

An important message from Iwade Parish Council

PLEASE can residents report any incidents of vandalism (even if not witnessed), or anti-social behaviour to the Police, by:

- phoning 101,
- on-line - <https://www.kent.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>
- dialling 999 if an incident is in progress (you won't be accused of wasting Police time)
- if you wish to remain anonymous, report via the following link
- <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously>

Many make comments on Facebook (which is not monitored by the Police), or believe 'they won't do anything' but if the Police receive a number of calls relating to incidents in the Village, they will take note, realise there is an ongoing problem, and take action.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday 10 March 2021

MEETING HELD VIA 'ZOOM' DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS

The Vice-Chair formally welcomed everyone to the Zoom video conferencing meeting.

County and Borough Councillors – Cllr.

M. Whiting reported as follows: A quiet month, litter issues continue, have reported many incidents to Swale Borough Council and Highways England (A249). Burning has started again at Raspberry Hill. Has contacted the various agencies asking, that as this is a public health issue, it be sorted as soon as possible. He is hoping to hear something from Swale Borough Council tomorrow. He has asked that an Enforcement Notice comes back into play.

Community Warden – Community

Warden – Written report – Had some very positive conversations with Lead of youth in Swale about projects and interactions with youth and advised about issues in Iwade future and past. He discussed teaming up to get more youth programs for young people in Iwade and other areas. CCTV camera - problem with the electrics for the camera. The Youth Officer and he have asked for the camera to go up as soon as possible.

PCSO – Written report - Crimes of note:

A young person was shot by an air rifle while walking in fields after dark. A crime report has been submitted, but it is

believed the rifle was being used to shoot rabbits. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Youths have been causing ASB in the Village square, particularly the takeaway, shouting and refusing to leave the premises, even though they are banned. Patrols have attended and an investigation is ongoing. There have been reports of groups going into the wasteland on the other side of the road to the medical centre, and also going along the stream at the bottom of Mansfield Drive. I have patrolled both areas but have not come across anyone as yet. Two people were seen using a catapult to shoot into fields from a vehicle on Sheppey Way.

Finance - Additional cost of Planting

Hornbeam Trees, Woodpecker Park – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, agreed £250 for a team of gardeners to plant the Hornbeam Trees.

Projects – Updates on Current and New

Future trees, Woodpecker Park – Cllr. Hyde had put forward the idea of planting further trees from the Cairn towards School Lane, on the right-hand

side of the footpath. A further suggestion was that residents could adopt a tree and perhaps have plaque in memory of a lost loved one. Clerk to

check with Swale Borough Council to see if Officers are agreeable to this idea.

Village Clean Up 2021 – depending on Covid restrictions, it was agreed to look at Sunday 12 September as a date for a Village Clean Up. Councillors agreed to set aside £250 for expenses linked to this event.

Highway Issues

Speeding in School Lane – Kent Police have now carried out the risk assessment for this area, this has to be done so that the Speedwatch Team can operate safely. As soon as Covid restrictions allow, School Lane will be the first road to be monitored by the team. As there have been 'drifting' problems around the Grovehurst Road corner (near the bus shelter) agreed to ask Kent Police to carry out a Risk Assessment in this area.

Any Other Matters Arising

Question of 20 mph zones was raised; Clerk to do some research and place on the April Agenda.

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

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The Iwade Observer

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Scouting in the time of COVID

Scouting in its traditional form ceased, due to COVID restrictions, as of the 17th March 2020. Like lots of organisations we have had to try and find ways to make things work in a different way. We hope that you will be interested in these reports from the various sections of Scouting in Iwade for the last twelve, very difficult, months.

