

# FRANKIE STOP HERE



# IWADE OBSERVER

October 2014



## FRANKIE ESCAPES THE LAB THIS HALLOWEEN

After much aggravating, Frankie has finally persuaded the Dr to let him out of the lab this Halloween and go trick or treating with the villagers! Dr Frankenstein has issued this statement.

"Be warned peoples of ivade, Frankie is not vely vell behaved and he'z extremely naughty boy, if he comz to your door he may vell invite himself inz n cause much mischief!"

Cut out and post the back page on your front window if you dare! You never know, if you're lucky, you may just get a visit! Happyz Halloveeeeeen!!!!

From Frankies lab

*Let's make halloween another IWADE halloween to remember. What will you do? Ed*

## October Iwade Village Market, by Rachel Rook

After August's wash-out market we are hoping that October's will be more successful, both for trading and for weather! We had some fantastic stalls in August that will be returning in October including, Fruit & Veg, Cheese and bread and some delicious sausages. We also have some great craft and jewelry stalls, and many others.

I hope it's going to be a busy market so do come along to support some great local businesses. It's not too early to be thinking about some early Christmas shopping!

Make a note in your diary NOW! Sunday October 12th. 10am to 1pm. Iwade Village Hall

*(Eds note, - I bought a lentil curry at the August market - not your traditional Sunday roast, but absolutely delicious!)*

'Locally sourced food, drink, CRAFTS, bouncy castle & more for the whole family'

THE IWADE MARKET  
EST 2008

SUNDAY  
10am-1pm  
12th October  
14th December

Iwade Village Hall & Grounds  
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'grow your community, shop locally'



## Iwade Rides Again

Pictured below, Iwade's Nick Clarke leading out the Ride team on Saturday 13th September to raise money for church. Thanks go to all the riders who cycled 40 odd miles for the cause.

The Stride team children pictured left having a well deserved rest on a hay bale on their way back from St Margaret of Antioch, Lower



Halstow on the Saxon Shore Way. 10 kilometres and the first Stride team from Iwade. Do you fancy striding in 2015?

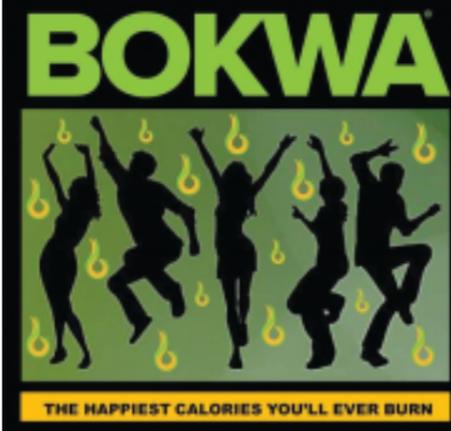
Nearly £200 raised, thanks all!

## Bokwa Comes to Iwade

Bokwa is in Iwade!!! Launch class Saturday 11th October and every Saturday thereafter at 9am. Iwade Village Hall. £4 for an hours class. Buckle up Iwade! Bokwa SJJ style is coming!!

Bokwa is a new and completely different approach to group exercise spreading across the globe. Bokwa participants draw letters and numbers with their feet while performing an energising and addictive cardio workout routine. Moving together to today's most popular music, participants of all ages draw the Bokwa L, 3, J, K, and dozens of other steps.

Pre-booking advised due to very high interest. You can either make contact via Sarah Jane's "Bokwa Bunnies Kent UK" Facebook group or text Sarah on 07946 299214.



## Iwade Allotment Association (IAA)

by Gareth Wiseman

The IAA BBQ was held on 7th September, with the Best Allotment being awarded to Phil Burberry, the day was very successful and enjoyed by all, even more so as we utilised the newly grassed area which had only been laid at the beginning of the summer.

Like to get on the allotment waiting list? - contact Joan Exley at m-j.exley1\_@tiscali.co.uk.



