



Waxwings in an Iwade Garden
By John Suchar

**Welcome to the
first Iwade
Observer of 2013.
We hope you all
had a great
Christmas and
New Year!!**

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The Fight Goes On - OM Property Management

By Rebecca Klinck

For the residents of Sanderling Way, Mallard Crescent and Dunlin Walk that are outlined in schedule 1 of the OM Property audit (the freeholders contribution), the recent rise in fees once again (!) from OM Property Management, has led to a renewed effort to group the residents and remove the management company. The legalities of this are somewhat unclear, but a residents association seems to be the way forward. I believe most residents are unhappy but unfortunately most of us do not have the time to battle with OM. As a residents association, we need to meet once per annum – (yes - a whole 1 time!) but this would allow us a larger amount of power; in fact, this could be the only way we can do something constructive in regards to the property management company.



Photo By Marc Coulson

If you are a member of Facebook please join our group – Let's Sack OM - in order to get the latest news on the battle with OM. Currently I am awaiting correspondence from Sarah Norgate, our new resident manager from OM, with regard to the continued unhappy state in which we the residents find ourselves. We will only be in a position to negotiate with, or remove OM if there is a majority vote from the residents. If you're interested in helping this along, please contact me via Facebook or email me on sanderling_way@yahoo.com.

Iwade On facebook

Want to keep up with what's happening in Iwade on Facebook? If you're new to the village or just haven't heard then you may be amazed at the groups that Iwade has. Just some of the groups you'll find.....

[Iwade Does Facebook](#). [Iwade Selling and Wanted](#). [Iwade Nature and Conservation](#). [Iwade Parent and Toddler](#). [Iwade School Parent Page](#). [Iwade Health and Fitness](#). [The Woolpack @ Iwade](#).
[Iwade Fishing Comp](#). [Iwade Halloween](#).

Weight a go Josh!

Joshua Killick of Stangate Drive, Iwade – better known to locals as Igor in the Halloween Frankenstein production – recently retained his position as London and South East England Olympic Weight Lifting Champion. Joshua started weight lifting at the age of 8, since when he has won the London and South East England Championship three times and the British Championship twice.

At the November competition Joshua lifted 36 kilos in the clean and jerk and 26 kilos in the snatch. Josh was also highly commended for his technique – managing all three lifts in each discipline without a fault.

Josh trains twice a week with Paul Schafner who runs the Foundations Olympic Weight Lifting Club in Sittingbourne.



In addition to his weight lifting, Joshua also plays football regularly with the Iwade Herons and is currently rehearsing his part in his school's production of Dick Whittington.

Farewell to Ron



We say farewell to Reverend Ron Partridge, the Parish Priest of Iwade who retired on 31st December 2012 in accordance with the Canterbury Diocese policy that clergy officially retire at 70. Thank you to Bishop Trevor Wilmot for allowing Ron to carry on until Christmas following his 70th birthday.

Ron is an ordained minister, a husband to Jenny, a father, a grandfather (and a great grandfather last September!), a resident of Lower Halstow and a member of the Medway

Hospital Chaplaincy team.

Ron has served across The Six churches for many years and was made focal minister for Iwade when David Webb retired in 2010, following a stint in the USA caring for his family. Colleague Stephen Plumb perceives Ron's passion for Iwade is to see the village grow in unity with the church playing a key role.

For the statistic hungry amongst you Ron has conducted about 3-4 weddings, 6-8 funerals and 30 baptisms a year at All Saint's

Ron was given 'Permission to Officiate' by Bishop Trevor, so he could finish off the year, but he will now enjoy a six month break. Towards the end of that time, Ron will be discussing his future role in Iwade with Revd Canon Alan Amos, who is Priest-in-Charge of The Six.

There will now be no ordained minister at Iwade, but Canon Alan will look after services that require an ordained person, for

The Spirit of Christmas

By Sarah Cotta



Christmas Eve is a very magical, special time for children and adults alike. This year Iwade was made even more magical by a visit from Santa and his Elf for those that requested it. I know our visit was probably one of many that has awestruck, amazed children hanging on Santa's every word!

