



## Casa Event Hire

Casa Event Hire is a new company opened in Iwade by 2 childhood bestfriends Sapphire and Kayleigh. We're both working mums and love entertaining our friends and family, as well as home design, so we've combined our 2 loves to bring you and your loved ones an outdoor living space to enjoy during these difficult times.

We offer several different hire packages inside our metal framed igloo for your garden celebration or event, from movie nights, to nights under the stars, and gaming pods.

Our Hire period is from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning for our introductory offer of £250 until the end of June. Week-night hire is available upon request.

Coming soon is our outdoor cinema experience with our new inflatable screen.

Please look us up on Facebook and Instagram @casaeventhire.

Any enquiries please contact [casaeventhire@gmail.com](mailto:casaeventhire@gmail.com)



# The Iwade Observer

June 2021

## Village Fete Fundraiser - August 14th @The Barn From Rebecca Crane

I am a local Iwade resident that is looking to raise funds for Pilgrims Hospice.

I want to raise as much as possible through a head shave event, I will donate my hair (that is nearly to my waist) to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children undergoing cancer treatment.

I am hoping to approach local businesses for donations to also run a raffle. Lots of planning still to do but the head shave will definitely be on August 14th at The Barn and we will run the raffle at the same time. I am also organising a small village fete on that day so local businesses can have stalls and have a few stalls confirmed already.

I have quite a few businesses involved too that have donated prizes for a raffle All the proceeds will go to the Pilgrims Hospice. It would be great to give those businesses the recognition for their help. Barritos are my sponsor and are offering 10% of their takings to the Hospice in the week leading up to the event.

The Pilgrims Hospice is a charity very close to my heart, they cared for my mum when she was terminally ill with cancer. They also provided me with support and counselling after her passing. As you are probably aware, hospices are charities and receive no government funding.

This is the link to my just giving page also, <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beckiesbuzzcut>

We have quite a lot of interest and stalls already, it's gaining momentum, so make a note of the date and if you want to donate or get involved contact me by email at: [beckielou8@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beckielou8@hotmail.co.uk)  
Thank you

IWADE VILLAGE FETE & CHARITY FUND RAISER

14TH AUGUST 2021  
11AM-3PM

at The Barn, Iwade, ME9 8FP

Food Stalls  
Drink  
Crafts Dance demonstrations  
Fun  
Tombola Games  
Raffle

COME AND SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE PILGRIMS HOSPICE

Fun for all

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**All Saints Church Iwade**

**CARE FOR CREATION DAY - 12TH JUNE 2021**  
From 10am till 3pm

Come and help us survey the wildlife of the churchyard

We would like to invite all budding botanists, little and big to the churchyard on the 12th June to see what insects, bugs, flowers etc. that we have in our churchyard. Forms will be provided for you to record and refreshments will be on sale.

*Covid guidelines will be adhered to at all times.*

## Bentley Braves the Shave!

*From Sapphire Bennett*

Last year at the beginning of the pandemic Bentley, then aged 7, asked to grow his hair long on top to look like his dad. As the months went on and the barber shops remained closed his hair was growing very long. In December he asked if he could finally have it cut, we measured it and was so surprised at how long it had got at 12inches!



We thought it would be a lovely idea not just to waste the hair but instead to donate to the Little Princess Trust.

We further researched and found out he needed a minimum of 8 inches so he was good to go when the Barbers shops closed again! The Little Princess Trust started a "Let-it-Grow" campaign, where they donated Bentley a T-SHIRT and fundraising pack. So, whilst we waited a further long 4 months for barbers shops to reopen Bentley continued to grow his hair and raise money towards his Brave the Shave.

Finally on 25th April and with the help from the guys at Iwade Village Barbers Bentley had 16inches of hair cut off, and then a number 2 all over. He raised £347 towards the costs of making a wig in addition to Braving the Shave. He's now got used to having short hair again but the first day he said he was very chilly.

## Tinkerbells - Lambs, ducks, geese and guinea fowl takeover!

*From Donna Barker*

We have had a busy term at Tinkerbells, our topic for the term has been animals, and the children have taken part in many activities relating to the topic. We were extremely lucky to have a visit from some baby lambs, ducks, geese and guinea fowl thanks to one of our families who offered to bring them in. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were full of questions, sharing their experiences when they got home.



