

News from All Saints Church

A busy pre and post Christmas time!!

Once again All Saints' celebrated Christmas with a host of events for all the community to enjoy and partake in.

We held a well supported Christmas crafts afternoon enjoyed by children and adults alike, that began to get us all in the Christmas mood.

As Christmas drew closer we also hosted Carol services for some of the village organisations, including Scouts and some of the nurseries. It is always lovely to see the church filled with young people eagerly looking forward to Christmas. The church also held its own Christmas Eve Carol Service in which the Iwade Can Sing Choir starred in an event that was enjoyed by all, congregation and choir alike.

Over 40 Christingles were distributed in our Annual Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society and the darkened church was magically lit by the soft glow of candles creating a wonderfully evocative atmosphere.

A new feature of Christmas this year was a Prayer Tree positioned in the side chapel where anybody was welcome to come into the church (as always now open every day during daylight hours), write a prayer remembering a loved one for Christmas and hang it from a Christmas Tree. Well over a hundred prayers were hung from the tree - very poignant!

Christmas Day was of course very special - starting actually at 11pm on Christmas Eve! - with a "Midnight" mass followed at 9:30 in the morning by a Christmas Morning breakfast before we all went home to enjoy Christmas lunches with our families.

You can keep up to date with what's going on at All Saints' by



referring to the noticeboard outside the church, visiting our web site - www.iwadechurch.co.uk - follow us on Facebook or on Twitter @allsaintsiwade

Finally why not come along on Sunday 26th February and try our new Café Church. Normal time - 10:45 - an informal service of hymns and prayer accompanied by a light breakfast (bacon rolls, pastries, teas and coffees), and opportunities for children to join in and play.

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Model Flyers aid Air Ambulance

By Phil Fearn

Medway Model Flying Club raised £2300 for the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust during 2016. The club has been collecting for the trust since 2004 and has already started collecting for 2017.

Pictured. Mr George Wildridge Representing KSSAAT receiving the cheque from Club Chairman Phil Fearn. Picture L to R Club Vice chairman Colin Benham, Mr George Wildridge KSSAAT, Club Chairman Phil Fearn, Club Secretary Ade Hawley (he doesn't dress like that all the time!) and club member Dave Leigh.

The cheque was presented at the club's Christmas meeting on 14th December. Medway Model Flying Club thank everyone who

helped with donations and gifts for raffles including local model shop Weston UK.

Medway Model Flying club started in 1974 and has been flying on land at Orchard Farm, Iwade since the early 80's. We are affiliated to the British Model Flying Association and fly Radio Controlled Fixed Wing models, helicopters and quad-copters (Drones) and have indoor meetings during the winter months at Medway Park, Gillingham.

We currently have a few vacancies for new or experienced flyers. Anyone interested can find details in the clubs section on the Iwade Village website.



1st Iwade Brownies by Kerry Holman



We had a fantastic Brownie Holiday at Cudham in November! It was Christmas themed and we had a great time making decorations for the hall when we first arrived, and had a very late night!

We did lots of fun things including having a go at archery! We made Christmas gifts and treats for our families and loved doing the washing up. We ended our holiday with a lovely Christmas dinner and played lots of games.

We had lovely weather until we were due to walk to the local farm – it was raining so much that instead we stayed in and did lots of other fun things.



As an end of term treat, we went to Soar in Gillingham. We had lots of fun jumping around there! We also played pass the parcel and said goodbye to one of our guiders who is off to run Rainbows.



This term at Brownies we are working on some badges ourselves that we have chosen to do at home. In Brownie meetings we have just started the Brownie Skills badge and will be doing the Dancer badge too which we are looking forward to!



Iwade Village Hall Update

I tend not to make resolutions, but if I did, it would be to get these notes typed up in good time rather than waiting until the last minute as I do every month! Luckily the team at the Observer are patient!

