

THANKS AND HELLO!!

The Iwade Observer would like to extend a thousand thanks to Zoe Wells who for over five years tirelessly worked on production of The Iwade Observer, whilst bringing up a young family – no mean feat indeed! Zoe decided, before Christmas to retire from her DTP (Desk Top Publishing) role at the Observer Team. Zoe's eye for detail and her creativity will be much missed, but much in the way of the monarchy things have to go on seamlessly.

So we would like to extend a huge welcome to Rebecca Stalley-Moores as she steps into Zoe's hard to fill shoes and takes on the DTP role. Indeed Rebecca, who like Zoe also has a young family, has already done this for the last couple of issues and you can't "see the seam" so great work Rebecca.

We've been so lucky over the years to have such loyal volunteers to help in various roles at The Observer, and if you'd like to get involved why not email us at:-

the.iwade.observer@gmail.com

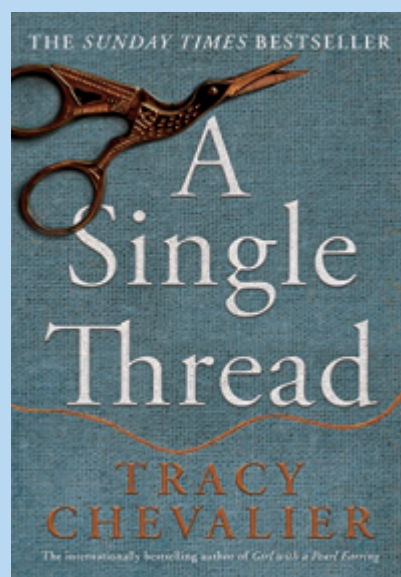
Thank You

IWADE READING AND BOOK GROUP

Christine Freshwater.

The Iwade Reading and Book Group met on Tuesday 8th February to discuss The Midwife Murders by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo.

This is a story of a missing patient and disappearing newborn babies and a midwife who is acting as a detective on top of her day job duties! It was an unbelievable tale with rumours blaming the Russian Mafia and an



underground adoption network. It was neither but it was beyond belief. We all agreed that this was a disappointing read, the title itself was misleading as no midwives were murdered and none committed any murders.

The book chosen for us to discuss in March is A Single Thread by Tracey Chevalier. The next meeting is Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 10.30am at The Barn.

Why not join us – for more info search Iwade Reading and Book Group on Facebook.

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CLARIFICATION

We have been asked to clarify a point in the item headed Kent Royals Speedway in February's issue of The Iwade Observer.

The business known as Iwade Garage is owned by Kellow Associates, although the premises from which they operate are owned by another person.

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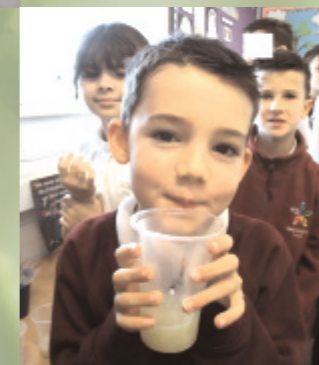
IWADE SCHOOL – OWLS AND CHARLES DICKENS!

Year 4 have been learning about all things Charles Dickens this term. Owl Class, wanted to share some of their learning with you.



The children have been learning to write with quills as the Victorians would have. They found it very time consuming!

They also took part in Oliver Twist inspired gruel tasting and not surprisingly, many didn't ask for more.



We also had some budding artists who tried their hand at portrait drawings of Dickens himself. I am sure you would agree this is an



incredible portrait, with excellent proportions and precise pencil marking



They also used their team working skills to make and paint Victorian schools using recycled items from home.

IWADE'S FAVOURITE VENUE!!

Iwade@theBarn



Iwade Barn remains open for hire. If you would like to book for any event just email bookings@iwadebarn.org.uk You can check the calendar on our website to get an idea of availability. <http://iwadebarn.org.uk/index.html#iwade-barn-calendar>



We have availability for private bookings and regular business use.

