



Iwade Observer

Put Saturday 20th October in your diary for the Harvest Celebration Barn Dance, £7.50 including Ploughman's Supper and live band, under 12s go free. Contact details for tickets in Dates for the Diary

September 2012

Freya's Olympic Promise by Murray Crundwell

As the London 2012 Olympic Games draw to a close, Iwade has played a much bigger role than a lot of people would have imagined. Freya Quested, who lives here in Iwade with her family, had the wonderful honour of greeting the torchbearer at Leeds Castle and holding the torch herself. The chance came about because Freya was born on a very special day almost 8 years ago. Her birthday is the 20th December (20/12) 2004, the month before London's Olympic bid was submitted. Every child born on that day was offered the chance to take part in the torch relay when it passed through their local area thanks to the Children's Promise 2012.

Freya, along with 12 other local children, were backstage at Leeds Castle as the torchbearer, Julia Chilcott, lit the cauldron at the end of day 62 of the torch relay. Julia was nominated to be a torchbearer as she has worked as a foster carer for the County Council for more than 24 years.

London Olympics Chairman Seb Coe sent birthday cards to the 700 children every year addressed to "a very special London 2012 baby" as well as arranging for each child to have a Children's Promise 2012



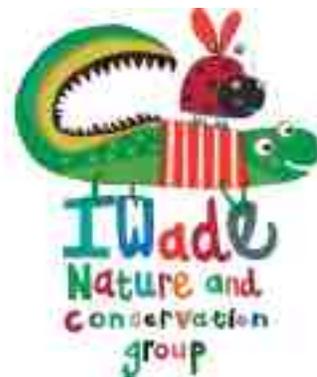
certificate signed by London 2012, and a goodie bag full of Olympic mementoes.

After welcoming the torch relay party on stage and witnessing the lighting of the cauldron with the Mayor of Maidstone, the children then got the chance to hold the torch. An education workshop was held, and the children met Britain's Got Talent stars Twist & Pulse before enjoying music from Rizzle Kicks who kept the 8000-strong crowd entertained throughout the day.

A video of the lighting of the cauldron can be found at bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-18918685. Freya can be seen second in from the right.

Illustrator in our midst

Do you sometimes wonder what people do behind closed doors? Well Katie Saunders, mum of Archie 4 and Olive 2 and a half, with a degree in Illustration, is busy working in her garage studio in Cormorant Road as a freelance illustrator. Thanks to Katie, the Iwade Nature and Conservation Group, who you can find on facebook, have a fantastic new logo (pictured).



Katie mostly illustrates children's books and develops characters for card ranges for companies like WHSmiths, Hallmark, Waitrose and Asda and is currently up for the Sheffield Children's Book Award for Little Frog. Little Frog is part of a series of 9 touch and feel baby books by Caterpillar Books. Katie did the illustration for Archie's bedroom when she was pregnant with him so we look forward to seeing it in print! Katie *continued on page 2...*

Illustrator in our midst

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also illustrates puzzles, games and toys and since having Archie and Olive has illustrated lots of baby books and also written her own. Keep an eye out for Katie's books on the shelves as they appear in most shops and stores. Katie works for publishers all over the world thanks to her London agent advocate art and you can find examples of Katie's work at advocate-art.com. It's refreshing to talk to someone who loves their job so all the best Katie and we wish Archie all the best as he starts at Iwade School this month.

by Nicola McKenzie

Netmums Winner!



Puddle Ducks East Kent, run by Iwade based Angela, have just finished their third term of

baby and toddler swimming classes in Sittingbourne in great style. Angela says – 'our classes are going so well and we have such a lovely set of customers I could not have asked for anything more. After only three terms we have over 200 customers and were Netmums Winner for 'favourite pre-school class in East Kent'! I couldn't be prouder. Our Sittingbourne Puddle Ducks, many of whom come from Iwade, are doing hugely well and in fact next term we are introducing our 'Dippers' class to Sittingbourne, which is an advanced class for our 2-5 year olds since so many of our 'Little Dippers' have progressed so far and so quickly, from non-swimmers to being able to swim a few metres unaided. Well done Puddle Ducks! I am so proud of all of you'. Bookings now being taken and Iwade residents get 10% off their first term!

Growing Up by Alex Hill Iwade Allotment Association Secretary



Beautiful and tasty - the sweetest member of the Pea family

With harvest season upon us, there seems no better time to reflect on the first full year at our own village allotment site. During 2012, a community garden has been completed, benches and picnic tables installed and a new notice board built. A number of social gatherings have taken place, including the official

Calling all Mums to be!

Angela of Puddle Ducks has also just completed her intensive Aquanatal training at Duck HQ and is all set to offer Aquanatal classes (aqua-aerobics for pregnant women) from September in Sittingbourne and is just finalising the pool details and times. Aquanatal is recommended for all stages of pregnancy so book now, make new friends, get some pregnancy specific exercise and relax in the water as well. As always, Iwade mums will get a discount.

Angela has also started an Iwade Mums group on facebook - search on Iwade Mums and click 'join group' - for chatting, selling unwanted items and generally being sociable. Enjoy! Ed

Planning Application Withdrawn

Application reference – SW/12/0757 GP Case – 24734

Proposal – Change of use of property from A1/A2 use (retail and financial and professional services) to beauty salon. Location – Unit B, School Mews, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent. ME98UW.

Please note that the above application has now been withdrawn on 19th July

opening earlier in the year. Next is a Halloween event on Saturday 27th October at 4pm, including fancy dress, food and other spooky phenomena.

