



# Iwade Observer

**Iwade Parish Council are having a 'Prettiest Street Competition' next spring with a plaque being awarded to the winning street. Get planting soon to ensure your garden's ready for judging!**

**September 2010**

## **New Iwade Youth Group**

This autumn the Iwade Youth Group is set to open at the Village Hall on the 7th September 2010, 7.30-9-30pm, and thereafter on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

The group is being run by Carol and Colin and a team of volunteers from the village. The group will include a range of activities and a café bar for members between the ages of 11- 15 yrs. They currently have the facility to run movies, karaoke, music /dance nights and table sports. They will be aiming

to give the youth of Iwade the opportunity to meet and have a direct say over what future activities could be. The group will be affiliated to Kent County Council through Kent Youth and will have the support to provide additional activities and group outings. This exciting venture is for the use of young people in and around the village and we hope that it will be a popular club.

Should you wish to contact us then please call Carol or Colin on 01795 427354.

## **Lamplighters**

From September the Lamplighters will be meeting in the Village Hall NOT the School Hall. It will be the same time and day- 5.00pm -6.15pm Tuesday Evenings.

We are a Church Children's Club where we have singing, games, story time and craft, and invite more children to join us. We do have to charge 75p per child to cover expenses but we would never turn a child away - if there was any difficulty we would try to help. If interested contact David or Wyn Webb on 424502

## **Iwade Parent and Toddler Group**

The Iwade Parent and Toddler Group starts again on Tuesday 7th September and is held every Tuesday morning in term-time from 9 to 11am in the Village Hall.

It's run by volunteers and is an excellent playgroup. There's a baby area to protect the little ones from the toddlers, a range of toys to play with, and different tables for crafts, books and puzzles for more quiet activities.

The children sit down for a drink and a biscuit at around 10 (that's the only quiet time!) and parents can help themselves to tea or coffee. Free for the first time, then

£1.50 for the first child and 20p for each additional child.



The Toddler Group End of Term Trip to Farming World.



End of Term Picnic.



Music Time!



Come and join the fun!

## Editor's Note

Well the summer is nearly over but hopefully there will still be some nice days left, especially for the weekend of the 11th/12th September. The cyclist that have been sponsored for the Church's Bike Ride will surely be wishing it doesn't rain on the 11th and hopefully everyone will get along to the Speedway track on the 12th and join them for their 40th Anniversary Celebrations.

Do you have any old images of Iwade? We would love to show them in the newsletter. Contact me at [jc\\_hunt@sky.com](mailto:jc_hunt@sky.com) or call me on 427055. I'm sure new people in the village will be interested to see what it looked like before all the new housing. Does anyone remember the farm shop on the corner where the village centre is now or when Iwade had the A249 running straight through it?

*James Hunt*

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## Iwade Health Walks

What could be more enjoyable than walking companionably through fields and footpaths, perhaps spotting a heron or an oystercatcher, or listening to some croaking bull frogs – and all within a few minutes walk from the centre of Iwade? O.K. – it's not always quite so idyllic. The sun may not always shine; we may have to beat down the occasional bramble and nettle and there may be stiles to negotiate, but there is always a friendly helping hand close by and often plenty of laughter to cheer us on our way.

Does this appeal to you? Then why not join us on our regular Thursday morning walk? Similar Health Walks are held regularly throughout East Kent, co-ordinated by the Eastern and Coastal Kent N.H.S Trust and are led by trained volunteers. The whole purpose of the scheme is to encourage people to improve their level of fitness and stamina through an enjoyable, non-demanding, sociable activity out in the open air. There is no need to commit to every week – just turn up when you can. Its advisable to bring a bottle of water, sun protection or wet weather gear as the weather dictates. There is no charge, just bring enough money for a drink at "The Woolpack" afterwards - to rehydrate ourselves after our exertions, of course!

We meet at 10.30 for 10.45 a.m each week in the square within the small shopping complex. There are several routes that we take, each lasting between 60 to 90 minutes and covering roughly three or four miles. One week may find us



walking through orchards and past hedgerows of blackberries and damson trees, just ripe for picking. At other times we may walk some of the Saxon Shore Way and across the marshes. The scenery is forever changing with the seasons and there is always something of interest to spot. Occasionally our walks may be taken further afield and we have been seen walking through the bluebells at Hucking and also enjoying the sea breezes at Minster!

Our walks are open to everyone but please bear in mind that the ground can be uneven and some of the stiles are a little tricky. Walkers walk at their own risk. Sadly we are unable to accommodate our four legged friends, however well behaved, as there is always the possibility of coming across various livestock and wild life that need to be protected, especially during the nesting season.

If you would like to find out more then please contact Jan Morris on 01795 471173 or just turn up on a Thursday when you will be most welcome.



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# Iwade School's Y6 Leavers' Assembly

## 22 July 2010

It was with sadness and fond memories that we said goodbye to our Year 6 pupils at our special assembly in July, when we celebrated their successes, especially with the Key Stage 2 SATs (see School Website), and their time at Iwade School.

We wish them all much happiness in their new schools and in their journey through life.

