

November 2021 The Iwade Observer



Local villagers making a difference at the Village Clean Up held on Saturday 23rd October.

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Maria Downes Counselling

I decided to train as a counsellor in my 40s because of wanting to change career direction. The training took 4 years and I became qualified in 2014. I then went on to be accredited with BACP (the British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists) which is basically a gold standard for therapeutic practice.

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Fortunately, we are getting away from the idea that it is somehow a sign of failure that we need to seek help, but surely it is actually a sign of strength that you want to change things for the better?

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Harvest News from Iwade School

This week has seen our communities gathering and holding a Harvest Festival.

To witness the older pupils encourage and provide actions to support our very youngest pupils sing in full voice 'Big Red Combine Harvester' at their very first harvest was simply perfect.

This year, we asked our pupils and families to help us support the local food bank with supplies for those most in need. To know that our children and families can make a difference in the life of others was the theme running across the community assemblies.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families to support this worthy charity, so would like to say a huge **Thank You** to parents and carers who supported this event.

The art curriculum team also organised an art project for the children where they created a harvest oeuvre, while developing skills of printing. We are hoping that some of the pupils' artwork will be displayed in the Church for Remembrance Sunday, so we hope you will be able to visit.

Best wishes.
Iwade School



Tinkerbells Early Years

Donna Barker

Our first term at Tinkerbells has flown by, our topic for the term was 'All about Me' and the children took part in various activities that taught us about us and our families. The children's self-portraits brightened up the setting for the term, they are always a great talking point with the children. Towards the end of the term the children worked their small hand muscles hammering tees into pumpkins, lots of fun for the children and excellent for fine motor control and hand-eye coordination!



Term 2 is upon us already and we are excited to explore Winter and Christmas with the children. This always a busy term and we look forward to sharing our news about the term with you all in the next edition.



We are excited to finally be holding our Christmas Fair this year, it will be held at the village hall on Tuesday 23rd November at 3.30pm. There will be lots of fun activities and stalls for all including Santa's Grotto, teddy tombola, bottle tombola, lucky dip, hula game, snail racing, bric-a-brac and so many more.

We are full at our Iwade setting until September 2022 and have limited availability at the Clocktower settings, if you are interested in a place for your child please feel free to pop in if you would like to be added to the waiting lists or require a place from September 2022. Alternatively you can email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk

Parent and Toddler Group

We have had a really busy first term, it has been lovely meeting lots of new families. Within a couple of weeks it became evident the baby area was too small so we had to extend the area to accommodate all the babies.

The children have taken part in a crafting morning where some of them created an Autumn/Halloween wreath. We have had Boogie tots visit which was a workout for all, and we are planning to have them visit on a regular basis. We are in the process of confirming dates for baby massage, toddler yoga and messy/sensory play, please keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates!



Well done to 5 year old Emily Welsted, for raising an amazing £608 for the World Land Trust by walking a massive 10km from Iwade to Highstead.

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Christmas Fair**

**Iwade Village Hall
23rd November
3:30pm - 5:30pm**

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SPEEDWAYS BIG BIRTHDAY

Paul Heller

As mentioned in our report in the October issue Sittingbourne Speedway's 50th Anniversary meeting was finally held on Sunday September 19th and a good crowd watched over 40 heats of good close racing plus some extra races featuring the tracks up-and-coming youth riders. The meeting was originally planned to be held in 2020 but because of the pandemic it was put back for 12 months, so in effect it was a 50+1 Anniversary meeting!

A fine sunny day saw riders of all ages and abilities, on machines both modern and of yesteryear, put on a thrilling display. The riders were grouped together into four classes – Novice, Support, Upright and Open and the four winners are pictured here with their trophies.

As speedway's appeal as a spectator sport and rider numbers diminish it is difficult to see what the future may hold but after coming through the last 50 + 1 years the track remains confident it can face any new challenges that lie ahead, be innovative and keep running for many more years.



NB Our pictures show
1. The group winners with their trophies
2. Full throttle action as four riders blast away from the tapes
3. Some good close action on one of the bends



Iwade Allotments - Summer BBQ

Christine McQuade

Our summer BBQ went really well this year, we were so lucky with the weather too! This is the time we choose the best plots and the winners were ... Best plot went to Phil, in second position was Elizabeth, Matthew and Jacqui's plot and in third place was Helen & Mark's plot - all worthy winners.

We also had a raffle and finished off with a gardening quiz, which everyone enjoyed.

If you fancy growing your own and tasting the difference why not put your name down on our waiting list...give me a call on 0797 1003424.



Iwade Companionship Walks - Formerly Iwade Health Walks

Rynn Kemp

The walking group continues to meet each Thursday at the Village Centre at 10:30 for a 10:45 "walk-off". Recent walks have included, 'The Lakes Walk', 'The Silos Walk' and 'The Orchards Walk' - Not sure where any of these are then come along on a Thursday as above and enjoy some lovely company and great views of the local countryside. You'll be most welcome.

