



David Rannard
Photography

Iwade Observer

Iwade came joint runners up in the Kent Village of the Year 2010 Social and Community category for their Broadband project so well done to everyone involved!

October 2010

Allotments a reality for Iwade residents *by Nicola McKenzie*

It's been a long time coming but allotments will soon be available for between 40 and 50 Iwade residents.

The campaign for allotments started back in September 2007 with a well-attended meeting at the Woolpack (all the best meetings happen in the Woolie!) and a petition to the council. Whilst there is an Act that states that the council must provide allotments if a certain number of electors request them (6 apparently) it wasn't as easy as that! The will was there at the council but the land and the resources were not.

Years later and with the hard work of Gardening Club and the support of Hillreed, Swale and last but not least a very generous landowner we are now able to announce the future availability of allotments at the



back of Elm Tree Avenue, Iwade. Most of the plots will be taken by those who were on the waiting list held at Swale but if you are interested in putting your name on a waiting list then call Joan Exley on 01795 473116 or email her at m-j.exley1@tiscali.co.uk Equally if you are a local business or resident who would like to donate anything useful to the allotment site which is currently very much a blank page then also call Joan.

It's an exciting project and I'm looking forward to enjoying a cup of tea in my shed next spring.

Iwade's Author!

by Tara Kent

Karen Tolhurst of Iwade was the winner of the 2010 children's storybook writing competition by Munch Bunch yoghurts. She had been keen to write stories for her 6 month old Granddaughter and was searching the internet for tips when she came across the competition. She was given the first line and then created her story "Munch goes on holiday", which includes 2 characters which she based on her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel dogs. All the stories were judged by a panel which included celebrity, Jamelia. There were 10 regional winners and then an overall national winner which was Karen. As well as winning a cash prize, her book which is currently with illustrators, will be published and potentially given out with parenting packs. To read Karen's story go to iwadevillage.co.uk. Congratulations Karen, we hope to read some more of your work in future!

"Glenn Miller Lives On"

presented by John and Sue Pearce at
Iwade Village Hall

7.30pm Wednesday 20 October
(duration approx 1 hour)

£1.50 includes tea/coffee and biscuits
organised by Iwade WI

but open to non members

For more details call 01795 474686

Quiz Night at Iwade Village Hall

7pm Saturday 6th November

£5 includes Ploughman's supper

Please bring own drink and glasses

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laughter.

Reserve your table or seat by contacting
Wynn Webb on 01795 424502 or Sylvia on
01795 478103.

Editor's Note

by Tara Kent

Welcome to the October edition of your Iwade Observer. It's the month of Halloween and in my opinion, no-one does it better than Iwade. It's great to see how much of an effort some of you go to decorating your houses and making it such fun for all the little ones (and the not so little ones!). If you are heading out and about trick or treating this year, please be considerate and only knock on doors that have their outside lights on. Also make sure that your little ones can **See and Be Seen**. Be sure that their mask or costume doesn't cover their eyes or make it tough for them to see. It's also a good idea to wear or carry something that glows in the dark. You might choose a glowing necklace, a glow-in-the-dark treat bag, or a torch. I shall be out and about with my children so I shall look forward to seeing how fab you all look! Thank you to all those who have contributed this month and if you haven't, why not send us something for next month. We'd love to hear from you! For all your latest news and information go to iwadevillage.co.uk and if you're on Facebook why not join the "Iwade does Facebook" group.

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Broadband Update by Nicola McKenzie