This truly wonderful event was made possible by Andy Jennings. Andy, along with many other volunteers gave up their time and energy to the families of our village. In the run up to Christmas there were many other events such as the Parent and Toddler Group Xmas party, Xmas Market, Iwade School visits that Andy and his team also attended.

All these events raised after costs a fabulous £450 for Macmillan Cancer Support as well as £84 for Iwade village causes.

On behalf of the people of our village we thank all involved for making our Christmas one to remember and helping us all to give a little more this year.

Editor's Note

Not a lot of space for me to write much this month but welcome all to another year of the Iwade Observer! From what I've heard there should be some good stories coming up this year as there will definitely be a lot happening. 2013 will be a good year in Iwade!

James Hunt

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PCSO Update

By Aaron Harris

I would like to advise residents of their obligation when parking their vehicles in Iwade. It is an offence for any person to park any part of their vehicle on the pavement. This comes with a penalty of a £30 fine. I and my colleagues will be issuing tickets over the next few weeks for any vehicle on the pavement. It causes problems for large vehicles trying to get around Iwade and also for local pedestrians who have to walk in the road due to inconsiderate parking.



We have also noticed an increase in Anti-Social Behaviour in the village centre outside Budgens Stores. If any resident witnesses any person/group causing problems please contact myself on 07772226115 or failing that contact Kent Police on 101 (999 if an emergency). I am very keen to catch up with these offenders so we can put a stop to it as soon as possible.

I have also had reports of criminal damage at Iwade bus stop. This is believed to be linked to local school children scratching their names and other words onto the bus stop. If anyone has any information in relation to this or witnesses any damage been caused please contact myself on the number above or Kent Police on 101 (or 999 if it is an emergency).

I am still getting reports of inconsiderate parking outside Iwade School at drop off/pick up times. Again I would like to remind parents/guardians of their obligation as a driver when picking up or dropping of their children. Any vehicle parked on the ZigZag lines will be given a fine. Any vehicle parked on the double/single yellow lines will also be liable to a fine. It is dangerous and causes major traffic congestion in and around the school and I am sure all residents will agree the safety of the children is paramount. I have increased my patrols outside the school and I hope many residents have noticed this. I will continue to monitor this and will continue to conduct high visibility patrols at these times.

Parish Council Notes *taken from the meeting of 10th October 2012*

The Chairman introduced Graeme Tuff, SBC's Green Spaces Officer and explained that Graeme had come along to talk to the Council about a joint approach regarding the Park and nature trail and other recreational facilities within Iwade.

Graeme opened by commenting that there had been a number of projects within the Park area, including: planting trees for the Jubilee - the site for which has now been agreed; pond dipping platform - Graeme has now approved the quote for installation and Wards are ordering the equipment. He has also ordered the deep water signs and hopes these will be installed soon; pond cleaning - lead by the Environment Agency with assistance from villagers; the open space that is coming on as part of the current Ward's development.

He suggested some Grant money could go towards a bridge linking the two sections of the park and an exercise equipment/multi-use games area, which could be installed on School Lane playing field.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

School Lane Playing Field/Village Hall Garden Update

The Village Handyman will be implementing the replacement of the bolt and other minor remedial issues at School Lane Playing Field. Also for the fungi infected tree in the hall garden. It has been agreed that the branches will be tied back and if the tree needs to be completely removed in the future PTES will arrange to have any Noble

Chaffer Beetles removed and placed in a safe location.

Iwade Medical Centre Update

A new management team, Fleet Health Care, will be running the centre for twelve months. A Patient Group has been formed, but most patients have not heard of this, nor has the Parish Council received any details despite being promised that it would be kept informed of progress.

Village Clean up Day

Clerk advised that Amanda Hurrell has organised use of a trailer. She has e-mailed the leader of the Cubs, Scouts and Beavers, who usually help; arranged for litter-pickers and plastic sacks to be delivered and collected by Swale Borough Council.