So, 2017 is here and we have a lot planned this year at the hall as it's celebrating being 60 years old (young)! We'll be having a bit of a gathering on Sunday 16th July to celebrate this event and hope you'll all pop down as there'll be lots of free stuff to do plus our regular hirers will have stalls to promote and raise money for their own groups.

Before July though we have a few events to tell you about.

First up is the Food and Craft Fayre on Sunday 12th February between 10-1. If you're new to the village (welcome!), the Fayres are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month and sell artisan gifts, handmade goodies like cakes, pies, cards, sewn gifts, framed art, jewellery plus there is also fruit and veg and refreshments. Each month, a charity is invited to have a stall and February's will be Cats Protection. Two villagers who volunteer for the Swale branch of CP will be running the raffle stall which has a Valentine's theme (of course), so please come down and support them as they run everything on donations alone.

Two weeks later is the Indoor Boot Fair on Sunday 26th February between 10-2. Stalls are just £5 each, so if you need a good clear out after Christmas, please get in touch with Sho on 07724 862744. It's the ideal event as all you need to do is book your stall, then turn up on the morning with your treasures! No standing in a field getting cold or sunburnt, nobody rummaging through your boot for mobile phones and we have clean toilets! Tables and chairs are provided so you don't even need to dig out that old pasting table from the shed! Call Sho today for more details and to book your table.



The Benn Family

Iwade Village Hall Community Events
Iwade Village Hall, Ferry Road, Iwade, nr Sittingbourne. ME9 8RG

**INDOOR
BOOT FAIR**
Sunday 26th February
10am - 2pm

££ Don't throw it, sell it! ££



If you have used goods to sell,
book a table now for just £5



££ Have a post Christmas
clear out! ££

Stalls should be booked in advance by
emailing: bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk
or calling 07724 862744

Onto March and we have our second quiz night scheduled. The first one was a sell out and a great success, so if you want to be a part of this next one, stick Saturday 18th March in your diary, get your team together and book a table. Teams can be up to 6 people, it's £10 per team and, like last time, we invite you to bring your own food and drink to keep the evening a relatively cheap one. Call 07724 862744 or email secretary@iwadevillagehall.co.uk to book your table.

Rewinding back to Christmas, we held the ever popular grotto again which grew in popularity from the first year with tickets selling out within 2 weeks. Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped out before, during or after the event and to all the families who came down to visit Father Christmas. We hope you all had a good time and that the children remember their visit for a long time to come (at least until next Christmas Eve!)

That's all for now, if you need any more info on hiring the hall for a party or get together, please visit - www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk - where you can find all of the details. We're also on Facebook and Twitter so you can keep up to date on events by following us.

Hope to see you down the hall for the Food and Craft Fayre on the 12th!

Tinkerbells Early Years

By Jody Nichols

We would like to start by wishing all our children and families a very happy new year! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas. It's been great hearing all about your festive experiences and of course what Santa has brought you all too. We would also like to welcome our new children this term. We are sure that you will have a great time with us, and we can't wait to get to know you and your families.

December ended the term nicely with our annual carol concert and the Nativity. These were a great success and lots of fun too. It was lovely to see so many of our families there, and we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did! We would like to take this opportunity to say well done to all the children who took part in both. You were all amazing and we are very proud of each and every one of you!

We are already into a very busy and exciting term at Tinkerbells. The children are taking part in many activities related to our topic, 'People who help us' and many of them have been busy making pictures for our display. We have been talking about how to keep safe and the many occupations of the people who help us in and around the community. We are also celebrating Chinese New Year and enjoying sampling many Chinese foods!