So what's happening with broadband I hear you asking?! Go to bt.com/infinity and you can check if BT Infinity (superfast broadband or FTTC broadband) is available where you are either by telephone number if you have a BT line or by house number or name and postcode if you are with another provider for your telephone line. Over at Mansfield Drive which runs off the cabinet opposite Happy Days my available date is 17th September. Note that all properties will vary as the 4 cabinets around the village will go live at different times and serve different sections of the village. You can register your interest on the BT site and even if you do not want to go with BT in the first instance this will show you the live date of the cabinet you are served by. It is highly possible that on Day 1 the other big providers will not be on board but if you absolutely want

to stay with your provider then given time they will no doubt invest in the network and offer a package. If you do sign up to a FTTC broadband package with BT or another provider be sure to keep the original paperwork showing the installation fee and the address it was installed at. You will also need a council tax bill showing proof of residence. Details of how to claim your installation fee back (up to £75 including VAT, limited funds available) from the Parish Council will be published in the November newsletter or online at iwadevillage.co.uk once the process is agreed by the Parish Council at October's meeting. If you sign up and want to tell the newsletter team about your experience email newsletter@iwadevillage.co.uk and we'll publish your story. Happy surfing!



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Iwade WI meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.


Non members would be very welcome to join us at our next meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 20 October at the village hall. We have John and Sue Pearce coming to give their illustrated and audio presentation "Glenn Miller Lives On". They include some of the lesser-known details of Glenn Miller's work and the disappearance of this wartime favourite. There is a very small charge of £1.50 which includes tea or coffee and biscuits. We've had our usual busy summer in Iwade WI. Our August meeting was our annual barbecue which was very well attended. September's meeting is our Harvest Supper when we cater for about 50 WI members from Iwade and other local WI's. This year we are adding a Beetle Drive to the evening's entertainment which is always such a laugh. Since the last newsletter we've been able to choose from a variety of outings and activities. Members have visited Cobham Hall, Gravesend and even Buckingham Palace.



We are trialling a bi-monthly luncheon club. The inaugural lunch will be at The Harrow Stockbury. Some of our members are looking forward to attending a Getting to Know the Ghurkas Day at the Alexander Centre Faversham, organised by the East Kent Federation of WIs. The first speaker, Peter Carroll, is talking about his visit to Nepal with Joanna Lumley, and the second, Jamie Lumley, is speaking about the orphanage he supports which opened in 2003 to help poor, needy and orphaned children. We are also looking forward to a Group Meeting hosted by Upchurch WI. We are continuing with our workshops in Sugarcraft, Card making and Knitting. We have

enjoyed a fund raising coffee morning when members have produced fabulous home made cakes for sale and will soon be embarking on making a range of mini knitted teddy bears which we hope to sell you at the Christmas Fair. You will fall in love with these little bears. Iwade WI is a small friendly group of just over 20 members. Have you ever thought about joining us? How about coming to see what you think? No commitment, you can just come to a meeting free of charge to have a look. You would be very welcome. If you would like any more information about your local WI just telephone secretary Hilary on 01795 474686.

A big well done to our resident chef Scott Anderson and his team of six who worked for 24 hours to make a 4 metre long Blackberry and Apple Crumble for a new tv series, Monster Munchies. They used 2 and a half thousand apples which they cooked in the ground over fire that was dug by a JCB!



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Iwade Farmers Market Sunday 3rd October 10am to 2pm Iwade Village Hall
Communion Service Sunday 3rd October 11am All Saints Church Iwade
All Saint's Church Open Day Saturday 9th October 10am to 2pm, home-made produce for sale
Harvest Supper Saturday 9th October 7pm Iwade Village Hall
Family Communion Sunday 10th October All Saints Church Iwade
Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 13th October 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall
Mobile Library Thursday 14th October 11.15am to 11.25am Sheerstone
Gardening Club Thursday 14th October 7.30pm Woolpack
Communion Service Sunday 17th October All Saints Church Iwade
Iwade W.I. Wednesday 20th October Contact Hilary Foulds the W.I. Secretary on 474686
Family Service Sunday 24th October 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade
Mobile Library Thursday 28th October 11.15am to 11.25am Sheerstone
Benefice Communion for The Six Sunday 31st October 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade

Churchwarden's Notes by Sylvia O'Shea

Now that the days are getting rapidly shorter and all our summer holidays are but a memory, it's time to get the diaries out to note events taking place over the next few months.

October 9th is the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall at 7pm. A three course meal is on offer for the modest price of £7. Tea/Coffee will be served but please bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets are going fast but check with Mrs Kilby on 01795 471932, Mrs Webb on 01795 424502 or Mrs Wilkison on 01795 477133 to see if any are available.