Visitors, Public Time

Parishioners - Reverend Partridge asked if the Parish Council was going to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Sunday service at the Church. Cllr. Plumb would lay this on behalf of the Parish Council. Representatives from Iwade Herons addressed the Council. The Club has been in existence for nearly 10 years and are looking to celebrate this next year. They commented that the natural progression is for them to have their own ground, which they don't have, as this is very expensive. The club itself is very successful and well-known and on a positive note if they find a suitable site they will be eligible for grants. They will try and attend the monthly meetings to keep up to date on the new hall, pavilion and playing field.

Finance

Commemorative Plaque for Jubilee Trees - The design has now been agreed by Members; agreed to spend a maximum of £500 Clerk to contact companies for details of

materials, etc.

Other Matters Arising Village Hall Update

All residents have been invited to a meeting on the 24th October, at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, to look at the proposals, hear what Oliver Doubleday has to say on the project and put forward any comments/suggestions.

Play Equipment in Village Park

Cllr. Hunt mentioned problems with the play equipment in the Village Park; one piece of equipment had bits sticking out of the rope and a few weeks ago someone fell off the climbing frame and broke their arm. It seems there is some confusion over the signage regarding suggested ages for using each piece of equipment. Graeme mentioned that it is only a suggested age as each child is a different size for their age. At the end of the day it is down to parents to decide if their child is capable of safely using any play equipment and to monitor that use. He further commented that although safety surfacing is installed it will not stop all injuries.

Vandalism to new Bus Shelter

Now only a few weeks after installation the polycarbonate has obscene words scratched into it and the shelter itself has been written on with a permanent marker. An article will be placed in the Iwade Observer asking for residents to report anyone carrying out acts of vandalism.

Parish Council Notes *taken from the meeting of 14th November 2012*

The Chairman introduced Melanie Fuller, a Technical Advisor with the Environment Agency (E.A.) who had come to talk on drainage issues in the village and in particular Iwade stream.

She is working on a project to install weed screens on two culverts, these will catch any debris before it enters the culverts and prevent blockages.

He then introduced Steve Ingram from the PCT, who had come along to give an update on the current situation at Iwade Medical Centre. He also introduced Dr. Gareth Parry, the Medical Director for Fleet Healthcare, who is running Iwade Medical Centre on a temporary basis whilst the PCT goes out for tender. Steve gave a short summary of where they are now:- The current provider is Fleet Healthcare, who is running the practice under a temporary contract until the middle of next June; Confirms the PCT are committed to provide care to the community; Accepts that some patients have not had good service over the past few months; A number of changes have already been made, both in services and the fabric of the building; The new telephone system will be coming on-line on the 10th December; Extra Receptionists have been brought in to assist until the new telephone system is operational; There have been changes to the appointments system. They have put on some extra clinical sessions meaning extra appointments per week; 72

appointments per thousand patients registered; this should meet most requests. At present there are 5,000 patients registered with the practice; with the village expanding it could accommodate 8,000 patients, which means four to five GPs will be needed.

Parish Councillor Vacancy, David Wastall was co-opted onto the Council and invited to join the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Money held by Swale Borough Council (Bridge over stream/matting on park

entrances) It was agreed by all; that the Parish Council write to Graeme Tuff, Green Spaces Officer, asking for a bridge over the stream (near to the outfall from the Village Pond), to join one part of the park to the other and to stop children blocking the watercourse by building 'dams' to enable them to cross the water.

Visitors/Public Time

A resident also asked Members to push Highways to make repairs to School Lane; areas of tarmac have been smashed; drains are broken and potholes create massive puddles when it rains. County Cllr. Alan Willicombe agreed to pass on these concerns to Highways. Cllr. White stated that Lorries are using Helen Thompson Close instead of the haul road to access the Wards development. When questioned drivers stated that their delivery instructions advised that access was via Helen Thompson Close. Clerk to raise this issue with Swale Borough Council Planning Officers. Reverend Partridge thanked the Parish Council for its wreath and support for Remembrance Sunday. The service was well attended by

youth organisations and drew families together.