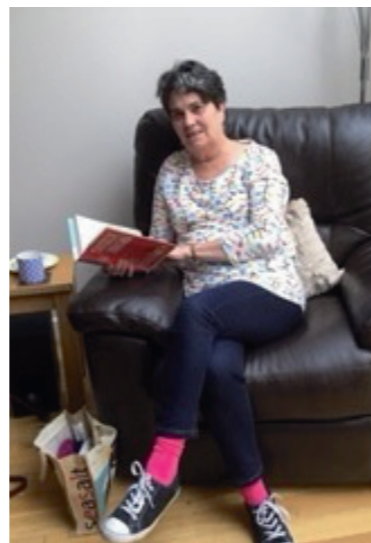
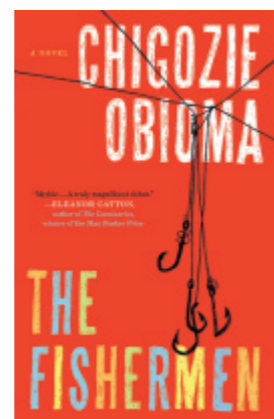
All our sessions at Tinkerbells are currently full until September 2017 at Iwade, however there are a few spaces available at our Clock Tower setting. Therefore, if you are interested in a place or you would like your child to be put on our waiting list, please feel free to call in for a copy of our prospectus or email us at :- enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk for more information.

Iwade Reading Group

By Sylvia Francis

The Reading Group met this morning and amid lively chatter, tea and cakes we discussed this month's book "The Fishermen" by Chigoze Obioma.

The story unfolds around four middle class Nigerian brothers who disobey their parents and fish in a local river. This continues for 6 weeks until a neighbour tells their mother and they are severely punished. However during this time they encounter a weird mad man who is known locally as being able to prophesy. He tells the brothers one will die at the hands of his brother "A Fisherman"!



This starts a tragic chain of events bathed in Mysticism and prophecies.

The story is set during the unrest of the 90s and has a political thread running alongside the storyline. The general feeling was it was slow to start but once you got into the story it was quite absorbing, interesting to read and allowed an insight into a very different culture. One group member found the story a little too disturbing.

The book for next month is "The Ice Twins" by S K Tremayne -- we are meeting next on 14th February at Lianna's - Why not have a read and come along for coffee, cakes and a natter. We'd love to see you there

Look at our Facebook page for more info:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Iwadereading/>



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EDITOR'S NOTE

We would like to wish everybody a belated Happy New Year - hope everybody avoided the lurgy. And do let us know of any omissions or alterations that need to be made to the contacts list.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14th December, 2016

Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors – Two residents attended to raise the issue of the increase in their Management Company’s fees – GEM – and wondered why they had to pay the fees and where the money went. The Chairman advised that Gordon Henderson, M.P. has been looking into Management Companies. Clerk to write to GEM, asking for a breakdown of fees under the Freedom of Information Act. Action: Cler
2. County and Borough Councillors – Non in attendance.
3. Community Warden/PCSO – Non in attendance.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Linkway and outside School Parking Issues – Disappointingly still no news on the request for yellow lines on the corners of Linkway; Clerk to chase yet again! Action: Clerk
The KCC Highways Officer was seen measuring outside the School this week; hopefully it means the zig zag lines will eventually arrive.
2. Junction top of School Lane – The Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk met with a KCC Highways Officer to look at the junction. County won’t make any changes apart from cutting more vegetation back to allow a better sight line of traffic coming down from the Matthew Homes Estate.
3. School Lane Recreation Ground and Pavilion – The Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk attended a meeting with a Solicitor to look at the Head of Terms for the possible Lease with Swale Borough Council. As a result of this meeting, and looking at the financial implications and the legalities of the Parish Council leasing the Pavilion and grounds, Members agreed not to go ahead with this but instead to recommend to the Iwade Herons that they take on both. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Herons and Swale Borough Council to discuss the way to take this forward. Action: Clerk

Planning – No applications.