(Ed's note – we have abbreviated these reports, but hope we have not detracted from the great work that has taken place during the last twelve months in Iwade)

Group Scout Leader's report – Jo Richards (Mowgli)

Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Parent Helpers, our Young People and Parents/Carers alike have all pulled together through the most challenging of years not just in our Scouting Family but for us all in our personal lives too. You will see within each section report the wonderful work that has been produced and how well all our young people have done to join in and 'Carry on Scouting'...BIG WELL DONE



Beavers report – Aaron (Chestnut)

Since 17th March 2020, we have continued to hold weekly online zoom sessions. We are fortunate to have dedicated Leaders and Young Leaders who have remained delivering their best. I would like to thank each of them for their continued hard work, commitment and support. Beavers, continue to have fun, though in a different way, engage with the new challenges of being online and use this time to achieve badges and goals. To give an overview on sessions we've been cooking all sorts (including armpit fudge –very popular) and delivering edible crafts, we have been sampling games that Scouts do from around the world, we have been flexing our imaginations

with many crafts, designing and building, and we've even been off into space and exploring the stars and cosmos, giving you a flavour of just some of the fun we have had. We have held 2 virtual camps, including Mayhem2020, attended a Special JOTAJOTI (Jamboree of the Air) in April. We participated in the National fundraiser Hike to the Moon and the Fundraiser Smarties Challenge.

Akela's Cub Scout report and Skip's Scouts report overleaf



Cub Scouts report – Dean (Akela)

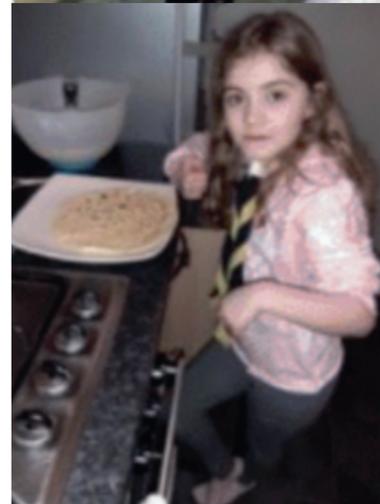
The toughest challenge has been getting and maintaining engagement, especially without the normal manic run-around games we all enjoy. However, we've swapped our normal games to work around our virtual presence such as Draw It, Task Master, team crosswords/word searches, spot the difference and, of course, everyone's favourite, the Scavenger Hunt. We have also tailored our badge work as much as possible to work remotely and it seems to be working as we are seeing the same regular happy faces appear week after week -which is fantastic and makes us all so proud to see such resilience and engagement. Considering the restrictions faced, we have managed some brilliant sessions. We've had a virtual camp –some with tents, others with dens. We held flag break, made a camp gadget, had a camp fire and sung our favourite campfire songs. We've made armpit fudge, pizzas in cups and pancakes, and we've done a whole load of learning - from magic tricks and drawing tips to filtering water with stones and conversing in Morse Code. And if that wasn't enough, we've earned personal challenge awards by cooking, washing & ironing; Fire safety badges with a virtual fire station tour and making fire escape plans; earning our Bike Safety badge by maintaining our bikes and drawing bike safety posters; our Book Reader badge by telling the group about our favourites and how to look after them; our Creative badge with hand-made Christmas and Mother's day cards and who could forget our part in the virtual Christmas Carol. A very productive year!

I would personally like to thank my fellow Cub volunteers-Tom, Merlin and especially Lisa for their support but, of course, we wouldn't be here without the engagement of the Cubs themselves so we would all like

to thank each and every one of them for joining in and to you parents for your support and encouragement.

Scouts report – Colin (Skip)

We have managed to put together some really great interactive sessions and it really has been nice seeing our Scouts joining in online with the activities provided. Some of the activities we hosted online were: Cooking omelette in a bag, cake in a mug, creating menus from leftovers in the fridge and, more recently, pancakes. Drawing sessions, we have followed tutorials and these all came out amazing, I must admit I even surprised myself. Quizzes -these were themed and always a great enjoyment to be part of and put a smile on my face as well as Jo, and the Scouts Online scavenger hunts, which became very competitive, we have never seen the Scouts move so fast. Exercise challenges involving set exercises over a period of 2 weeks to improve our fitness. We took part in the Mayhem camp last year and that was great fun even though we weren't together at Bexon, we felt as we were together albeit online. We attended a special JOTA-JOTI in April, and also participated in a Hike to the Moon. So even though this last year has been online it has been great seeing the scouts get really involved in the activities we set and to have a regular chat and catch up to see how they are getting along and coping in these difficult times. We have watched them grow and are proud of how well they and their families have coped. Sadly, we have had to say goodbye online to some of our older Scouts who will hopefully move onto Explorer Scouts when they are able and we will arrange a special leaving ceremony to hand out badges and say goodbye officially once we are back to face-to-face Scouting.