## Tribute to Aunt Bet

We say a heartfelt Iwade goodbye to Betty Heathfield, fondly known as Aunt Bet, of Meadow Close, Iwade who died on Wednesday 27th August 2014.

Aunt Bet was a well known, well respected and loved member of the Iwade community.

She came from Murston but lived in Iwade for 58 years, starting married life with her husband Roy, who came from Iwade, at 62 Sheerstone in 1956 before moving to 1 Meadow Close in 1967.

Aunt Bet worked locally out in the fields for Mr Hinge in the 1960s. In the late 1970s she worked for a short time at Iwade Primary School as a dinner lady, before working for Mr Neame out in the fields until retirement, fruit picking and cutting vegetables. She made many friends there.

Aunt Bet will be deeply missed by all. Rest in Peace Aunt Bet.



## Iwade walk

### Two bridges, and The Saxon Shore Way.

A shortish, simple walk with great views of The Swale, about 3 miles.



This walk is an easy stroll and ideally done on a bright, still day at a high tide.

Starting from The Village Centre head north along Sheppey Way in the direction of the Isle of Sheppey, make sure not to turn left down Old Ferry Road. After approximately half a mile you will see an entrance into the fields on your left - this can be a little overgrown! The path crosses the field roughly parallel to Sheppey Way and across what was an old saltworks. Take care here as the ground underfoot is very uneven and it is easy to turn an ankle. Continue across the field using the The Sheppey Crossing as a directional aid, passing through a short section of tall reeds, until you reach the Sheppey Way/Old Ferry Road junction - care here as the access from the footpath is a slightly overgrown, uneven stepped slope. Cross the road here and take the signposted route towards Ridham

Dock. You have two choices now as to where you join the Saxon Shore Way. You can either pass through the narrow chain-link gate to your left before passing under the bridges, or you can pass under the bridges and go through the gate on your left by the Kingsferry Boat Club, although this entrance is due for temporary closure shortly.

On a still, bright day and at high tide there are some wonderful views along The Swale, with very photogenic reflections of the two bridges, and if you're lucky it's always interesting (especially as you wont have to worry about the resulting traffic delays!) to watch the Kingsferry Bridge being raised to allow access to/from Ridham Dock

From either of these points you can enjoy a stroll along part of The Saxon Shore Way, before retracing your route home. A great place for a picnic as well .



## Iwade W.I., from Glenn Walters.

In July Iwade WI members got together for their summer outing with a trip to Minster Abbey and Gatehouse on the Isle of Sheppey. There was a very interesting talk and tour of the Abbey and at the Gatehouse some of us even managed to climb up to the top of the tower to enjoy panoramic views of the Island. Afterwards we enjoyed a ploughman's supper followed by scones with jam and cream, provided by ladies from Minster WI.

Our August meeting was a special four-craft activity evening where we could learn new skills in knitting, crochet, sugarcraft and card making, all organised by our very talented members. Everyone tried all the activities, some with more success than others. Crochet is still a mystery to me! All agreed it was a very pleasant and relaxed evening.

We are keeping up the Rummikub and Trionimo sessions which are proving very popular.

We are looking forward now to our October meeting when Neil Arnold gives his talk on "Creepy Kent", when our competition is to make a mask, and the raffle will have a Halloween theme!

We are always happy to welcome new members. Interested? Ring Glenn on 01795 436515.

## Dates For The Diary

**Saturday 4 October 10:00**

**Pop Up Art Exhibition**

All Saints Church, where local artists display their work in an informal way. Admission free, donations to church. Refreshments available. Part of a mini Arts Festival in Iwade as part of the Sheppey Promenade Festival who proudly presents War and Peace Across Swale.

**Saturday 4 October 14:00**

**Readings in a Country Church**  
Local writers read their own work and poetry from the Great War at All Saints Church. Part of the mini Arts Festival. Admission free, donations to church. Refreshments available.

**Wednesday 8 October 19:30**  
**Iwade Parish Council Meeting**

At Iwade Village Hall.

Residents encouraged, time allowed for resident's questions or issues.