Correspondence

1. Parish Councillor Vacancy – Councillor James Rook has resigned; Clerk to advertise this vacancy after the Christmas period. Action: Clerk
2. NALC Dependant Carers' Survey – Noted.
3. Consultation on Local Validation Checklist for planning applications (November 2016) – Noted.
4. KCC Volunteer Support Warden Scheme – Clerk to seek existing Warden’s views. Action: Clerk

Finance

1. Grass Cutting Contract 2016/17 – Still awaiting clarification of exact costs; Clerk to keep on the Agenda. Action: Clerk
2. Lamp Column Poppies – Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Langham, agreed the S.137 donation of £120 to the Royal British Legion for the 30 Lamp Column Poppies.
3. Iwade Observer – Owing to the rising cost of producing the magazine due to the increase in properties in Iwade, Clerk to seek the views of the Observer Team on a possible electronic version for websites and having paper copies placed in strategic places throughout the village. Action: Clerk
4. KALC Communications and Media Conference January 2017 – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Plumb; Agreed Clerk and Cllr. Langham to attend at a cost of £72 each: Clerk’s other two Parish Councils to reimburse one third of the fee each. Action: Cllr. Langham/Clerk
5. Extra Planter – Agreed Clerk to obtain a quote for an extra planter (which The Mews Brewhouse would like to sponsor) on the corner of School Lane. Action: Clerk
6. Quotation for Village Entrance Gates – Clerk to go back to Tenderers and request they resubmit quotations for tantalised wood (10-year rot guarantee) in a natural stain finish. Action: Clerk
7. Donation EMU (for assisting with Xmas Tree Lighting Ceremony) – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Horner; agreed the S.137 donation of £100. Action: Clerk
8. Hire of Signs – waiting for costs/invoice. Action: Clerk
9. Porchlight Homeless Charity – Proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr. Plumb agreed the S.137 donation of £50. Action: Clerk

10. Kent Community Rail Partnership - SwaleRail Line – Noted.

Project Updates

1. Twinning with Mannheim – this was discussed at the recent opening of the German Biomass Converter Plant at Ridham; the CEO is going to have a word with the relevant authorities to see if twinning with Iwade will work. If an update is received the Chair will bring this back to the next meeting. Action: Cllr. Gale/Clerk

Reports from Representatives

The Barn – the new toilet has arrived!

Hall – Future events – a couple of race nights; quizzes, the Christmas Grotto on the 24th December; 60th Anniversary of the Hall event in the summer involving BBQ in the garden and stalls.

KALC – Nothing to report.

Any Other Matters Arising

Not very happy with the village Christmas Tree this year; perhaps next year could look to stringing lights on lamp columns from ‘Telly Tubby Hill’ to Ferry Road (near Sanderling).

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 8th February at 7:30 pm in Iwade Village Hall

Meadowcroft Residents Association

By Jess McMahon

A number of you will be aware that the Meadowcroft Residents Association, assisted by the MP’s office and Cllr James Hunt, has been working to remove FirstPort from the development, which covers Sanderling Way, Mallard Crescent and Dunlin Walk.

Following discussions with Ward Homes and their legal team they have told us that the only way to legally remove FirstPort from the development is by the leaseholders of the apartments setting up a Right to Manage (RTM) company (one per block) to take control, remove FirstPort with the petition, which has been completed and appoint a new management company to collect payments, which at this time is likely to be GEM Estate Management. The RTM company would have control over which contractors are used to carry out any work on the development.

It has been suggested one RTM company would cover

Sanderling Way (apartments and houses) and one would cover Mallard Crescent (apartments and houses). Dunlin Walk could join either company but most likely the latter.

In the first instance, a minimum of three leaseholders, not tenants, from each block of apartments would need to agree to become directors. The freeholders would be entitled to become members of the company. If you are a leaseholder of an apartment and would be interested in becoming a director please contact Jess McMahon on 01795 423199 or by email on jess.mcmahon@parliament.uk for further information.

It is worth pointing out that appointing a new management company would not only reduce the annual management fee, but the reserve fund, which currently stands at approximately £33,000, would need to be transferred and could be used to cover future maintenance costs.

It is hoped the leaseholders will be keen to help the Meadowcroft Residents Association and work together to take the project forward as soon as possible.

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