The staff at Iwade School



## Mobile Library Times

Please note that the mobile library times are changing from the current time of 10.40-10.55 to a revised time of 11.15-11.25



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# Dates for the Diary

**Mobile Library** Thursday 2nd September 11.15am to 11.25 end of Sheerstone (Springvale end)

**Iwade Farmers Market** Sunday 5th September 10am to 2pm Iwade Village Hall

**Communion Service** Sunday 5th September 11am All Saints Church Iwade

**Parish Council Meeting** Wednesday 8th September 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall

**Gardening Club** Thursday 9th September contact Ann Menzies on 599755 for summer venue

**Friends of Kent Cycle and Church Open Day** Saturday 11th September All Saints Iwade is open from 10am to 6pm as it is the day of the Friends of Kent Cycle. Refreshments and home-made produce for sale. Why not pop along.

**Iwade Herons FC** Start the Season Sunday 12th September. Good luck Herons!

**Sittingbourne Speedway** 40th Anniversary Meeting Sunday 12th September. See iwadevillage.co.uk for more info.

**Family Communion** Sunday 12th September 11am All Saint's Church Iwade

**W.I. Meeting** Wednesday 15th September Contact Hilary Foulds for information on joining Iwade W.I. on 01795 474686 or at hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk

**Mobile Library** Thursday 16th September 11.15am to 11.25 end of Sheerstone (Springvale end)

**Communion Service** Sunday 19th September 11am All Saints Church Iwade

**Family Service** for Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 26th September 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade

**Mobile Library** Thursday 30th September 11.15am to 11.25 end of Sheerstone (Springvale end)

## Churchwarden's Notes by Sylvia O'Shea

Tickets are available for the Harvest Supper being held on October 9th in the Village Hall. They are reasonably priced at £6 for a roast meal. Make sure you reserve your tickets early as this is always a popular event. Music is provided all evening with the opportunity to show your dancing skills on the floor later. Tickets are available from Connie Kilby, 21 Sheerstone Tel: 01795 471932 and Wynn Webb, 16 School Lane, Tel 01795 424502. You are asked to take your own drinks/glasses please.

Have you thought about doing a sponsored walk or bike ride on September 11th? It can be great fun and you only do as much or

as little as you feel able to. If you wish for more first hand information, I'm sure Nicola on 01795 439892 will help. She has been sponsored to ride for a couple of years and seems to get a great deal of enjoyment from taking part. I too enjoy the hours spent welcoming visitors (and being sponsored for doing so). Last year between us we raised over £300.

Do please pop along and share a cup of tea/coffee with us when Church is open on 2nd Saturday of each month – usually 10 – 2pm.

### The 2008 Church Cycle



Above - From left to right: Steve Beard, Amanda Hurrell, Nicola McKenzie and Rowena Beard.

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# Sittingbourne Speedway and St. John Ambulance

Sittingbourne Speedway Ltd has enjoyed a long association with the St. John Ambulance Brigade who attend every meeting and practice the Club put on. They come out in all weathers all the year round and provide a very valuable service, and the Club would not dream of running an event without the St John team in attendance.

The local branch is the Sittingbourne and Milton Division which is run by a family of Iwade residents. In the past they have always had to borrow an ambulance to attend our meetings but on the 11th July the Club held a private practice and the St John team proudly arrived in their own, brand new, fully equipped ambulance.

The ambulance cost in excess of £60,000 and the was made possible by the sheer hard work and determination of the local division to gather support and funds. Special thanks must go to Gerald Lukehurst & Son Ltd, The Co-operative Society and The Sittingbourne Rotary Club for their generous donations. Sittingbourne Speedway helped raise a substantial amount towards the new ambulance and the Club are very pleased and proud to have been able to assist in this very worthy cause.



## Autumn in the Garden By Amanda Hurrell

Well the summer is now almost over and gardeners everywhere are preparing for the autumn planting of spring flowering bulbs and over-wintering vegetables. Autumn is my favourite season; there are so many colours and it's a time to look at the garden and reflect on what worked well and what needs to be moved ready for next year. Sometimes careful planning isn't as rewarding as the surprise plant or flower that

seeds itself in the garden. This sunflower grew from home-made compost and did better than the planned planted seedlings! Autumn flowering pansies will be available from September and look pretty grown in pots and can last well into next spring. Iwade Parish Council will also be looking at planting bulbs and colourful shrubs around the village this autumn ready for a colourful display next spring. You can also join in with the 'Prettiest Street in the Village' competition; a

plaque will be awarded to the Prettiest Street! Judging will take place late spring next year. If you're not that green fingered or want to involve the children why not plant up groups of daffodils, they look so cheerful and are the cheapest way to plant up some colour for next year. Try Wilkinsons or Homebase for a small bag or why not share a bigger bag with a neighbour and grow some in your lawn.

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# W.I Visit to the Oliver Fisher Neo Natal Unit By Valerie Pugh

Hello Everyone. I thought I would tell you about a lovely interesting afternoon three of our members had in July.

