

Penguins, ploughing and pints Winter Walking Iwade Health Walks

By James Apps

Thursday 26th January and minus 2 degrees at 10.00; still no change at 10.45 when the group started off to walk through the village and on up to the Farm shop, and on to the Dancing Dog; it was still around minus 2 degrees. The route takes us across the road from the Pub through the orchards and across the fields to the top of School Lane with the option in good weather of walking the paths across the fields.

This day the ground was solid – frozen – so we had to let the optional footpaths go (eek!) and tramp along in the cold. Two weeks before that day on the first walk in January it was cold and frosty but beautifully clear. This walk was one we had not expected to do, and that was from the village to join up with and follow the Saxon Shore Way in part down to “Bedlam’s Bottom” and the wonderful display of wild and migrating birds.

It was still damn cold!

This time of the year we expect muddy footpaths outside the village, rain, cold weather and wind but

the minus two degrees takes at least two kilometres of walking to warm up. However, as a walk leader I am amazed at how many people take part and how much they seem to be enjoying the experience.

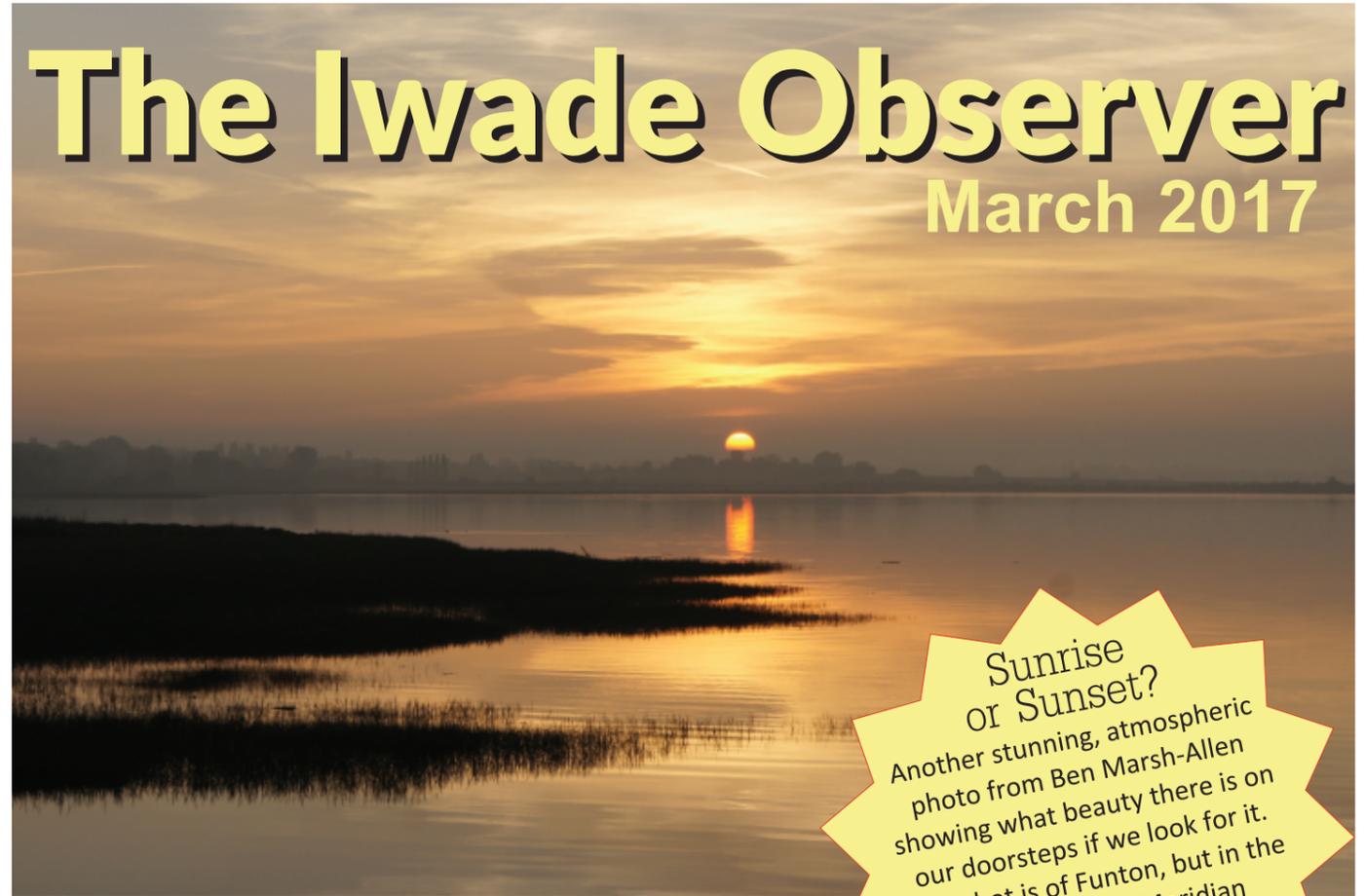
Mind you, the first February walk was a shortish one around the village in the anticipation of predicted precipitation. There was also a cold wind but we huddled together like penguins and managed to enjoy the excursion.

