer positions available to help bring the Observer to each Iwade household each month.

For ten months each year we create the newsletter using a desktop publishing software called Scribus. The new articles and photos are transferred into Scribus, then formatted and slotted into place. We are looking for a volunteer to take this job on as soon as possible. You will need to have some knowledge and experience using a desktop publishing software and your own computer/laptop with access to the internet. Scribus is easy to learn, and once you've grasped it, the process will take around 5 hours to complete each month.

*If you are interested please let us know at:-
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For ten months each year the 1700 or so copies that we have printed have to be collected from the printers in town (easy car access!) and sorted into bundles, and distributed to our deliverers, around the village, to take out to each household. We desperately need a volunteer to take on this Distribution Manager role which takes up less than a day a month. The role could easily be shared to reduce the workload, so if you only have a limited time available you could still help.

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Happy Christmas

The Observer has been asked to pass on these greetings to all in Iwade.

From Lee Fennell 46060172 - PCSO

Hello!
I would just like to wish Iwade residents a safe Christmas, and I hope 2021 turns out to be so much better than 2020 for everyone!
Kind regards
Lee



**From Sittingbourne Speedway –
The Old Gun Site, Iwade**

"BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL AT SITTINGBOURNE SPEEDWAY."



**and, of course, from the Team at
The Iwade Observer**

We wish all the residents of Iwade great peace, joy and happiness this Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.

Toddler group looks back – and forward!

By Louise Wade

Normally we'd have a different Christmas craft each week in December. We'd then end the term with a Christmas party on the last group before Christmas. There would be lots of Christmas jumpers, songs and party food. Sadly though, not this year.

So, here's a throwback to one of our crafts from last year, using our favourites, paper plates and a toilet roll! Easy to make and the kids love decorating their own tree (can't promise it'll stop

them rearranging the baubles on the real tree though!).

We hope you and your families are all doing well. We wish you a very merry Christmas and really hope we can see you again next year.



News from All Saints' Church.

At the time of writing this we are well into the 2nd national lockdown so for now the Church building is open only on Saturdays between 10-4pm for private prayer and food bank collection.

Also, due to Covid-19 and the current lockdown we at All Saints' Church are sadly unable to confirm what services we will or will not be having over Christmas. We will endeavour to keep you all updated via the village Facebook page or www.thesix.org.uk.

Notices with all the services will also go up around the village as soon as we are able.

Thank you all for your support.

God bless
Carole Wiles

Christmas message from Cllr Mike Whiting, KCC Member serving Iwade

I wanted to write a note of thanks to all of those in Iwade that have gone that extra mile to help their neighbours and those less fortunate than themselves.

2020 started as a year full of hope and dreams; holidays booked, parties arranged, weddings to be organised, celebrations to look forward to. But all was quickly dashed on 23 March by the dreadful Coronavirus pandemic and the first lockdown. Suddenly, without warning, lives were changed, and sadly, too many lives were lost.

My own birthday fell the day after lockdown, and I was touched by the thoughtfulness of my neighbour who put a Happy Birthday banner in her back garden so that I could see it from our kitchen window. My wife and I couldn't see our children or grandchildren, parents or friends that day. But that little act of kindness by our neighbour meant everything.

And so it has been since March. Lots of little acts of kindness. People helping people, not for profit or for recognition, but because they can and they want to. And let's not forget how we came together to applaud in our streets each Thursday evening for the fantastic NHS staff and other key workers.

As we move toward Christmas we again have time to reflect on the really important things; looking out for one another, checking on a neighbour, ensuring they are not alone or that they have enough food and supplies. We have time again to think of the hospital staff, care workers, teachers, the emergency services and other key workers who continue to do so much for us.

There is much we will want to forget about 2020 as we see the New Year in. But let us not forget the good that shone through. The community coming together. Helping each other. Little acts of kindness. And let us look forward to a brighter year in 2021.

With my very best wishes

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IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14 October 2020 - VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

Present:

Cllr. S. Cheeseman – Chair
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. B. Whiting
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. B. Smith
Cllr. R. Clark
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
County Cllr. M. Whiting

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. B. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16 September 2020 were agreed and will be signed by the Chair as a true transcript.

Visitors/Public Time

Residents, County and Borough Councillors, PCSOs and Community Wardens were advised that they could attend as normal but public speaking time might be limited; they were also invited to forward reports/questions to the Clerk beforehand.

County and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting advised - the issues relating to activities at Raspberry Hill Farm in Iwade continue still ongoing. He urged residents to forward any photographs to him. KCC have launched their budget consultation. Covid has had a massive affect on KCC finances; there is a need to save 50 million pounds. Had further complaints about yellow lines in Cormorant Drive. Some lines are proposed that residents are not happy with; there will be a formal consultation and members of the public will have the opportunity to respond to it. Cllr. B. Whiting asked who would police the lines, County Cllr. Whiting advised this would be down to Swale Borough Council as it is on-street parking