A while ago, Glenn Walters suggested we start knitting for the Neo Natal Unit at Medway Hospital on our Knit & Natter afternoons that we have as an extra to our WI Monthly Meetings. There are several members who have come along to enjoy an afternoon at Glenn's house with tea, cake & good company. Glenn sort's out the patterns & a starter pack of wool & off we go. This lead to the afternoon at the Unit to hand over the box of Premature Baby clothes & Blankets. We made a prior arrangement to meet Mrs Pat Bagley (Charity Trust Co-ordinator) at the unit & when we arrived Pat took us along to meet Dr Aung Soe. The doctor in charge who made us very welcome. He was very interested in asking questions about the WI & just what we did at our monthly meetings. We told him

we have various speakers who come in to give talks on various subjects. The yearly resolutions we take on country wide i.e. Honey Bees from last year & Food Labelling this year. All these subjects are discussed & voted on country wide & taken up with Parliament & followed through.

This lead onto Dr Soe telling us about how the unit was started & how they work with the charity to make up the short fall of the NHS for the much needed equipment that the unit needs to enable them to continue there life saving work. Dr Soe & Pat then showed us around the Unit. We looked through the glass into the intensive & special care areas at all the incubators & electronic equipment keeping the tiny babies warm & comfortable. Some babies stay longer than others. All treated with such love & care. We were then showed into another area where there were two

fully equipped incubators ready

to go at a moments notice to transport premature babies safely back to the hospital. As we finished the tour we were treated to a cup of tea & chat with Pat. We can't praise them enough for the work they do & how welcome they made us.

Interested in the work they do. Have a look at their web site. [www.oliverfisher.org](http://www.oliverfisher.org)

Interested in the WI. Come along & give us a try. We meet on the Third Wed of each month at the Village Hall. Contact Hilary on 01795 474686. Hope to see you there.



## Pictures

**Top:** Shows from left to right .... Glenn, Dr. Soe, Pat Bagley and Tricia.

**Left:** The baby clothes made.

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# Parish Council Notes Taken from the meeting held on the 14th July 2010

Parish Councillor Vacancies - Five candidates put their names forward; three introduced themselves at the meeting; two could not attend due to prior commitments. Candidates were asked to leave the room whilst voting took place. During the first round of voting there was an outright majority for James Hunt; during the second for Stephen Plumb. Both signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and were invited to join the Parish Council meeting. Joan Exley accepted the Parish Council's invitation to become a non-voting member of the Planning Committee.

Village Hall - The safety inspection report has been received from R.O.S.P.A.; the handyman has been instructed to carry out the necessary work and the Clerk has written to the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee regarding the areas that come under their jurisdiction. The Clerk has contacted the Land Registry and ascertained the procedure for making changes to the deeds for the village hall. There is the possibility of a £50 fee for this paper work - agreed.

Visitors/Public Time - County Councillors and Borough Councillor - Cllr. Whiting referred to the quote for the Village Hall car park and the £16,000 he has available in grant money which he can put towards this project, but the work must be carried out by Ringway. He will investigate the possibility of

using other approved K.C.C. contractors and report back

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt) - report read out to Members - issues dealt with included fly-tipping, litter, noisy youths; the bus shelter.

Finance - Fraud by previous Clerk, Proceeds of Crime Act Hearing - reference was made to the hearing and subsequent letter received from Kent Police which stated that as a result of her criminal conduct, Mrs George benefited by a total of £50,073.41 (the sum total of the funds stolen from both Iwade and Newington - £30,407 and £19,666.21 respectively). Sarah George was ordered to pay in compensation to Iwade and Newington Parish Councils the sum of £36,823 (to be split 60.7% and 39.3% respectively); which leaves a shortfall of £13,250.41p. It was proposed by Cllr. Wilks and seconded by Cllr. Manning that Louise Humphries (Solicitor) is appointed and instructed to approach the bank regarding this shortfall; she has agreed to charge a fee of £100 per hour for undertaking this work - appointment agreed. Clerk has approached a professional Auditor, David Buckett, who has agreed to take on the task of auditing the Parish Council accounts. His hourly fee is £45, plus mileage. Agreed by Members to appoint David Buckett as the new Internal Auditor for Iwade Parish Council.

Photocopier Contract - the leasing company has issued an invoice for £2913.48p, being the full and final

settlement amount to cease the photocopier contract. Payment agreed by Members.

School Holiday Club - letter received from Iwade School requesting assistance with the shortfall in funds needed to finance the club. Proposed by Cllr. Wilks and seconded by Cllr. Manning that the Clerk write to the School seeking more information; details to be brought back to the next meeting in order that the Parish Council can fully consider this request.

Society of Local Council Clerks - Members agreed to the renewal of the subscription for 2010/11 at a cost of £95.

Cigarette Waste Bin - Clerk awaiting a response from Anne Ryman of Swale Borough Council regarding the provision of a bin at the bus shelter located adjacent to the village park.

## Have Your Say!

At each Parish Council meeting some time is set aside for parishioners to have their say about anything in the village.

If you have anything that you would like to speak to the Council about why not come along or email the parish clerk at [iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk)

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# Planning

From the Parish Council Meeting on 14th July 2010

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



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