Iwade@theBarn Trust are always happy to discuss different ideas for use of the barn which would bring benefits to the village and help bring income to enable the barn to be used by community groups free of charge.



Prices for 2022 are £7.50 per hour for private use and £10 per hour for businesses.

Pics show some different ways in which the barn could be configured - why not give us a try for your next event?!?

TINKERBELLS TIGERS! AND BUSY BABIES!

Donna Barker

Tinkerbells Early Years

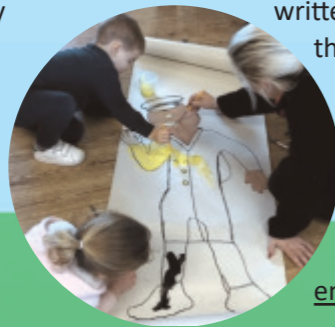


Term 3 was an exciting term at Tinkerbells. The children celebrated Chinese New Year, this year being the year of the Tiger. They also 'People who help us', the children which were displayed for all to people in our community who fortunate to have a visit from a collection, the children learnt to get hands on with some of used and got to look around the



took part in lots activities relating to created 'mini me' versions of people see and we talked about all the help keep us safe. We were police officer, a nurse and refuse about the job roles and were able the equipment and clothing that is truck.

During Term 4 we will be exploring theme the book of the term will be 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' the classic edition of a best-selling story his way eventually forward to year



'mini beasts' and in keeping with this written for the very young. A newly hatched caterpillar eats through a variety of foods getting bigger and bigger until he turns into a beautiful butterfly. We are looking filling our planters, planting a little earlier again this hoping for a good pick of vegetables and strawberries.

settings and sessions are filling quickly for September for your child please call in for a parent information pack email: enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk

We are currently full at both of our 2022. If you are interested in a place alternatively you can contact us via

Parent and toddler

We have been extremely busy over the past couple of months, it has been lovely to see so many new faces, the baby area seems to get busier every week. We had our first sensory/messy play session which was a massive hit with all the children including the babies.

Our new timetable is now underway and is as follows
1st Tuesday of month – baby massage and toddler yoga
2nd – craft week
3rd – boogie tots
4th – sensory and messy play.

Sessions are £2.50 per child, siblings £1.00. We are open every Tuesday 9am-11am term time only. There is no need to book you can just turn up, please join us for tea, coffee, biscuits and to meet new people



IWADE MONDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP.

Ready for our next meeting? No need to book, just turn up on alternate Mondays at the Barn 10:30 ish for a chat, a cuppa, and a biscuit or two.

March dates are the 7th, the 21st and then in April, the 4th, the 18th and fortnightly thereafter.

February meetings saw lots of lively chats, a brain teasing attempt at a Primary Maths test!, "scrambled things in the kitchen!" and a connoisseur crisp-tasting session! Yes really!! Hope to see you there.



WEATHER DAMPENS SPEEDWAY'S PLANS

The Club started the new year full of good intentions with an organized plan of track improvements to be completed, the remaining rounds of the Winter Speedway Pitbike Series scheduled to be run and plans for a few early practices in the pipeline. Unfortunately, these plans were dashed by the heavy rain we had in January which left the main track and parts of the site completely waterlogged for several weeks. This led to a practice being postponed and the winter work plans put back as we just could not get on to the track.

Fortunately, the weather has improved of late and a belated start to the planned work has seen new walls and roof being completed on the pits block, some twenty safety fence panels have been renewed and the air fence has been sorted, washed, and sent for repair where needed. It is now a race against the clock to get things done as a speedway sidecar practice has been tentatively planned for 26th February!

Things however, could not have been more different on the Club's minitrack as the 2nd and 3rd rounds of the Speedway Pitbike series were completed by the end of January. These were held in some very cold and muddy conditions which led to a few crashes in which, fortunately, no one was hurt, nor did it dampen the rider's enthusiasm. The final round was due to be run on 6th February, but bad weather caused this to be postponed and is now scheduled to be completed on 20th February.