November 6th is the popular Quiz Night again in the Village Hall at 7pm. Cost is £5 which includes a ploughmans supper. Again, please bring your own drinks and glasses. Tables can accommodate 8, but you are welcome to come singly or as a couple and make up a table.

delivered early evening and collected the next day to go to the next "host".

December 8th sees the return on the UK Paper Band for the annual Christmas Concert, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets for this will be £5 (£3.50 concessions) and may be obtained from Sylvia on 01795 478103. Ticket includes light refreshments. Simply call Mrs Webb to reserve your seat (or table) or Sylvia on 01795 478103.

November 28th is Advent Sunday when the mobile stable begins its annual pilgrimage around the village. Will you be a host? If you haven't taken part before and wish to this year ask Sylvia for what's involved and to put your name on the list. It is a small stable with soft knitted models and animals and is suitable for a coffee table. It is delivered early evening and collected the next day to go to the next "host". Let Sylvia know if you would like to be included.

Please continue to support the Lamplighters as they move to the Village Hall for their meetings. It's lovely to see them in Church too for the Family Services. God bless you all. Do please come along on the 2nd Saturday of every month 10am - 2pm for a tea or coffee. We now have a selection of books and bric-a-brac for sale too. All at very modest prices together with a selection of cakes and scones each month.

Members of Iwade Church are again helping to fill empty shoeboxes with small items to make Christmas special for some not as fortunate as we are. Can you help? Leaflets are in church with full details, see Sylvia in church or call 478103 if you'd like one. They need to be ready by the end of October.



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Church Cycle 2010 by Dave Wastall

Team Members

Rowena Beard, Nicola McKenzie, Conrad Veness, Lisa Veness, Dave Wastall, Steve Harris, Terri Avron-Cotton, Stephen Plumb, Justine Barringer.



At around 10.30am on Saturday September 11th, the intrepid group of Friends of Iwade Church set off on their fundraising bike ride. Ahead lay a route taking in 11 Kent churches, several punishing hills and the occasional puncture, interspersed with tea and cake at various locations along the way. Milton church provided the first stop after Iwade, followed by a visit to Borden, where our first puncture victim (Steve Harris) reported a flat tyre. With this repaired and dodging an angry swarm of bees outside the church, the group set off towards Bredgar. The group split on the way, with some choosing to visit Bredgar before heading towards Tunstall, the remainder went straight there. This proved a good decision, as Tunstall church had laid out a varied selection of sweets including Cola Bottles and Sour Worms, whereas the group that visited Bredgar received no more than another Steve Harris



front wheel puncture and a harsh cross wind on the way. With the second puncture fixed and sweets taken onboard at Tunstall, the group headed to Rodmersham. After negotiating the dreaded Rodmersham Hill, we were rewarded with a short rest at Rodmersham Green but as the group gathered its collective breath, an elderly motorist with a flat front tyre appeared, looking slightly bewildered and shocked to find 9 yellow shirted cyclists puffing and panting on the village green. Before she could utter any words of surprise, the group offered to help and her wheel was changed before her very eyes. Very kindly, both her and her companion donated £5 each to the ride and the group eventually left the scene to take in a well earned cup of tea at Rodmersham church. Next in line was the Bapchild church, which the group all agreed supplied the best refreshments. These included a killer chocolate sponge cake, with buttercream filling, icing and filling, icing and hundreds & thousands on top and a delicious lemon drizzle cake with almonds. The chocolate cake registered very favourably on Justine's highly-tuned taste buds and

received a mark of 9 out of 10. Fully fuelled, the group continued on to complete 2 churches in Sittingbourne town centre and one in Bobbing. At Bobbing, some of the group decided this was enough activity for a Saturday and sought the sanctuary of the Woolpack in Iwade. The remainder set off to take in Lower Halstow church before returning to Iwade and completing around 26 miles.