It is hard to believe that Term 6 is upon us already and we begin our final term of the academic year! Our final topic is 'Healthy Living' where we will explore how to keep ourselves healthy and fit.

As the term progresses we will be preparing our older children for that all important transition to school, this is a very exciting time in their journey and we will be celebrating it in many ways with them. We are keeping everything crossed that restrictions will be lifted so we can go ahead with our plans.

Our availability is very limited at both Tinkerbells from September 2021 therefore if you are interested in a place for your child please call for a copy of our information pack alternatively you can contact us at [enquiries@tinkerbellspschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspschool.co.uk)



## Speedway Lockdown Update

*From Paul Heller*

As the country starts opening up again and things get back to some sort of normality Sittingbourne Speedway have held a few

behind closed doors practice sessions with strictly limited numbers, no spectators, and run in accordance with strict Covid regulations. Amongst the guest riders taking part in these sessions have been grass track legend Paul Hurry and former British Speedway Champion Danny King, however we do like to include a space in

ranging from 4 years old up to 15 years old using our mini track under close supervision and away from the older riders using the main track. The adjacent photos show the group and a couple of youngsters in action.

As one of speedways most long-standing training venues encouraging and training youth riders is seen as one of the track's most important tasks not only does it benefit the Club, but we also recognise that the youth of today could well turn out to be the stars of tomorrow.

We warmly welcome any aspiring youngsters willing to have a go, they must have their own bike and riding kit and prior booking for the sessions is essential as numbers are strictly limited. Please refer to Iwade Speedway Club Facebook page, or send an email to: [theoldgunsite@gmail.com](mailto:theoldgunsite@gmail.com).

We have an enthusiastic bunch of youngsters with ages



## Curiosity Approach at Happy Days

*From Pashie (Deputy Manager)*

We all know children are instinctively curious, and being curious is an important part of learning. At Happy Days Nursery we are using the Curiosity Approach to encourage children's learning through play. The Curiosity Approach, an Early Years pedagogy, encourages children's curiosity, awe, and wonder. With a variety of natural, real and open-ended resources, within attractive play spaces, children are given the opportunity to discover, investigate and become thinkers and doers.



Premeditated toys and activities such as electrical toys, colouring sheets and action figures are fun, but these have a limited play experience. Whereas, natural and open-ended resources can give endless possibilities for play; for example, a stick can become a wand, a guitar, a spoon, a fishing rod ... or anything else that a child's imagination can conjure. By introducing the Curiosity Approach here at Happy Days, we are reinforcing our commitment to supporting children's development, ensuring learning remains a happy and joyful experience with play at its heart.

If you are interested in a place for your child in September or beyond please contact the office on 01795 424348 or use the contact form on our website [www.happydaysuk.co.uk](http://www.happydaysuk.co.uk).





## HELP NEEDED!

**Iwade@TheBarn Trust require a secretary.**

This is a voluntary role where you will be responsible for acting as the charity's Secretary and providing support to the trustees.

A wide range of duties including managing administration related to trustee meetings including agenda setting, paper organisation and minutes, etc.

If you would like to come and join us, and assist in the running of the Barn, or would like further information please email [trustees@iwadebarn.org.uk](mailto:trustees@iwadebarn.org.uk) or send us a message via our Facebook page.

## All Saints' Church Iwade

The Six Benefice, to which All Saints' belongs, is slowly starting to open up for Sunday Worship. You will find dates and times of services at [www.thesix.org.uk](http://www.thesix.org.uk) alternatively if you do not want to go to a physical service you will find us on YouTube every week, just follow the link on the above website.