Last year the Club ran a motorcycle trial event which proved very successful, and a second event is planned for 13th February with over 20 riders taking part.

We are hopeful the weather will improve, and the remaining work can

be completed in time for what looks likely to be a very busy season.

N.B. Our action pictures show some close racing from one of heats and in one of the finals of the Speedway Pitbike Series.



IWADE MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

Ron Francis



The Men's Breakfast Club monthly meeting this month saw a lively group making either Valentine or Anniversary cards. (Think much concentration and sighs of frustration!) Following our breakfast of sausage and bacon rolls we were ready to commence cutting and sticking. The concentration was palpable – see photo. This was great fun and enjoyed by all, being very different from our norm. Thanks to Sylvia and Ann for their capable tutoring.

Next meeting will be on the 1st March at 09:30 when Julian will be bringing along one of his vintage motorcycles for a demonstration and a talk. Should be interesting – No Pressure Julian!

IWADE WORD SEARCH

See if you can find your road below! If you don't see it look out for it in a future edition!

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DUNLIN WALK
ELM TREE AVENUE
EVERGREEN CLOSE
FANS LANE
FEATHERBED LANE
FERRY ROAD
FULMAR AVENUE

GRAYLING ROAD
GREENSHANKS
GROVEHURST ROAD
HELEN THOMPSON CL
HOLLY BLUE DRIVE
KINGFISHER CLOSE
LINKWAY
LORD NELSON ROAD

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IWADE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The past 2 years has been a very difficult and challenging time for both the Iwade PPG and staff at Iwade Health Centre. Because of Covid, and stringent restrictions the Iwade PPG has been unable to hold the usual face-to-face meeting with the Iwade Health Centre management team. As things are starting to improve we envisage that we shall be able to resume normal activities in the very near future.

The PPG are therefore looking for patients of Iwade Health Centre to join us, and make a stronger more diverse team of people to represent the patient population.

Patients who have computer knowledge and are able to assist in updating Social Media, and the PPG webpage on a regular basis would be welcome. Updating this information is vital to keep patients informed of any changes, or events that may take place. This is a voluntary role with no remuneration, and may involve 2/3 hours per month.

All patients from babies through to the elderly deserve to have the best in healthcare so join us in doing all we can to represent the patients of Iwade Health Centre.

If you are interested please contact: iwadeppg@outlook.com.

UPCOMING SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH IWADE AND THE SIX BENEFICE.