Those that went directly to Iwade clocked up just over 19 miles but all enjoyed a relaxing drink in the pub. £20 was kindly donated by Mark, the Landlord of the Woolpack to add to the online total already gathered by the group. Thanks must go to Nicola McKenzie for organising the ride, Rowena Beard for generating the online sponsorship page at <http://www.justgiving.com/Iwade-2010-Cycle> and the rest of the group for an energetic and humorous ride around the Kent Countryside.



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October pastoral letter by Revd Ron Partridge, minister at All Saints Church, Iwade

Dear Friends, These are perilous times. As an American I have many conflicting feelings about things, which I would like to share briefly. I hope that you will bear with me, as these issues have a bearing on life in the UK as well. Americans like to believe, as do the British people, that we have a unique heritage of freedom and liberty under law, as indeed we do. We have seen our people and our heritage under attack, sometimes by people in our

midst. For those in the UK, this has not been a new experience as it has in America, but the event commemorated in the USA recently was unusual in its magnitude and ferocity. For all of us, there has been a dilemma of how to respond. In the end, we must be true to our heritage as one of the main ways to keep faith with those who have been made to suffer through these attacks. We must not fall into the trap of victimising others for the sake of hitting back at those who are

indeed guilty but beyond our reach. Tolerance must be extended, even if we feel ourselves to be victims of intolerance. But if we consider ourselves to be Christian, there are deeper obligations to Christ: compassion for all, welcoming the stranger, toleration of differences, love and forgiveness for all. We must defend ourselves but should never fall victim to the tragedy of bitterness and hatred. The love of Christ compels us.



Mighty Meaty at Iwade Farmers Market



Cornucopia Homemade preserves & cakes at Iwade Farmers Market



Sew Home at Iwade Farmers Market

Farmers Market

by Amanda Hurrell

In September we introduced a new stall called MightyMeaty. They also offer a monthly door to door delivery service via their web site. Their sausages were so popular they ran out quickly! They will be back in October and you can taste some samples before you buy. Our fruit and veg stall is run by volunteers. In September Stephen Plumb and his wife offered their services. Other months it is run by the village hall committee members. The market attracts a lot of people and Sept we had our biggest turn out since Dave Manning and myself took over in July. We advertise locally in shop windows, newspapers, deliver leaflets to surrounding villages and of course in our local newsletter. It's been challenging taking over a market that has been running for over 18 months, but because Dave and myself are committed to keeping the market going it's going from strength to strength. We have been contacted by many people wishing to book a stall, but for now we are trying to attract new food stalls to offer more variety to our visitors. We open on the 1st Sunday every month from 10am till about 2pm. We offer free parking, our kitchen serves breakfast and hot snacks and you can sit and read local magazines whilst having a coffee. Why not pop along and see what we have to offer.

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Parish Council Notes taken from the meeting of 11th August 2010

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Fraud by Previous Clerk

Confiscation Enforcement Unit has confirmed that hopefully compensation money will be forthcoming in September.

Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners

Queried development affecting the use of School Lane Playing Field. The Chairman stated that it looks as though parishioners will be able to use this area until development commences, subject to a contract between the developers and the Parish Council.

Villagers asked if a dog waste bin could be located in Dunlin Walk.

The area is still owned by the developers and Swale Borough Council cannot place their bins on private land.

County Councillors and Borough Councillor

apologies received; absent due to meetings.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)

Report read out to Members; issues dealt with, including fly-tipping, litter in public areas, street lighting, etc.

PCSO

Apologies received.

Finance

School Holiday Club

Following receipt of further information, Members agreed to donate £595.30p to Iwade School to assist with the shortfall of money

needed to run the Holiday Club.

Expenditure agreed under S19 1976 LG(MP)A: the Parish Council's power to support recreational activity

Village Hall Car Park

No action at the present time as the Village Hall Committee is investigating various avenues of funding.

KALC Finance Conference, 25th September 2010

Agreed Clerk and one Councillor to attend, at a total cost of £141 (includes V.A.T.)

Youth Club Request for payments

Funding previously agreed by Parish Council; organisers now requesting payment for insurance - £146; KCC Youth Club affiliation fees - £75 and sundries, such as seating; games, etc. - £195.69p.