The group received the very sad news recently that one of its Walk Leaders, James Apps, had passed away on 9th September. His funeral was held at The Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing on the 18th October. A contingent from the walking group attended what was, although a sad occasion, a celebration of James' life, and his creative work. James was, as well as being a Walking Group leader, the Chairman of the Sheppey Writers' Group, and a member of Iwade Writing Group; one of James' poems was read by a Sheppey Group member as a tribute to him. Many fine words were expressed about James as a man, a friend and mentor to many and he will be sadly missed by many for his company, his erudition and his sense of humour on our rambles around the countryside surrounding Iwade. - RIP James



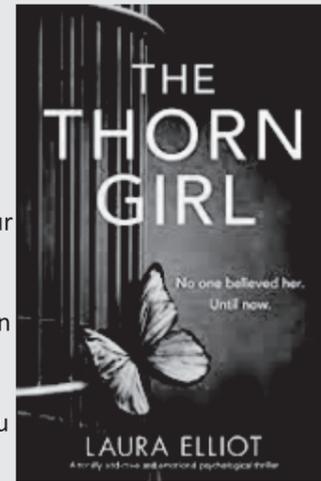
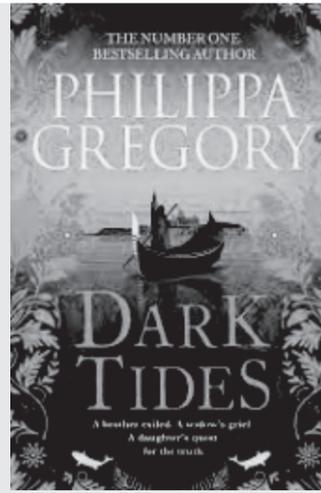
Iwade Reading and Book Group

Jackie Kemp

On October 12th the group met, at the Barn, to discuss the book chosen for this month, Dark Tides written by Philippa Gregory.

Unlike most of her books, this one was not historical, in so far as it wasn't about royal families, etc. but about living in what is now known as Dockland in the 17th century. The story also took us to Venice and North America. It was agreed that the book was very slow to start, and we had to either give up or make ourselves read it; in places it was worth reading. However, we might have enjoyed and understood the story lines if we had read the book published before this one, Tidelands. We now know our choice is part of a trilogy!

Our next book, up for discussion at our November meeting, is The Thorn Girl, being promoted as 'a totally addictive and emotional thriller'. We meet again on November 9th at The Barn at 10.30. Of course we talk about other books and put the world to rights! You are welcome to join us.



All Saints Church

Hello Iwade,

Are you feeling a little confused or wondering where your life is leading? Why not come and join us for a coffee and a chat at Crossroads Cafe, at All Saints Church Iwade, Wednesday 4th November from 10:00 until 12:00, and the first Wednesday of the month thereafter. Everyone welcome.

We are also holding a Christmas Wreath making event on Saturday 4th December from 10:00 -12:00 at All Saints Church. Everyone welcome.

Please keep an eye open for further events and services on Facebook or our website <https://www.thesix.org.uk>

Special blessings to you all

Carole Wiles

"Gents – missing your bacon/sausage (veggie options available!) buttie?"

Men's Breakfast Club

We can't wait for the Men's Breakfast Club to restart. Everything's in place to recommence at The Barn on Tuesday 7th December at 9:30. This will give us the chance to chat collectively for the first time since February 2020. (Remember the pre-Covid days?)

Thanks to Rynn and Philip who have volunteered to help with the organisation and key holding. We've booked our regular slot (first Tuesday of each month) throughout the year and we're hoping to have another card making session with Hilary which proved very popular for Valentine's Day 2020. Most importantly, "our girls" have agreed to continue with the bacon rolls cooking and serving ...what could be better??

Look forward to seeing you all on December 7th.

Ron Francis.

Monday Friendship Group

The group resumed its fortnightly meetings on Monday 4th October after a small group of members got together to have a trial run on September 20th to test how we could safely resume meetings.

It was decided that we needed to restrict numbers, as before Covid struck we had often been uncomfortably overcrowded and with numbers of infections still high, and increasing, we felt that it would not be sensible to have more than 25 people attending at any one time.

We are, therefore, asking members to pre-book, on a first-come first-served basis before you come along. Booking can be made via our FB page (search on FB for Iwade Friendship), by FB Messenger to one of the site admins, or get somebody to do it for you!!

On 4th November our new Community Warden Helen Binning popped in for a chat and to tell us a bit more about her role in Iwade. Thank you Helen, it was lovely to meet you – you're welcome to pop in anytime for a cuppa and a biscuit or two!