Ash Wednesday 2nd March

10.30am *Lower Halstow Church*
7pm *Newington Church*

Sunday 6th March

Benefice Service 10.30am *Newington Church*

ALL SAINTS CHURCH IWADE

Sunday 13th March

Family Communion 10.30am

Sunday 20th March

To be confirmed

Sunday 27th March

Mothering Sunday 10.30am

Sunday 3rd April

Family Worship 10.30am

Palm Sunday 10th April

Family Communion 10.30am

Easter Sunday 17th April

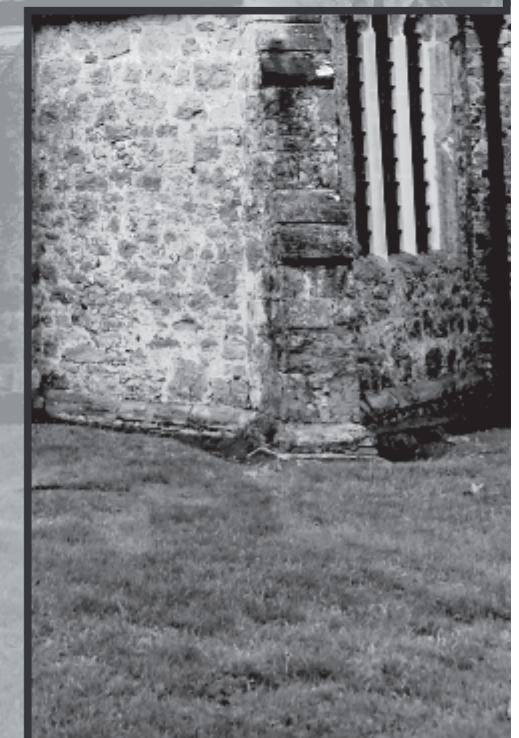
Family Communion 10.30am

Sunday 24th April

Family Worship 10.30am

Other services/reflections will take place over Holy week. Look out for details on Facebook IwadeVillage.co.uk, or the Benefice website:-

www.thesix.org.uk



IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2022

Present

Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair
Cllr. B. Whiting - Vice-Chair
Cllr. S. Waters
Borough Cllr. C. Woodford
Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Lynda Ives, Clerk
Cllr. B. Smith
Cllr. R. Langham
County Cllr. M. Baldock

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllr. Hyde and PCSO Kirsty Linge.

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Langham, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 8 December 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true transcript.

Visitors/Public Time

County and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Baldock advised the Government grant received by KCC is not good; money coming in is not sufficient to provide repairs to roads, drains, etc., and it looks like there might be cuts to support for bus services, which is of concern and is something to do with their lack of use. The Swale West Parishes meeting takes place in March, an invite will go out. Cllr. Woodford advised the start date for the Dunlin Walk Appeal Hearing is the 8 February, commencing at 10.00 and will last for about two days.

Community Warden/PCSO – **Community Warden** – Report not received.

PCSO – **CRIMES OF NOTE:**

Bewick Walk, Group of youths causing a nuisance and smoking cannabis, when approached by residents they

became verbally abusive and left. Once gone the residents noticed their Christmas lights had been damaged. Suspects were identified and crime details were taken. It was later decided that due to insufficient evidence the report was be filed.

School Mews – reports that a group of youths have caused damage to a drainpipe by kicking a football at it. A crime report was taken and is currently under investigation.

Chalkhill Close – a group of males were playing football. They have kicked the ball at the informant window and broken it. Due to no suspect being identified the report was filed.

The Street – Unknown person threw a stone through the rear window of a resident's car. A crime report was taken but due to no suspect being identified the report was filed.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE:

Raspberry Hill Lane – reports of poaching in the fields. Officers attended but there was no sign of the offenders.

Bewick Walk – Reports of 3 youths removing a drain cover and street sign before discarding them in the bushes. Damage to the sign was unconfirmed and the drain cover being removed had happened before the youths had arrived (it had been reported earlier in the day). No further action was taken.

Purple Emperor Grove – vehicle pulled up outside an address. A female passenger then exited the vehicle and urinated on the resident's driveway. Resident was spoken with by Police and reassurance was given. It was decided no further action would be taken at the time.

Ridham Dock – reports of nuisance vehicles drifting round the roundabout.

Ringlet Grove – reports of 6/7 youths playing football. The ball has hit the

informant window. No damaged caused. Youths made off before Police attended.

Swallow Ave – a group of youths attended the location and have taken the rubbish from the bins and thrown it around. The youths had left before Police were called. Resident was spoken with and reassurance given. Local officer was made aware.

Ridham Dock – Vehicles have been driving dangerously and drifting round the roundabouts.

School Lane – 3rd Party report that a group of youths were selling drugs outside the hairdressers. Officers attended but no youths were located.

Ferry Road – Youths gathering outside the address, listen to loud music and causing a general nuisance. Officers attended but youths had already left the area.

Redwing Ave – Reports of youths gathering and smoking drugs. Youths made off when disturbed by Informant.

School Mews – Youths gathering and causing a general nuisance, leaving rubbish and being loud. Youths were not at the location at the time informant reported the incident. Information passed to local officer.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Planters, The Street/Mansfield Drive – Still awaiting information from Assessor and further input from Kent County Council. Keep on the agenda.

Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk

Clerk's Resignation/Responsible Financial Officer – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, agreed the sum of £80 (actual cost £160, 50% of the cost paid by Bobbing Parish Council) plus VAT. CVs have been circulated to all Members for their input and four candidates selected. Agreed, as the new Clerk will be appointed to cover both Bobbing and Iwade Parish Councils, due to the

number of Councillors that could be present at the interviews (16) and the current worryingly high levels of Covid, that the Chair and Vice-Chair be delegated to conduct the interviews and appoint the new Clerk. Clerk to also attend.

Action: Cllrs. Dollimore/Whiting/Clerk

KALC Community Award – Bring back to February meeting.

Action: Clerk

Grovehurst Road Gateway Entrance – Response from KCC Highways noted, agreed to add this to the areas being looked at by Cllr. Dollimore and to look at creating a Highway Improvement Plan.

Action: Cllr. Dollimore

Lighting Grant 2022/23 – Swale Borough Council have advised the grant will continue.

Correspondence

Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 Full Review 2021 – agreed to respond that Kent County Council should take a hard line on requiring that Mineral extraction takes place before housing development.

Action: Clerk

Kent Community Rail Partnership - Request for Grant Aid – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire; agreed a S.137 donation of £50.

Action: Clerk

Finance

Trees and Plaque costs – Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Waters, agreed the quote of £2202.62p for 8 Hornbeam Trees, stakes, ties, compost, and delivery. Because of shortages, the Nursery will order the trees but invoice the Parish Council in April, the new financial year. Clerk to research means of planting the trees and possible costs.

Action: Clerk

Highway Improvement Plans/Yellow Lines – keep on Agenda. Ask Councillors for ideas.

Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk

Budget/Precept 2022/23 – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, agreed a Precept of £51585, £35.36 for a Band D property, resulting in no increase to residents. Agreed to request a Lighting Grant of £1950 due to the huge increase in supplier Electricity costs from 25.40p per kWh to 33.80p per kWh.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Waters, agreed to accept the quote of £1250 plus VAT for the Beacon Brazier. Clerk and Cllr. Dollimore to seek costs for the post and installation. Once the post size is known to then advise the Brazier manufacturer so that the correct collar can be made. Bring back to February meeting.

Action: Cllrs. Lancashire/Dollimore/Clerk

Laptop for RFO – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, agreed to purchase a Dell Inspiron I3511 at a cost of £499. Furthermore agreed £3.80p plus VAT for an extra mailbox for the Responsible Financial Officer.

Action: Clerk

Christmas Tree – proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, agreed the cost of £7615 plus VAT (reclaimable) for 2022 for the installation, take down, PAT testing and storage of the 51 Festive lights and LED Christmas Tree. Agreed not to add any new lights for 2022. Furthermore, to look at placing fencing around the bottom of the LED tree as children were spotted in the centre of the cone frame, having gained access via the gap at the bottom, trying to use it as a climbing frame!

Action: Cllr. Lancashire/Clerk

Reports from Representatives

Hall – The Chair has stepped down from the Management Committee of the Village Hall, but he will continue to assist with the new hall. The Grotto was a success. Have received 80% of a grant from KCC to purchase 50 new wipeable chairs; the remainder of the funding will come forward once the chairs have been purchased. Still looking for new Trustees.

IWADE WRITING GROUP.

Rynn Kemp

This group meets on the last Friday of each month in The Barn. We write on a different theme each month (usually around 500 – 600 words) and then present our writing to the rest of the group for them to critique.

Recent themes have ranged from, "The Journey", "Paradise" and "Retell a Traditional Tale" to "The Agony and Ecstasy of



Olympic Glory." This month's (February) theme is "Apocalypse"

We write in various genre and include both fiction and non-fiction. If you fancy joining us please email me at rynnkemp@hotmail.com or simply turn up at the Barn, last Friday of each month around 7pm. Love to see you there.