There is always something different to see; we may see a heron or two, an egret, little song birds, and the fields change with the seasons as they are ploughed, harrowed, planted, and harvested; the trees start to show buds as Winter moves into Spring. Sometimes after heavy rain it is exciting to see how close the stream comes to flooding us all out.

Why do we do it?
Well, the pub opens at midday.
But I think we do it because it keeps us healthy.

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Sunrise or Sunset?
Another stunning, atmospheric photo from Ben Marsh-Allen showing what beauty there is on our doorsteps if we look for it. This shot is of Funton, but in the manner of The Meridian News/weather Forecast “Is it a sunrise or a sunset?”

Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre

Iwade Village Hall
Ferry Road, Iwade, ME9 8RG
Next fayre on 12th March 2017
10.00am to 1.00pm

There will be a wide variety of stalls selling lots of lovely handmade goods including:-
Cards, glass, woodwork, knitted and crocheted items, fabric crafts, personalised frames, candles and wax melts, homemade cakes, pies, preserves, coffees, fruit and veg and many many more

New stalls always welcome
Contact Geri on 07588401553
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Café All Saints

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY
MARCH DATES BELOW
FROM 1PM - 3PM

All Welcome!
Young and Old
meet friends old and new and enjoy a cuppa and a bun!

Lots of toys and books, etc. for children – lots of seating for tired legs!

Come and see our new 'lounge'

Every 2nd Wednesday
1.00 'til 3.00
March 8th & 22nd
April 5th & 19th



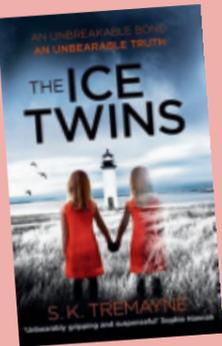
Café All Saints continues to run every other Wednesday, from 1pm to 3pm, in the Church. For March the dates are March 8th and March 22nd - see separate poster. We now have a carpeted and comfortable 'lounge' area in the church which makes the café so much more cosy. There's no charge so why not come along for a slice of homemade cake and a brew. A chance to meet old friends and to make new ones. Children very welcome; we have lots of toys and books!

Easter Saturday - April 15th - "save the date"

We will be holding a family orientated event involving chocolate on this day! - full details to follow in next month's Observer, but in the meantime save the date - we hope it will be a fun family time.

IWADE READING GROUP

By Lianna Colburn



Our book for February was *The Ice Twins* by S K Tremayne. It purports to be a gripping thriller telling the story of 2 identical twins. One who sadly dies in an accident ... or was it? The family move to a remote island in Scotland, descriptions of which were clever, thoughtful, and atmospheric. The remaining little girl goes on to take the identity of the dead girl. The story line takes many twists and turns, some of

which we didn't find credible. The group all commented on the darkness of the story, each of us found something to criticize, be it bad editing, or a bit clumsy in places, some of us questioned the reality of parents believing a young child, and their reasoning for some of the odd decisions they made, however, we ALL found the book compelling and a must read to the end where an unexpected twist leads to a 'happy ending' ... or was it?

The book is one that was chosen outside our normal range, and we all agreed it was great to go outside our comfort zone!

During Easter week we will again be placing a large wooden cross in the Churchyard adjacent to the porch. We invite all villagers to come and place a daffodil on it in memory of a loved one. We tried this for the first time last Easter and it proved a popular and beautiful way of thinking of and remembering loved ones in a thoughtful and evocative way. We placed a 'Prayer Tree' in the church for Christmas which provided a comfort to many people and are hoping that the Easter Cross will also serve the same purpose. Once again full details in next month's Observer. The photo shows last years cross at the beginning of Easter Week.

Café Church - by the time you read this we will have held our very first Café Church! What's Café Church? It basically does what it says on the tin! We set up like a café and have a free continental style breakfast available for people to help themselves to (with maybe a good old fashioned bacon butty also!). This starts at our normal Sunday service time of 10:45 am. You are able to sit back and join in with what's going on, while eating some breakfast. What's not to like !?!? There will be some discussion elements to get you thinking, and of course a bit of singing! Café Church is designed to be fun and interactive so why not give it a try - look out for details of the next Café Church in The Observer for April.