**Thursday 9 October 11:15-11:25**  
**Mobile Library**

At the Springvale end of Sheerstone, identification required to join.

**Saturday 11 October 09:00**

**Iwade Bokwa SJJ Style!**

See article for more details.

**Wednesday 15 October**

**W.I. October Meeting**

Neil Arnold will be giving a talk at the meeting on Creepy Kent.

**Monday 20 October 17:00-18:00**  
**PCSO Surgery (Kent Police)**

Iwade's Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Matthew Link will be on hand in the square outside Londis to respond to any queries.

**Thursday 23 October 11:15**

**Mobile Library**

**Friday 31 October 17:00**

**Halloween!**



## Iwade remembers ... Brothers in Arms, by Rynn Kemp

Our story starts in the Summer of 1878; Abraham Taylor and Mary Anne Palmer have been 'stepping out ' for a while now and have finally committed to their nuptials. Abraham originally from Cranbrook, was by now living in Iwade Street with his father William, a farm labourer, and his mother Harriet. His new wife Mary was originally from Chatham, how they met is not recorded.

Their wedding is followed little more than a year later when in the autumn of 1879 their first child Harriet is born. The family have set up home at Coleshall Meadows in Iwade, and Abraham is working as a farm labourer. Soon though their happiness is shattered as Harriet is buried on the 1st March 1880 aged only 6 months. Abraham and Mary though have to carry on and are blessed with the arrival of William Henry in early 1881, followed by Mary Jane in the autumn of 1883, and Ellen in the autumn of 1885. So 5 years after burying their infant daughter Harriet the Taylors are a growing young family with a fine young son, and two beautiful daughters.

Tragedy though was soon to visit them again as they gathered to bury young Ellen still only 5 months old in March 1886. Maybe this was the way it was nearly 130 years ago but with the loss of this second daughter Abraham and Mary must have been devastated. Still though they carry on and in the years up to 1899 produce six more children, Frances in 1887, George in 1889, Alice in 1891, Flossie in 1896, Percy in 1898, and Albert in 1899!

By now the family (Mum, Dad and their 8 surviving children) are living in Moat Lane, Iwade. Yet again though the Taylors were to suffer a great setback as their latest child, Albert, dies in the spring of 1900 aged only 13 months. Maybe Abraham and Mary now really felt that their happiness was always to be punctuated with great sadness for it is another five years before another

child is produced. The family had by now moved to 1 School Lane in Iwade, and Frederick born in 1905 was to be their last child fully 26 years after Harriet was born. William Henry had by now left home and was working as a carter in Tonge.

This latest birth should have been an occasion for great celebration, though it turned out to be the biggest tragedy yet, for Mary dies (presumably through complications arising from the birth) and is buried on the third of June 1905, only two weeks before Frederick's baptism on the eighteenth of June. What a bitter sweet day that must have been. Frances as the oldest daughter still at home, and by now aged 17, has to take over the running of the home, as by now Mary had entered service and was a domestic for Ernest Wilkins, a butcher in Lynsted. The fates hadn't finished with Abraham and his family yet though, for in 1908 Alice dies aged 16. Since their marriage Abraham has now seen his wife and 4 of their children die!

The story now moves to the fate of brothers Percy and George. Both brothers join the war effort, Percy enlists in Canterbury with the Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles and later the 11th Battalion of The Queen's Own, Royal West Kent Regiment, while George joins 1st Battalion Queens Own, Royal West Surrey Regiment, enlisting in Queenborough.

The 11th Battalion Royal West Kents, with Percy amongst their strength, were involved in the Battle of Messines between the seventh and the fourteenth

of June 1917. The target was to take and secure the Messines Ridge, a natural stronghold southeast of Ypres. The battle started in the early hours of the 7th June with the detonation of 19 mines totalling 91,000lbs of ammunition, the noise of which was said to have been heard in Downing Street. Percy was part of this ultimately successful offensive, but was killed on the last day of the battle on 14th June 1917. He is commemorated at the Menin Gate in Ypres.