Iwade Reading and Book Club

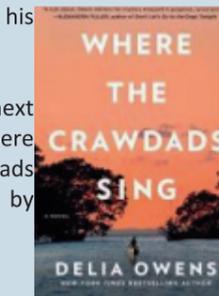
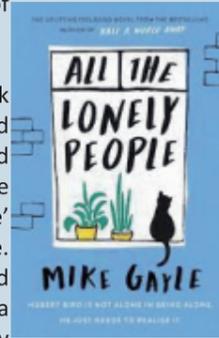
By Jackie Kemp

We have continued meeting during the pandemic, using Zoom, but are really looking forward to being able to meet again in small groups, and hoping even more to physically meet together soon, following the guidance of course.

The latest book we have read and discussed is 'All the Lonely People' by Mike Gayle. It was agreed that it was a good and easy book to read, well written and engaging. Mike Gayle wrote, possibly with experience, about the arrival in the UK of Hubert Bird from the West Indies in the late 50s, and into the 60s. Many of us have heard of the Windrush stories, the people leaving countries like Jamaica to come to England and ending up working in hospitals, the underground in London and building sites. There is humour, sadness and loneliness in the story, and determination. Between us, we of a certain age, recalled London, particularly south east London, with notices on the doors of houses and flats saying "No blacks. No Irish. No dogs!" There certainly was an awful lot of discrimination. We also agreed how the theme of loneliness is present today with the lockdown and restrictions of the past year.

It is a quick and easy read, with short and moving chapters, mostly alternately Hubert's daily lonely life in recent times following the death of his wife, his daughter in Australia (I'm not going to expand on this part but it's so sad, and the loss of his son to a life of drugs, interspersed by the experiences he had as he settled away from his origins.

Our book for next month is 'Where the Crawdads Sing' written by Delia Owens.



Honeybees – the new David Attenborough!!

By Caroline Wiles



At Happy Days Nursery we love making the most of our outdoor space, whatever the weather, but there's nothing quite like the hint of Spring and sunny days to bring out our gardening skills! Our Bumblebee children have been busy enjoying the sunshine getting the flower beds ready for planting. Their role play garden centre was a great hit and a fun way for the children to practice number skills. The intrepid explorers of Honeybee Room have been spotted out and about around the village, enjoying the countryside as they looked for minibeasts; we can promise you no stone was left unturned!

As restrictions are lifting, we are pleased to be able to restart our out of hours tours for parents interested in a place for their child from September onwards. Please call the office on 01795 424348 for more information or use the contact form on our website www.happydaysuk.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you. Keep well and stay safe everyone!



All Saints' Church Iwade

The SixBenefice, 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 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

From the first Wednesday in June there will be someone in church on Wednesdays 10am till 2pm, Covid-19 permitting.

Ed's Note

Well an interesting bag of contributions this month!! Not many contributors sadly, but a reflection on the different worlds we currently live in! From the virtual to the real! From the world of Zoom (other video conferencing software is available !!) we see the Scouting movement has remained active in Iwade during the Covid lockdowns, as has The Iwade Reading Group. Iwade Parish Council continue to carry out their work via online meetings. From the world of face-to-face reality, Happy Days have let us know what they have been up to (Thank you Happy Days - always a delight to read about the youngest of the Iwade community) and from the in-between, and moving from online to face-to-face, All Saints' has now restarted COVID compliant live church services. Good luck to you all as we, hopefully, continue to move forwards cautiously but positively, and we look forward to hearing from many others as they begin to "pick up the pieces" and move forward after the latest (and lets really hope - the last) lockdown. Take care everybody.