Next meeting is at Hillary's, March 14, 10.30, when we will review *The Miniaturist* by Jesse Burton. It is a book based in Amsterdam in the 1700's; we all expect a good read!

Can't make the meetings? Why not join us on Facebook and let us know what you think about the books we are reading. Sadly no cakes on Facebook though! Search for Iwade Reading and Book Group.



Tinkerbells Early Years - Mini Beasts??

By Jody Nichols

We have had a really busy and exciting term at Tinkerbells. The new children have settled in well and it's been great getting to know them and their families.

Term Three was very busy as the children enjoyed learning about and celebrating Chinese new year. They made lucky envelopes and sampled many Chinese foods!

They also took part in many activities related to our topic, 'People who help us' and many of them made 'mini me' versions of those people for all to see as they have been displayed around the hall.

The children learnt so much from this topic as we have



been talking about how to keep safe and learning about the many occupations of the people who help us in and around the community. We were very fortunate to have a visit from local Fire Fighters in their fire engine, and a nurse too. The children were very excited to meet them and

learn all about what they do! They especially enjoyed getting in the fire engine and squirting the hose! We would really like to thank those who came to visit us. It really does teach our children lots, and it's very exciting indeed!

This term, our topic is 'mini beasts.' The children are looking forward to learning all about the many little creatures that live in the world around us and are already busy taking part in the many activities we have planned.



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.

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Iwade Village Hall March 2017

With winter hopefully behind us, we are in full stage planning mode for events at the hall. During February, we welcomed the Food and Craft Fayre back again and it was lovely to see so many people come down to support the stallholders. If you missed it in February, it'll be back on the second Sunday of each month through to November when we end the year with a grand Christmas Craft Fayre. Each month, a stall is offered to a local charity with this month being Demelza House. The stall will be run by June who devotes many an hour to Demelza, so please pop down and see if there's something that takes your fancy. If you're interested in the food and craft side of the Fayre, you won't be disappointed; we have fruit and veg, sewn and knitted crafts, greetings cards, framed gifts, candle melts, key rings, bagged coffee and high end snacks, pies, pastries and cakes – all homemade! Along with that, we have fabulous refreshments at great prices. Stick the 12th March in your diary and come along between 10am-1pm.

By now we would have held the first indoor boot fair of the year and don't worry if you didn't manage to bag a stall this time, we have another on Sunday 23rd April. Clear out that clutter, find those treasures and earn some money! Get in quick to book your table as they sold out really fast for February. Email bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk for more details and to book your spot.

This month - March - on the 18th, we have another quiz night that proved very popular last year and I'm really looking forward to this one (although still need to write the questions!). Rynn from the Observer team will be our compere again with the village hall team marking the sheets and writing up the scores. Tables are £10 each and your team can be up to 6 people (including secondary school aged children). It's bring your own food and drink again so a nice cheap

evening with some fun questions and a small prize for the winning team. We already have 9 tables booked, so if you're interested in joining us, please do get in touch quickly. You can email secretary@iwadevillagehall.co.uk or call 07724 862744 for more info and bookings.

If you need a venue for a children's party, or just a family get together, don't forget that the hall can be hired for private functions during weekends and school holidays. Have a look at our website www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk/hiring for more information, or follow us on Twitter and Facebook by searching for Iwade Village Hall.

Thanks for reading and I hope to see some of you at the quiz night – start studying or bribing me now!



QUIZ NIGHT

Iwade Village Hall, Ferry Road, Iwade. ME9 8RG

Another fun quiz evening!
Our last one sold out so please don't delay in booking your table

Saturday 18th March
7:30pm

Tables are £10 with teams of up to 6 people
Secondary school aged children are welcome but need to be part of your team

You are welcome to bring your own food and drink

For more information, or to book a table, please email
secretary@iwadevillagehall.co.uk
or call 07724 862744

EDITOR'S NOTE

Another great photo from Ben again this month - thanks Ben. Why not use The Observer to showcase something you're really proud of. Photo, poem, short story (wouldn't it be great to have a short story serialised over 3 or 4 issues!), society and club reports and village news - we love them all so please keep them coming. We've managed to fit in the Contacts Page again this month. There have been a couple of revisions, but do please let us know if we've got something wrong, OR if there any omissions. Finally, with Stephen Plumb laid low last month and having to bring on a late sub (!!) we've seen what a great job he's doing managing our team of distributors - so a great big thank you to Stephen and all those people who brave the elements to get the Observer to you each month.



IWADE HERONS

By Keith Reynolds

It's been a cold and frosty start to this half of the season post-Christmas; some great results from all of our teams being reported, congratulations to all involved, Players, Management and Parents, in making the Herons a great village football club, one that we can all be very proud of. A few of the January fixtures were postponed due to the very cold start the year saw, these will be re arranged and your managers for teams will communicate these rearranged fixture dates to you all in due course.