Village Centre and CCTV Cameras

Cllr. Hunt mentioned that there have been a couple of incidents in the car park, with some vehicles being damaged (one was written off) and others being broken into with items stolen. Residents and owners of vehicles have tried to find out who is responsible for the CCTV cameras. Residents raised other concerns: sewage problems; faulty lighting; parking on the footpaths in the car park area; damage to block paving by vehicles driving over the area to the side of the 'takeaway'; unit; the CCTV cameras are not connected, although this was mentioned in their agreements. They would like to have a site meeting with the landlord and management committee to discuss these issues;

Lorries in the Village

Cllr. Hunt raised the issue of Lorries over 7.5 tonnes causing damage to verges, cars and property when they mistakenly drive through the village; possibly due to incorrect data given by SatNavs. The Clerk has raised this with KCC Highways, but they insist there is adequate signage advising that Lorries over 7.5 tonne are prohibited on all routes into Iwade, unless access is necessary. It was also suggested that 'No Access to Ridham Dock' signs be placed on strategic routes into the village. Clerk instructed to write to County Cllr. Whiting seeking assistance with this matter.

School Lane Recreation Ground

Sadly Iwade Parish Council had to vacate School Lane Playing Field on 31st December 2012. The Council in the past has leased the field from the landowner, but he has since sold the site to Hillreed Homes; and it now forms part of the 'Land at Coleshall Farm' development.

Approximately two years ago the Parish Council were informed that the land had been sold and they needed to vacate, but this has been delayed by Hillreed permitting its continued use by Villagers on a temporary basis, until

grounds because of the surrounding building work.

Once development is complete (unless the new owners Persimmon amend the current plans) the field will be re-opened, at that time the field and the new pavilion will pass into the ownership of Swale Borough Council as per the Section 106 Agreement.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in the play equipment (the school has expressed an interest) then contact the Parish Clerk Lynda Fisher at

Tinkerbells Early Years

We have had a busy but fun start to the term at Tinkerbell's. The children have taken part in several activities learning all about 'People who help us' and 'Keeping safe'.

Over the next couple of weeks we are looking forward to more fun with lots more activities planned for the Chinese New year celebrations.

We would like to thank all the parents and families that attended our 'Stay and play session', as usual it was a great success and enjoyed by all involved.

Many of the children have also taken part in our regular visits around the village, to the park and bus trips into town, allowing them to gain further knowledge and experiences.

We are also pleased to announce that Tinkerbell's has expanded to Tinkerbell's at the Clocktower, which is situated at the Clocktower hall at Adisham Green in Kemsley. We are therefore looking forward

Churchwarden's

Notes

By Richard Lyndsell

The Christmas period was very busy with the Crib service on the Sunday before Christmas and the two carol services the following day. They were well attended the Church being full on each occasion and a substantial amount raised for the two charities which had been collected for.

Our vicar, Ron Partridge was given an excellent send off as he stood down from regular services the following week. We shall see him again.

As I have previously mentioned, our weekly cycle will change, Stephen Plumb will be leading the all age services at 1045 hours on each of the first four Sundays of the month, I am sure that they will prove to be lively and invigorating. For those of us who prefer a more traditional service, Communion will still be available on 10th and 17th February at 0800 hours.

Looking forward to the warmer evenings!

Richard

Declaration of Application of Licence

Applicant name: Beverley Adams-Reynolds

Premises: 19 Stangate Drive, Iwade, ME9 8UG

Proposed licensable activity: Supply of alcohol at client's homes as party of bespoke High Tea Service. Any day according to booking.