We are however open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am till 4pm for quiet reflection. The church building is a place of hope and light, a place where one can just sit and be still or where a candle can be lit and a prayer said.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. My email address is [chutson@sky.com](mailto:chutson@sky.com)

**From the first Wednesday in June there will be someone in church on Wednesdays 10am till 12-midday, Covid-19 permitting.**

**PLEASE NOTE the amended times – the times quoted in May's Observer were incorrect.**

## Walking with God

One of the activities that I have found a real blessing over the past several strange months of life has been going out for a walk. I have been able to walk from my house almost daily and have discovered so many local footpaths that I was not previously aware of. I know many of you will have done the same. I give thanks every day that I can go for a walk. And I don't know about you but for me walking out during lockdown gave a sense of purpose and structure. It offered a sense of escape. It made such a difference. Walking became a time of refreshment and re-energising – physically, psychologically and spiritually.

One of the pleasures of walking is being able to notice the seasons changing and to observe nature in all its glory. I became much more aware of the need to slow down and to take time – time to look around and really see what is there – and time to listen. As I write this at the beginning of May I am particularly aware of all the different shades of green in the trees as the leaves start to unfurl and all the various colours and scents of the fruit blossoms. I am also aware that the birds are continuously singing – and that I have heard a cuckoo. Walking has taught me how beneficial these things are – and how much of our wonderful world we miss when we are rushing through life.

I have also found that walking gives me time to reflect. Sometimes this is simply on what I see around me but there have also been moments when walking has offered me space to wrestle with various thoughts and to sift through various emotions. Often these thoughts and feelings have been the ones that feel weighty and problematic – but walking has offered the opportunity to look at them differently and to put things into a new perspective.

And I also pray as I walk, offering to God my praise and thanks for the created world and sharing with him my reflections on life. I have become so much more aware that he walks with me as my companion – drawing my attention to aspects of the world around me, and listening as I share with him my thoughts and feelings and my concerns.

And this is my prayer for you – that you can enjoy walking and that you may discover God walking with you – always close and always ready to listen.

With every blessing,  
*Lis Willmet, Lay Reader*

## Dog Fouling

Dog Faeces are something that many often come across when out for walks, it seems to be on the increase in Iwade and not only is it unpleasant but it is also a health hazard.

Toxocariasis is an infection transmitted from animals to humans caused by the parasitic roundworms commonly found in the intestine of dogs. Who is at risk for toxocariasis? Anyone can become infected with Toxocara. Young children have a higher chance of becoming infected and worryingly this infection can cause blindness.

Swale Borough Council's Dog Warden attended a recent Parish Council meeting to try and help with this escalating problem. He gave the following advice to fight this anti-social behaviour of a few owners who do not clear up after their dog:

1. Report any incidents you see of Dog fouling direct to him - 01795 417298- he will take the matter up. Photographs help or the identity of the dog owner is also useful.

2. Many residents in Iwade have 'Ring' doorbells and CCTV- recordings of dog fouling can be sent direct to him - [TimOxley@swale.gov.uk](mailto:TimOxley@swale.gov.uk) – for follow up. It can also be reported via Swale Council's website - <https://swale.gov.uk/bins-littering-and-the-environment/littering/report-dog-fouling>

3. A Dog Owner will receive a fine if their dog fouls and they don't clear it up immediately. The Public Spaces Protection Order - Dogs on Lead and Dog Exclusions 2020 enforces this.

4. This Public Spaces Protection Order applies to any land which Swale Borough Council is responsible for including:

- land which is open to the air in any way
- land which the public can have access to with or without paying
- public footpaths
- grass areas beside a public pathway

**Dog owners will receive a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £100 if your dog fouls and you don't pick it up immediately.**



## From Mike Whiting to the residents of Iwade,

I would like to say thank you for allowing me the privilege of representing you for the past four years at Kent County Council. It has been a real pleasure. Now, following May's elections we have moved into a new chapter.

Iwade is a fantastic community, served very well by its excellent Parish Council, which I have been pleased to have worked closely with during my time as your County Councillor. You have great parish councillors, who give their time freely for the community. I wish them well in the future and urge everyone to engage with the Parish in its work on behalf of the community.

With my best wishes,

*Mike Whiting*

## Volunteers needed for Iwade Toddler Group!

*From Louise Wade*

With restrictions being eased I think we're all looking forward to getting a bit of normality back! The Village Hall has told us that, as with other groups, we won't be able to restart until after 21st June (assuming restrictions are lifted then). This would then only give us 4 weeks until we stop for the summer holidays. From September all us volunteers will have children in school.