Lamp Columns

Clerk has received guideline quotes for replacing columns and disconnect/ connection of electrical supply, with a view to gradually updating columns in the future.

Local Engagement Forum Grant

noted.

School Lane Playing Field Equipment

As new play equipment is proposed as part of the Section 106 Agreement for the Hillreed development; Members agreed that as they have expressed an interest the existing play equipment (with the exception of the Kick Walls and swings) will go to the School; the Kick Walls will be retained on the field; swings disposed of and benches relocated to hopefully a future allotment site.

Schedule of Assets

The Parish Council needs to obtain a valuation of the land it owns adjacent to the Village Hall for entry into the Fixed Asset Register. Clerk to contact Swale Borough Council to see if they can assist; if this is not possible it might mean engaging a Surveyor to carry out this work.

Action: Clerk

Lamplighters

Letter received from Reverend Webb informing that the group will no longer use the school for meetings, but have been successful in booking the Village Hall. He understands the school will refund the fees already paid in advance, for the period September 2010 to March, 2011 to the Parish Council.

Cheques raised at this meeting

G.E. Capital Equipment - £2913.48
Inland Revenue - £116.64
Wages - £414.52
Steve Wakeling - £294.17
Iwade Village Newsletter - £500.00
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Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Publication of the Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment - noted by Members.



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Planning Notices

SW/10/TEMP/0023

Biomass Power Plant Ridham Ltd., Biomass Combined Heat and Power Plant, Ridham Dock, Iwade – agreed Cllr. Wilks to prepare letter of objection referring to the accumulation of fallout from the three incinerators (St. Regis, Countrystyle and Evonik) located in close proximity.

SW/10/TEMP/0016

Sustainable Energy Plant, Land to the East of Kemsley Paper Mill, Kemsley – Cllr. Wilks attended the site visit on the 7th July. The purpose of the visit was to familiarise KCC members with the application site and its environs.

SW/09/0756

98 Dwellings, Land East of Woodpecker Drive & Helen Thompson Close, Iwade – planning permission granted.

SW/10/0588

Change of Use of open amenity land to private amenity space and the erection of a 6ft high fence, 16 Woodpecker Drive, Iwade – Refused

Want your voice heard? The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm. Why not go along and have your say.

Iwade Herons match reports

Under 18s

Holtwood Rangers 0 - Iwade Herons 3

The new season started well in the under 18's division 3 of the Maidstone Minors league for the Iwade boys. With only one sub Iwade started on a high with having most of the play in the first half making Holtwood work hard to defend. Iwade's persistence in pushing the ball up to the box paid off when Jon Goodman headed in the opening goal, this was shortly followed by a Goodman second. Holtwood had a few breaks on goal but the excellent goal keeping from Iwade kept them from scoring.

The second half saw much of the same with Iwade passing the ball well and on his debut for Iwade Jordan Wisbey run down the wing and got his name on the score sheet. Holtwood battled hard but couldn't break the Iwade defence. The 3 points went to Iwade which was much deserved.

Man of the match went to Jack McConnell

Under 16's

Iwade Herons 2 - Castle Wanderers 0 Maidstone Minor league div 2

Great start to the season due to the fact we were unable to manage a win last season, so to win the first game we gave our old and new boys a much needed confidence boost. From the start, Iwade had the most possession, but neither side could make any clear cut chances. The second half started the same as the first half, but in the last 20 minutes, Iwade showed who was the better side with constant pressure on Castles goal. Eventually, Iwade got the breakthrough they deserved at the 85th minute with a great header from the smallest player on the pitch, Andrew McGrath(Scholes), then 3 minutes into injury time he scored from close range. Man of the match went to the whole team.



A rainbow over Iwade, photographed by Julia Brown.

Cliehda has been our Avon representative in Iwade for the past 14 years. She has now moved back to her beloved Cornwall so Avon are desperately trying to find replacements for her. We have customers waiting and Christmas is just around the corner so it is the perfect time to start. Any interested parties should contact Kay on 01795 426155 or avon.reps@live.co.uk