On the 18th October we enjoyed a 60's music quiz consisting of one second (yes just one second!) of the intro to a hit of the day - it was amazing how many we recognised from such a short intro.

We look forward to seeing members again. £1.50 including tea/coffee, biscuits, endless chat, and donation to the Barn. Meetings continue on 1st November, 15th November, 29th November and fortnightly thereafter from 10:30 – 12:00. **Don't forget to book!**

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New Ladies Group

With the closing of our W.I. group it has been decided that we should try to form our own club for women, without the constraints and regulations of the W.I.

We have, therefore, decided to hold a first get-together on Wednesday 24th November 7.30 -9.30 p.m. in the Village Hall and hope that lots of ladies (it doesn't matter how old or young) will help to get this new group off the ground.

Please come along for an informal coffee and chat, we are asking for a donation initially of £2 on the night to cover the cost of hall rental and let's see if we can fill the gap W.I. has left with a more fun and informal group for women.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sandra Wilkinson
Organiser

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8 September 2021

Present:

Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. S. Waters
Lee Fennell, PCSO
1 Resident

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also warmly welcomed Scott Waters, our new Parish Councillor to the Council. Apologies received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Whiting, Langham and Cheeseman, County Cllr. Baldock, Borough Councillor Woodford and the Community Warden.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 11 August 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true transcript.

Visitors/Public Time

PCSO – Written report received late - Crimes of note: A group of youths threatened to damage a resident's vehicle in Woodpecker Drive. No damage was found, crime report was submitted. Couple of reports of issues concerning one address on the 'bird' estate. A crime report submitted for criminal damage. Two youths verbally threatened two villagers; investigation is ongoing. Three youths were reported shoplifting from the Nisa store; investigation is ongoing. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: Several reports of ASB in the village, mainly involving youths in the areas around the bus shelters and the village square. Patrols attend where possible. A younger group of youths

has been reported for causing issues in the Chalkhill Close area. Parents and children have been spoken to by police and the problems seem to have been resolved. More reports of nuisance vehicles along the private road at Ridham Dock. Patrols attend when possible. A report of people peering over fences in Sanderling Way was attended by a patrol, but no-one was found.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

20 MPH Zones – Agreed to approach County Cllr. Baldock for assistance with this. **Action: Clerk**

Planters, The Street/Mansfield Drive – a risk assessment will be carried out by an independent professional; Clerk is also chasing KCC for the risk assessment Landscape Services carried out. A site meeting has been arranged with KCC's Highways Manager to look at the area, and to consider the possibility of the planters being anchored to the ground. **Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk**

Emergency Plan – agreed to go with Swale Borough Council's Emergency Plan.

Planning

21/504276/FULL: Erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions together with alterations to roof including the creation of first floor, with insertion of side dormers and rear Juliet balcony. Erection of rear garden office: 5 School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8RS – agreed to respond that Iwade Parish Council's previous objections still stand - concerns over the use of the office and toilet annexe (shed). Is this being used for more than one person, in which case

should a Change of Use be considered, or is this just for the sole use of the occupants of the main property?

W/20/500291/R: Non-material amendment to planning permission SW/20/500291 for a revised design to the proposed processing plant, plant buildings and associated infrastructure at the Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) recycling facility: Plot 6B, Ridham Dock Estate, Iwade, Kent ME9 8FQ – Noted.

Projects – Updates on Current and New

Village Clean-up – Volunteer response low so far, hoping more will come forward. **Action: Clerk**

Xmas Lights Event 2021 – Agreed to 'lighting up' to take place on Sunday 28 November, with lights switched on at 5.30 p.m., the roads will be closed from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. A food vendor has approached the Parish Council; agreed no objections to this but the vendor might need a Licence to sell food on the street, Clerk to look into this. **Action: Clerk**

Reports from Representatives

Hall – Not taking occasional weekend hirers until the next AGM. The Committee has lost several Trustees and now there are only 4; they desperately need more volunteers to come forward assist with the running of the hall.

The Barn – Noted a Parish Council representative is no longer required to sit on the Barn Committee.

Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre

Sunday 14th November 2021

10am – 1pm



Iwade Village Hall
Ferry Road
Iwade, Sittingbourne
ME9 8RG



The next Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre is on Sunday 12th December 2021, and has some outside stall availability.

Stall fee is £10, and you would need to provide your own table and gazebo.
Please email fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk for more information.

Christmas Tree Lighting Up Ceremony

Sunday 28 November 2021

The tree will be lit at 5.30 p.m.

(Please note that due to this and other festivities from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. the road will be closed from Happy Days Nursery (near to junction with Sheppey Way) down to the second junction with Sheerstone.

Covid 19 is still with us so please be aware and try to maintain, where possible, a safe distance from others.

Everyone is welcome

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