Date of notice commencement: 23rd January 2013

Any objection to this application must be made in writing to: The Licensing Dept, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East St, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

Objections must be received within 28 days of the date of this notice. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable, on summary conviction, to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Dates For The Diary

Sunday 10th February 08:00 Holy Communion, All Saints Church, Iwade
Sunday 10th February 10:00 to 13:00 Iwade Village Market under new management telephone 07990 767893 Breakfast available from 09:00
Wednesday 13th February 19:30 Iwade Parish Council Meeting, Iwade Village Hall
Thursday 14th February 11:15-11.25 Mobile Library at Springvale end of Sheerstone
Friday 15th February 20:00 Patient Participation Group Meeting, Iwade health Centre
Sunday 17th February 08:00 Holy Communion, All Saints Church, Iwade
Wednesday 20th February 19:30 Iwade W.I monthly meeting, Iwade Village Hall
Saturday 23rd February 19:00 Iwade Church Quiz Night, Iwade Village Hall
Thursday 28th February 11:15-11.25 Mobile Library at Springvale end of Sheerstone



Happy New Year from everyone at Sittingbourne Speedway!
Raspberry Hill Lane, Iwade

Cambridge Weight Plan

Comes To Iwade

Iwade residents who sign up before 31st March will get £5 off per week for the first 4 weeks to help you get started - Call Karen Richardson, 01795 229438 or 07729 794078

To keep up to date with what's happening always remember.....

iwadevillage.co.uk

By popular request there will be a Quiz Night at Iwade Village Hall, Saturday 23rd February 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Once again Iwade Church are organising a Quiz suitable for all abilities and those who want to enjoy a fun night out.

Tables are for 6 or 8 persons and £5.00 per ticket per person including a plentiful Ploughmans supper

Please bring your own alcoholic drink as only soft drinks will be available.

All proceeds will help towards the upkeep of our lovely old village Church.

To provisionally book your table please ring Sylvia on 07802419498



Obituary

Maisie Finch 1917-2012 - Maisie Finch, who lived with her daughter Janet in Sanderling Way Iwade for 8 years, died on 21st December 2012 aged 95. If anyone wishes to make a donation to Kent Association for the Blind in Maisie's memory please send to R High & Sons 1 Bayford Road Sittingbourne ME10 3AD. Our thoughts go to Janet and her family

Iwade Boot Camp

The Iwade Boot Camp meet Wednesday evenings at 6.15pm on the green of Stangate Drive. For details, contact Adi on 07540 418

Contacts

All useful contact details are listed at www.iwadevillage.co.uk

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Village Hall Hire - Sue	T - 01795 475967	W - iwadevillagehall.org.uk		

Crime

Kent Police

Emergency	T - 999	W - kent.police.uk		
Non-Emergency	T - 101	@Kent_Police	f Kent Police	
PCSO Aaron Harris	T - 01795 619119	M - 07772 226115	E - aaron.harris@kent.pnn.police.uk	
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Iwade Health Centre	T - 01795 413100	Bodycare	T - 01795 474555	
Budgens	T - 01795 421854	Happy Days Nursery	T - 01795 424348	
Heaven Hair And Beauty	T - 01795 435958	Ickle Pickles Nursery	T - 01795 474551	
Iwade Garage	T - 01795 438988	Iwade Pharmacy	T - 01795 439368	
The Woolpack (and Darts)	T - 01795 472656	Tinkerbells	T - 07592 544285	
Brownies - Debbie Rhodes (School Hall - Monday's 5.45-7pm)			T - 07900 302905	
Rainbows - Sue Thomas	T - 01795 422810	E - susanthomas2609@hotmail.co.uk		
Cubs/Beavers - Kelly Croucher (Village Hall - Monday's 6.15-8.30pm)			T - 07780 975444	
Model Flying Club	T - 07973 938171	Health Walks - Jan	T - 01795 471173	
Iwade Herons Football Club	T - 01795 477821	M - 07597 947226	E - ifcsecretary@hotmail.co.uk	
Iwade Allotment Assoc.	T - 07778 384233	E - philburbury@hotmail.com		
Parent and Toddler (Village Hall - Tuesday's 9-11am)		W.I. - Hilary Foulds	T - 01795 474686	
Scouts (Village Hall - Thursday's 7.15pm)		T - 07854 401734		
Weightwatchers (Iwade School - Tuesday's 5.30 and 7pm)		Youth Club	T - 01795 427354	
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