The Under 5s are making fantastic progress and are showing early signs of becoming another great squad to follow in the footsteps of many great Herons Teams.

Great Easthall is proving to be a great temporary home for us with the pitches being in great

condition and well looked after. We can't wait to get into our full time home at School Lane in the very near future.

The Herons' end of season annual presentation this year is to be on the 1st July, watch the Official Herons Facebook Page for further details. Save the date!!

Signing on for the new season will be on 2nd July, again details to be released for this event nearer the time.

Thanks again goes to all involved in the club and special thanks goes to our sponsors all of which can be found on our FB Page. Without you all the club wouldn't be able to provide such great facilities and equipment for all of our teams.

The Herons are due to launch their brand new website very soon so keep an eye out for this announcement also on the FB page
www.iwadeheronsfc.com

Iwade Youth Group

Driver for activity bus urgently needed

This project has been a year or more in the making, but we are getting closer and closer to finally getting off the ground! We have been beset with problems regarding venue and staffing, and after our Taster Day last year we had hoped to have been up and running by now.

We are, however, getting ever closer to being able to go live now - we have staffing, although we still seek a venue on which to park the bus! We also need another piece of the jigsaw to fall into place now - we need a driver for the bus! Also if you would like to help in a volunteer role, please let us know.

We have been able to secure the weekly use of a fully equipped double decker youth bus as a solution to our venue problem. The bus comes with lounge areas, play area, mixing desk, etc so should prove a great asset to the village. HOWEVER we need a driver - it's not a passenger carrying vehicle so a PCV licence is not required - but you would need to be a competent and confident driver, and training would be provided. The extent of the driving would simply be from the Nicholls' yard, just over the A249, to Iwade and back again later in the evening - most probably a Friday. ALSO somewhere to park it!!

If you can help or know somebody who might be persuaded we desperately need you!!

Please contact Stephen Plumb on 07905040119 or you can email the.iwade.observer who will pass on your information, and get you all the information you need, to help give the young people of Iwade a Youth facility.

Thanks

10 YEARS AGO IN IWADE

from The Iwade Observer Archive March 2007

"The children of Happy Days were very excited to see the snow and very quick to put on their coat and wellies to build a snowman earlier this month. The older children joined in a snowball fight with the staff and great fun was had by all. A competition between the four rooms took place and the winner was our pre-school room who made a snowman out of all edible materials."



(Ed's note - apologies for the quality of the photo - it's the best we could do - wonder where those children are now??)



By Claire Colston

Hi, I'd like to introduce myself having recently moved to the village. I am a Respite Carer & Home Help to the Elderly & Disabled. My jobs are varied and bespoke to the individual. Jobs include, Respite Care, Cooking, Shopping, Dog Walking, Accompaniment to appointments and many more. I can do anything the client needs help with or can no longer do themselves. I also offer a Washing & Ironing, Collection & Delivery service to the Elderly & Disabled of Iwade. Please contact me on **07770929422** if Day Claire can help you in any way.

My home in Iwade is also an approved Day Centre for adults with Learning Disabilities. I work closely with a scheme called Shared Lives. Shared Lives' ethos is predominately about the client with disabilities experiencing family life and interacting within the community. It is extremely rewarding for all involved. Shared Lives can be contacted on 01634 337100 for anyone that wishes to learn more about this scheme.

I knew the village quite well before moving here as I have family here. I have already taken a couple of clients with learning disabilities for a lovely lunch at the Mews Brewhouse and we were made to feel most welcome. I have been in care for a number of years. Since setting up on my own a few years ago I have never looked back. I am fully insured, experienced, friendly and have excellent references. I am regularly inspected by the council and attend many courses.

I love my job and have wanted to live in the village for a while now. I look forward to combining the two and working and living in the local community. Please contact me if you need any further information.



Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd March
10:45 until 12:15 approx - Meet at Village Centre

Wednesday 8th March
1:00 to 3:00 - Café All Saints at All Saints Church

Thursday 9th March
10:45 until 12:15 approx - Meet at Village Centre

Sunday 12th March
10:00 - 1:00 - Food & Craft Fayre at The Village Hall

Tuesday 14th March
10:30 - 12:30 - Iwade Reading Group (contact Hilary on 01795 474656)

Thursday 16th March
10:45 until 12:15 approx - Meet at Village Centre

Saturday 18th March
7:30 to 10:00 approx - Quiz Night at the Village Hall

Wednesday 22nd March
1:00 to 3:00 - Café All Saints at All Saints Church

Thursday 23rd March
10:45 until 12:15 approx - Meet at Village Centre

Thursday 30th March
10:45 until 12:15 approx - Meet at Village Centre