Therefore, if Toddler Group is to continue we will need a new group of volunteers to take it on. If you are interested, or have any questions then please contact me (we have a Facebook page called Iwade Parent & Toddler Group, or email me at [louiseiwade@gmail.com](mailto:louiseiwade@gmail.com)).

It would be a shame for it to close as it's been running for so long!

## Rainbows

*From Sue Thomas*

Rainbows is reopening w.e.f. 10th May.

Rainbows is for girls aged 5 and 6. For more information please contact Sue Thomas on 01795 422810 or [susanthomas2609@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susanthomas2609@hotmail.co.uk).

We meet in the village hall on Mondays. Alternatively go to [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) and select register my daughter.

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

#### Wednesday 14 Apr 2021 - MEETING HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

##### Visitors/Public Time

**Visitors** – A resident attended to raise his concerns about parking in The Street. A van parks three times a week on the pavement opposite The Mews Brewhouse; cars are parked on the pavement to the front of Numbers 1 and 3 and a motorbike is parked on the pavement opposite The Woolpack, all health and safety issues for pedestrians.

**County and Borough Councillors** - Cllr. Whiting reported that various authorities are still working on the issues at Raspberry Hill Farm. He was pleased that a joint meeting had been arranged with Bobbing and Iwade Parish Councils and a KCC Officer to discuss Highway Improvement Plans.

**Community Warden** – Community Warden – Written report – Having a meeting next week about youth issues/youth provision with Kent Police/chasing up camera. Spoke to residents about complaints about anti-social behaviour. Visited vulnerable residents in the area.

**PCSO** – Written report - Crimes of note: No relevant crimes of note, other than public order issues resulting from neighbour disputes. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Four youths were seen using a catapult to shoot stones at birds in Woodpecker Park; were warned off by a member of the public. Two youths were seen throwing stuff at a fence near the pub; were challenged by a member of the public, who received verbal abuse. Youths are gathering in the village square, causing various issues once again. A few reports have been made to

police and patrols have attended where possible. Still waiting for the council CCTV camera to be placed nearby, which may have some effect on these incidents. Made aware of issues in the park with youths trying to make a fire.

##### Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Dog Fouling** – Tim Oxley, Swale Borough Council's Dog Warden attended to discuss the issue of dog fouling. He has been in this post for fifteen years and admitted he has never been able to solve this problem. Swale cannot install covert CCTV cameras, but because many residents now have CCTV or 'Ring' doorbell systems, these can be used to catch those who do not clear up after their Dogs – videos can be sent to him and his department will follow this up. Another tool to consider using is 'Facebook', perhaps an 'anti dog fouling' campaign. Those wishing to report dog fouling can do so by telephoning 01795 417850, or on-line - <https://swale.gov.uk/bins-littering-and-the-environment/littering/report-dog-fouling>, the more evidence put forward the better, e.g. times of day, descriptions, etc. Councillors agreed to bring this back to the May meeting and to forward ideas as to how to combat this health hazard to the Clerk.

##### Action: All Councillors

**20 MPH Zones** – a meeting has been arranged on the 21 April with the Officer dealing with Highway Improvement Plans, hopefully this will be covered. Agreed to approach Borough Cllr. Hunt to see how The Meads 20 m.p.h. zone was funded. Bring back to the May meeting.

##### Action: Clerk

**Flooding rear gardens new properties in a close off Peach Blossom Drive** – Cllr. B Whiting met with the Farmer and it was agreed that water was coming from the field, down an 8" pipe, into a gully and then into the rear gardens. The Farmer had been informed by the developer that a pipe was being installed to take this water down to an outfall into the stream, but it appears the work has not been done. The Clerk has received a copy of the drainage

scheme from Swale Borough Council, but a pipe is not shown in the required location. Cllr. Hyde commented that Swale Borough Council should have checked on this as the Parish Council has frequently raised concerns of flooding when considering Planning Applications. Agreed that the Parish Council cannot go further with this matter, which now needs to be taken up with the developer by the homeowners.

##### Planning

**21/500701/FULL:** Erection of single storey side and rear extension: 23 School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8RS: no comments.