Whether George got to hear of his



brother Percy's death we do not know, but by the seventh of November 1918, and just four days before the Armistice was signed, The Royal West Surreys were fighting a battle to secure the village of Ecuclin, near Mauberge and close to the France/Belgium border. Although the objective was eventually secured it seems very probable that George was among the one officer and five other ranks killed when the regiment met strong opposition in the village in the early hours of the seventh of November 1918. George is commemorated at Caudry British Cemetery, a town 13km east of Cambrai. On George's gravestone are the words "In loving memory of my dear husband - until we meet" The inscription was placed by A F Taylor of Terry's Yard, Bapchild.

I can find no record of George's marriage, and would love to hear from you if you have any information regarding that or indeed can add anything to the above sad story.



## PCSO Update from Matthew Link

In relation to the incident on Raspberry Hill Lane regarding the shooting. I want to reassure residents of Iwade that although it was very serious, this was an isolated incident. If anyone has information about the incident please call '101' quoting crime reference: XY/31860/14.

I would also like to ask residents to be extra vigilant about vehicle security, particularly as the nights are now drawing in. There have been incidents in Iwade over the last month of vehicle interference. Please report anyone acting suspicious to us on '101' or 999 if a crime is in progress'

### Keep It Local

by Amanda Hurrell

It's not often you get good customer service these days. In the modern world of internet shopping I do think some shops forget that customers still need to shop face to face and lack the basic customer service skills. So I'd like to mention the great customer service received in our local village store this week. I popped in to drop off a parcel (they offer this service until 10pm every day) and enquired if they still sold the Coke bottles with names printed on the front. The man smiled, asked my name, popped out to the store and came back with one. It may sound insignificant to most people but the simple act not only completed my quest to find our family names for a holiday in October but restored my faith in good customer service. Large shops could learn a thing or two from local shops!

### Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow Cricket Club

The club are looking for cricket players aged 6 to 15 years to join their Colts Section. Call Les on 01634 579538 or 07816 908284 for details.



### EDITOR'S NOTE

So this month apart from the usual dates for the diary we have a mini Arts Festival at All Saints Church Iwade, Bokwa launch and Halloween! IwadeVillage.co.uk has already received emails asking what is happening in Iwade this year for Halloween. As you'll see from the front page whilst Frankie is not doing a ticketed show this year he will be out and about trick or treating. Frankie has asked us, to ask you, to make halloween special this year, by doing your own special halloween things around the village. Iwade Does Halloween! Have fun!

**Iwade Parish Council ask that you please report all incidents of dreadful smells/odours in the village to the Environment Agency – 0800 807060, so that they can investigate.**

**Many thanks**

### Iwade Health Centre (IHC)

The restaffing of IHC is now well under way. Dr Kotwal, female GP, started 4th September, and Dr Neil Poplett, Lead GP, will start 20th October.

Samantha Toms came in as the new Practice Manager on 1st July

IHC will be installing a new phone system that will play a recording to the caller stating that they are in a queue etc. and if they wish to speak to the Medical Secretary about referrals or insurance reports they can press 1. They will also be having more phones that actually ring in the reception area so more staff are aware of incoming calls and the need to answer them!

### Iwade Emergency Plan -

from Cllr Rachel Rook.

The parish council are trying to create an Emergency Plan for the village, and need YOUR help!

We are looking for people to be part of an emergency team that could assist with various things e.g. putting sand bags in place and generally helping out as part of a coordinated response. We would also like to be able to call upon people with 4 x 4s and large vehicles that could be used if necessary.

If anyone could assist with this, or would like further details about how you could help, then please email Iwade Parish Council (iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk) with your details so that we can add your contact details to the plan.

### Iwade Boot Camp Fitness

Meet every Wednesday on the Stangate Drive Green 6:15 - 7:15 pm and only £2 a session.