Community Warden/PCSO

Community Warden – no report

The PCSO written report – Crimes of note: Vehicle stolen after breaking

down near the fishing lakes and left overnight. Crime report submitted. The rear numberplate was taken from a vehicle parked in School Lane overnight. A crime report has been submitted. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: There was a total of 8 calls (3 for the same incident) for anti-social behaviour over the past month, all of which were attended by patrols. The vast majority of these were for noise issues around the bus shelter. Efforts are ongoing to bring this number further down. Report of youths going into scrubland opposite the medical centre on several occasions, and suspected drug activity there. I have visited the area often, but have found no evidence of drug taking, and I have yet to find anyone there myself. I will keep an eye on this area. Reports of youths camping in the woodland near Meadow Brown View on the new estate. Patrols attended and did find a group nearby, but they had walked off before they could be spoken to. There was a small campfire, which was put out. No further reports in the past few weeks. Nuisance vehicles have been reported drifting round the roundabout near the Sheppey Bridge. This is being monitored, to try to prevent this becoming a regular occurrence once again. A large amount of fly-tipping was reported on Raspberry Hill Lane. Highways were alerted and eventually cleared the rubbish after closing the road.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Highway Improvement Plans (HIPs) – Clerk is still awaiting a response from the Officer invited to attend a meeting; Clerk to chase. Action: Clerk

Ponds and Hedgerows – Cllr Langham still carrying out the survey; Clerk to bring back to next meeting. Action: Cllr. Langham/ Clerk

School Entrance and Assisting the School – Community Warden advised that signs are sited on both sides of the gateway entrance. Clerk has written to the School offering assistance during

the Covid Pandemic but has not had a response.

Parking in The Street – Cllr. Hyde advised there are still issues with parking on the pavement in The Street. Clerk advised that the PCSO had delivered a leaflet to each house from Kent Police regarding parking on pavements. It was agreed that this issue exists in other areas of the village and that a solution needs to be found, as footpaths are for pedestrians, not vehicles. Starting with The Street, Members will take photographs of any parked vehicles in this area. They also instructed the Clerk to post a notice on the Village Facebook page asking for photographs of vehicles (no number plates) parked on the footpath in The Street, the date and time logged to be forwarded to the Council; to add that this survey is being done for safety reasons. Action: All Councillors/Clerk

Planning

20/504351/FULL: Conversion of existing single garage to study/playroom: 65 School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8SD – no objection as long as this does make any difference to parking around the area, and that no static caravan is parked on the driveway.

Correspondence

Installation of Telecommunications Equipment at BT Pole NDSIT-3357-00, off Footway at Grovehurst Road and School Lane Iwade – No comments.

Projects – Updates on Current and New

Hornbeam Trees Woodpecker Park – Proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire: all agreed to purchase 8 trees, stakes, ties and compost at a cost of £1100, excluding VAT (recoverable) for planting either side of the footpath leading up to the Cairn in Woodpecker Park. Action: Clerk
Christmas Lights – Noted that due to Covid lighting engineers will not be

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able to switch on the lights as they have done in past years, nor will the annual Switch on Event be taking place. Members therefore agreed that all festive lighting will be switched on, on the 29 November. Action: Clerk

Next meeting – 9th December

Ed's Note, For reasons of space these minutes are abbreviated – to see the full minutes please see <https://www.iwadepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/minutes-2020/>

News from The Mews Brewhouse

Hello from us all at The Brewhouse

So, by the time you are reading this we should have 'Hopefully' reopened from Lockdown 2.

We hope that everyone is OK and haven't gone too stir crazy during ever-changing times. We have missed you all while we have been closed, but we would like to say a BigBig Thank You to all our lovely customers for all your custom during this trying year.

The Brewhouse has had to change enormously to meet all the COVID-19 safety regulations and to ensure the safety of all our staff and customers. Thank you for all your understanding and for adhering to all our new guidelines.

It's nearly Christmas & we will be offering Festive Afternoon Teas & Festive Specials for December, so why not pop in & see what is on offer & keep an eye on our Facebook page to keep up to date with everything we are up to.

Mandy & all the BrewHouse Crew would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year & a Massive Thank you for all your custom during 2020- we do appreciate it xxx.Lets hope 2021 will be easier for us all!!

You can be kept up to date on all our antics, Special Offers and Events on our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/mewsbrewhouse

We look forward to seeing you all very soon xxx



A thought for the end of the year

Here we are in December, moving towards Christmas and the end of the year - and perhaps looking hopefully forwards to the new year. It may be that for many of us the end of this year can't come quickly enough. It has, after all, been a year like no other. We have all had to face the impact of the pandemic in some way and have all had to cope with restrictions, uncertainty, confusion and fear.

However I want to encourage you to stay with this time right now rather than wanting to rush through it. This timewould seem to be a waiting time. And such times can be thought-provoking and helpful.

Moments of waiting – of taking time to pause and reflect – can help us to take stock of what's been going on, to notice where we are now and also where we would like to be. Moments of waiting often require us to have courage. These moments offer time to acknowledge our hurts, our disappointments, our fears, our losses – and this year some of these have been overwhelming. Moments of waiting can help to steady us and help us to see different perspectives, and they can also enable us to experience comfort and peace and a sense of hope.

We are currently in the Christian season of Advent – the four weeks before Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting – and a time of hope - as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We wait alongside Mary. We wait alongside people everywhere who live in the darkness of restrictions, uncertainty, confusion and fear.

Advent is a time for waiting on God and for opening our hearts to him. "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only son Jesus so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3.16). And Jesus dispels the darkness of our world for "in Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1.4-5).

Waiting is something that God invites us to do. He longingly waits for us to seek him out and to take a moment of waiting with him. He wants us to share our thoughts and feelings and our lives with him and he wants us to know that he loves us and that he will be our light.

For so many of us these weeks in December can be frantic – but maybe they can be different this year. Maybe we can each find moments to wait, to reflect, to be surprised by God, and to have a new awareness of him in our lives.

May you receive his love and light and know his comfort and joy and his peace.
With every blessing,

Lis Willmet

Lay Reader in The Six