**21/501114/FULL:** 30 Helen Thompson Close Iwade Kent ME9 8DW: Erection of first floor side extension over existing garage to create new bedroom with ensuite – agreed to object on the grounds that this will affect the adjacent property, will block daylight to the side of their house, in particular their ensuite bathroom.

**21/501264/FULL:** Erection of a two-storey side extension: 9 Mansfield Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8TW: no comments.

**21/501343/FULL:** Erection of a single storey rear extension: 1 Holly Blue Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8WN: no comments.

**21/501712/FULL:** Single storey front extension to create a larger garage and an annexe incidental to the use of the main dwelling together with additional off-road parking: 27 The Street Iwade Kent ME9 8SH: no comments.

##### Correspondence

**The Local Plan Review 2021 (Reg 19) - Start date: 08/02/21 09:00 End date: 23/03/21 17:00** – Agreed to respond that the Parish Council has concerns regarding infrastructure, it cannot cope with existing housing, yet alone that proposed by the Plan. To stress that infrastructure needs to be in place before any new building is commenced, not afterwards. Furthermore, to

support the development that is already in the existing Plan and anything in the new Plan, the Council would ask the Inspector to consider the requirements along the A249 corridor in his/her assessment in the Public Inquiry.

**Parking on The Street** - See Item 4.1 above. It was agreed Cllr. Dollimore draw up a letter, giving three options for double yellow lines and this to be circulated to residents in The Street. Clerk to ask PCSO to speak to residents in Numbers 1 and 3 The Street regarding parking on pavement.  
**Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk**

##### Projects – Updates on Current and New

**Future Trees, Woodpecker Park** – Cllr. Hyde spoke of the damage to the stakes securing the new memorial trees, this took place at 3.15 a.m. on Tuesday morning and was reported to the Police. The Handyman has been instructed to replace the 9 stakes. On a brighter note, Swale Borough Council is agreeable to memorial trees being planted either side of the footpath leading from The Cairn up to the bottom of School Lane, they have also agreed to memorial plaques. This project will start in 2022/23 and residents will be invited to buy a tree and plaque to commemorate their love ones.

##### Reports from Representatives

**Hall** – Cllr. Langham reported the Village Hall will be open for the May Elections. It will officially open for the Youth groups – Brownies, Scouts, etc., from the 21 April (subject to satisfactory risk assessments being completed) and for all other users from the 21 June.

##### Policies

Councillors read and approved the following updated policies (Items 12.1 to 12.13):

- 1 Complaints
- 2 Criteria for Awarding Grants
- 3 Document Retention and Disposal
- 4 Equalities
- 5 Grievance
- 6 Operating Framework
- 7 Recording Social Media at Meetings
- 8 Safeguarding
- 9 Social Media a Guide for Parish Councillors
- 10 Social Media Policy
- 11 Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement
- 12 Training Statement
- 13 Unreasonably Persistent and Vexatious

##### Any Other Matters Arising

Cllr. Whiting advised that the Community Speed Watch Group now has six members and will be training on Wednesday.

Ed's Note – for space reasons these minutes are abbreviated – you can find full minutes of all meetings at : [www.iwade-pc.gov.uk](http://www.iwade-pc.gov.uk)

## Community Speedwatch

### Concerned about speeding through the village?

A new Community Speedwatch has started operating in Iwade and are looking for volunteers to join the team.

Training will be provided and you will be helping to make our village a better place in which to live.

For further information contact Cllr Ray Langham at [r.c.langhamipc@gmail.com](mailto:r.c.langhamipc@gmail.com)

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF VACANCIES

NOTICE is hereby given that during the Covid-19 Lockdowns four vacancies have occurred in the membership of the above Parish Council.

Under the Local Government Act 1972, ten electors can petition for an election by writing to the Proper Officer at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT within 14 working days of the date of this Notice.

If no petition is received within that time period, the Parish Council will fill the vacancies by co-opting persons onto the parish council.

Persons wishing to be considered for these appointments should apply in writing to the Clerk to the Parish Council as soon as possible but no later than: -

**19 July 2021**

Written applications should be made to the Clerk at the following address: -

[Clerk@iwade-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@iwade-pc.gov.uk)