Adi Escritt

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**IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2014**

Visitors/Public Time

A resident raised the subject of the football pitches and asked if there had been any news; the Chair responded that the planning application for the pavilion has already been submitted but SBC asked the developers to hold it back until they have had a discussion about it. Rob Bailey, Planning Officer, has advised that it has been lodged but they are having difficulty with the new planning system. A resident asked if the green next to the Medical Centre could be released early due to the lack of informal open space; the Chair advised that a drainage scheme needs to be installed but the Parish Council will write to Persimmon to see if this is possible.

•Community Warden (Nick Mayatt) reports during the last month he has dealt with scrap, car sales, graffiti, fly tipping, flower pot thefts and charity workers.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Members met candidates on Monday; the Chair advised Cllr. White as to how this had progressed and following a vote of 5 to 2 in favour of Lou Preston he was welcomed to the Council; invited to join in the meeting and duly sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Persimmon Development

Lorries have now stopped using School Lane; the new entrance is open and the temporary bridge in place. The Chairman commented that issues regarding planning and enforcement were raised at the Localism Meeting on Monday. The subject of weekend working was raised but Planning Officers stated that there had been no complaints from residents; apart from one. The football pitches were also raised and that they should be handed back now that 100 houses have been built; Parish Council representatives made it clear that they were not happy with the situation. The Enforcement

Officer denied all knowledge of the reptile barrier being down, despite the Clerk receiving a 'read receipt' for the e-mails sent to him. After the meeting the Clerk re-sent all the e-mails to Planning Enforcement, proving that the Parish Council had written to them; no response has been received. Members agreed that the Parish Council should now put in an official complaint regarding Enforcement and the lack of action relating to numerous issues and associated conditions. The Chairman advised that he; Cllrs Gale and Mitchell and Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes will be attending a site meeting on Friday morning, when they will be meeting Persimmon's Site Manager and seeing what is happening on the development. The Chair has also written to Andrew Shankster regarding the Henge but as yet has not received a reply.

Solar Farm Proposal, School Lane  
The public consultation took place on the 12th June; it was attended by 28 people; 9 feedback forms were completed; there were 3 objections.

Planning New Applications  
Expansion of Iwade Primary School from two form entry (2FE) to three form entry (3FE), including the erection of a two storey extension to the existing school building, creation of new access via School Lane, provision of parent drop-off and pick up facilities and additional parking spaces together with new hard and soft landscaping. The Chairman referred to the Parish Council's Public Consultation held in the Church on the 30th June, for residents to view the revised site layout; many expressed concerns about the proposed entrance. Since then further discussion have taken place with the Architects and KCC Highways and there is the possibility that a revised site layout will be submitted but in the meantime Members have to respond to those in the current submission.

Parking

School Mews residents are concerned about parking in the village centre car park and in particular the residential area car park. With the existing two form entry school there is a huge problem associated with parents using this area during pick up/drop off times; with parking on pavements, double parking & blocking of access ways which stops residents from being able to exit to drive to work. Vehicles trying to deliver to the centre shops are unable to gain access. The Police are unable to take enforcement action because this is private land.

Sheppey Crossing Concerns

The Chairman referred to the latest incident on the bridge, which falls within the Parish Boundary; many residents have grave concerns. He has spoken to Gordon Henderson, M.P. but the Police report is not out yet so he cannot give any views. Members agreed to write to the Highways Authority letting them know these crashes are within our Parish and residents are concerned; the bridge is dangerous; there is no hard shoulder and it needs a matrix board giving up to date information.

Iwade Bridge / Weedscreen

It looks as though SBC are part-owners of the bridge; funding is problematic as both Swale & the EA cannot financially support it. Members agreed that the Parish Council should not take on this responsibility.

The Barn

Ward Homes have agreed to carry out remedial work to the wooden cladding; hopefully within the next couple of weeks. A locksmith is sorting out the door that leads out onto the car park. A Committee is now set up as a Trust; comprising Cllrs Mitchell and Hunt, Graeme Horner and Nicola McKenzie; also an Accountant who will be dealing with finance. A Constitution will be agreed and the Trust is meeting with SBC on 21st July to finalise the lease.

**IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST 2014**

Visitors/Public Time

• A resident raised the issue of bad mobile signals in the village. The Parish Council has investigated this in the past and found that new software was needed to combat conflict caused by the different bands. The Chair pointed out that when it was suggested having a mast in the village at that time residents were against it; he has also spoken to Gordon Henderson's office today and the M.P. will be pushing Ofcom for information. The Clerk will write to Ofcom to see if they can assist and the Chair will place an article on Iwade Does Facebook to ascertain who now has problems and how many residents would agree to a new mast in the village.

• Cllr. White raised the issue of traffic flow in Helen Thompson Close and Woodpecker Drive, which has been made worse because of the installation of the ramp in Woodpecker; people are now going up and down Helen Thompson to avoid this. The Clerk has already received a complaint regarding damage caused to the underneath of a car by the new ramp and she will chase KCC regarding this. It would also be helpful if residents informed the Parish Council if they are having issues.

• Borough Cllr. Stokes has received a complaint from a resident regarding dust, most of which comes from Ridham; he is taking this up with the Environment Agency. He attended the Parish Council meeting regarding the School; has made quite a few site visits in connection with the Persimmon development and has been corresponding with the company. He also attended a site visit with Oliver Doubleday regarding the Solar planning application. He has been working with Swale Borough Council in connection with the hand-over of The Barn; has made visits to Countrystyle regarding the odour problems and has been to the Speedway track to look at the football

pitch being installed for youngsters.

Persimmon Development

• Steve Bray, Construction Manager at Persimmon gave an update on progress with various issues; the main spine road to Sheppey Way from the bridge is complete as is the main road. Sheppey Way kerbs are in and Archaeology is well on the way. Relating to planning conditions, Persimmon is chasing Swale Borough Council for approval. With regards to the recreation ground the planning application has now been validated; they are working with Swale to achieve this and aim to complete by the early part of next year; drainage works are complete but still have to install surface water culverts.

• Cllr. Gale referred to Persimmons sponsorship for Iwade Herons, which is a positive thing.

Government Consultation on Underground Drilling Access

Members agreed the following response prepared by Cllr. Plumb: As a Parish Council we strongly believe that we are elected to represent the local community, and in all matters seek to be informed, so to make decisions and act on their behalf.

The practice of extracting natural resources up to 300m below the surface, and the issues and emotions it raises within a community, has in recent years, attracted greater public attention and awareness, and in a number of cases public opposition, most notably Balcombe in Sussex. As a council therefore we would want to consult the community to obtain a consensus of opinion before making or committing to a formal response. We have the mechanism through social network and a monthly magazine to seek resident's opinions.

Iwade Allotments

Members agreed a meeting needs to be set up with Swale Borough Council, Iwade Allotments Association and the landowner to look at transferring the lease over to the Parish Council.

Sheppey Crossing Concerns

Clerk to chase the Highways Agency and send a copy to Gordon Henderson, M.P., as she has still not heard from them apart from an automated acknowledgement.

Iwade Bridge/Weedscreen

The Chair and Clerk met with the Environment Agency and Swale Borough Council and agreed that the Parish Council will not take over responsibility for the bridge.

School Lane Repairs

Flooding problems are still being encountered. Clerk advised that the resurfacing repairs had been carried out within a restricted budget and should have improved the flow of water to the drains and gullies. However it looks as though there might be a now be an underlying problem with the drains and KCC is investigating.

Any Other Matters Arising

• The Chair referred to the water problems at the Grovehurst Gate entry to the village; has spoke to Wards, Oliver Doubleday and Kent County Council who have now tracked down the contractors responsible. He suggested a site meeting with KCC, Oliver Doubleday and Swale Borough Council to look at the whole area.

• Cllr. Gale raised the issue of Kent Fire and Rescue Services being charged £15 per day to use the Village Hall site during strikes; this is embarrassing as they are protecting the village. Clerk to query this with the Hall Chair.