This horticultural corner of Iwade has seen great things, despite an 'interesting' growing season. The site may have seen weeks of rain which the Burmese monsoon warning office would have been proud of, however this has not put off the gardeners of Iwade. There are fantastic examples of fruit and vegetables as well as some delightful flowers, all of which create a truly satisfying and charming resource within the village. Anyone considering taking an allotment, please contact Phil Burbury on 07778 384233.



Aerial view of Iwade taken by Parish Councillor and pilot in his spare time Phil Hyde on Monday 4th June of Jubilee Weekend - thanks Phil!

Vacancies

Iwade School has a vacancy for a part-time cleaner for 15 hours per week (3pm-6pm), Monday-Friday. Term time only, i.e. 38 weeks of the year.

Kent Range 2, £12,903 pro rota. For more details, contact Mr Fisher (Site Manager) on 01795 472578

The Woolpack also has vacancies for experienced waiting and bar staff.

For more information please contact Mark or Liz on 01795 472656.

Vacancies were open as we went to print, definitely worth a call - Ed

Under New Management

The popular Iwade Village Market is now under new management and, as a result, the dates have changed slightly.

The market is still between 10am and 1pm at Iwade Village Hall but is now held on the second Sunday of every month, starting from September.

Therefore, the dates for your diary are as follows for 2012:

Sunday 9th September

Sunday 14th October

Sunday 11th November

Sunday 9th December

If you would like to book a stall you can telephone Steve Theobald

on 07990 767893 or on 07904

610298 or you can email him at

stevethefish51@googlemail.com

Free Insulation from British Gas

by Murray Crundwell
Residents in Iwade can benefit from Loft and Cavity Wall Insulation free of charge courtesy of British Gas. An offer set up by the energy giants in a bid to save areas of the country money expires on 31st December, and all you need to do to claim your free insulation is pick up the phone. British Gas can be contacted on 0845 076 3900 and, when prompted, quote "BGI", "j.hickey" and the unique code of 137189. A fully qualified surveyor will come out to you, check your homes suitability, and then send an installation team to your address for the insulation to be fitted, all entirely free of charge.

Loft Insulation stops heat escaping through your roof and can save you up to £175 per year off your energy bills. Cavity Wall Insulation halts the escape of heat through the walls of your home and can achieve savings of up to £135 per year. That's a combined saving of up to £310 thanks to a service that requires no financial input, just a phone call.

All Saint's Services at 10.30am:

Sunday 2nd September Sung

Communion,

Sunday 9th September Family

Communion,

Sunday 16th September Sung

Communion,

Sunday 23rd September Family service

Editor's Note

Well this month it's been a pleasure to have been joined by Murray Crundwell armed with a degree in journalism.

Thanks to Murray in particular for his Freya's Olympic Promise article on the front page which I'm sure you'll agree makes great front page news, Iwade news at that!

We look forward to more of Murray's work in the future.

Watch this space.

I hope you've all had a great summer in Iwade or beyond and am pleased to be able to bring you an issue packed with articles. A big thank you to this month's contributors, there's obviously lots to tell which can only be good!!

Nicola McKenzie

Grab Rails and Key Safes

Swale Borough Council's Staying Put Housing Services Unit is offering Iwade's elderly and/or disabled residents the chance to have grab rails fitted around their home for just £5 each.

Staying Put is also able to fit key safes for just £40.

If you would like to know more, or arrange for any work to be undertaken, then contact the Housing Services Unit directly on 01795 417131.

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Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 5 September 19:30 Iwade Village Hall Management Committee AGM. Residents welcome

Saturday 8 September 10:00 to 18:00 All Saint's Church Open Day

Saturday 8 September 10:00 Friends of Kent Churches Cycle with Team Iwade!

Sunday 9 September 10:00 to 13:00 Iwade Village Market under new management telephone 07990 767893

Wednesday 12 September 19:30 Iwade Parish Council Meeting at Iwade Village Hall

Thursday 13 September 11:15-11.25 Mobile Library at Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of ID to join

Saturday 15 September 10:00 Milton Hundred Wargames Club Open Day Iwade Village Hall

Wednesday 19 September 19:30 WI Harvest Supper Iwade Village Hall

Sunday 23 September 10:30 All Saint's Church Family Service

Thursday 27 September 11:15 11:15-11.25 Mobile Library at Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of ID to join

Saturday 20 October 19:30 Barn Dance at Iwade Village Hall telephone 01795 427777 or 01795 471932 for tickets

Parish Council Notes *taken from meeting of 13th June 2012*

Parish Councillor Vacancy – Two candidates came forward. Following a vote by secret ballot, Rachel Rook was co-opted onto the Council.

Committee Membership – membership agreed as follows: Planning – Cllrs. Plumb, Hunt, Phillips, Jones, Avron-Cotton and Rook, Finance – Cllrs. Plumb, White, Jones, Hunt, Harris and Clerk, Village Hall – Cllr. Harris, Parks and Play Areas – Cllrs. Hunt and Hyde, K.A.L.C. – Cllrs. Plumb and Phillips

Village Park/Pond/Environment Agency – 14th August agreed for Pond Clearing activity. SBC staff will help on the day; the Environment Agency is making a duck house for the middle of the pond.

The grass in the orchard side of the park is getting quite long; this will not be cut due to the wildlife, and in particular the 'protected' Noble Chafer Beetle. In future the grass will be cut once a year, on a long cut on both sides of the park.

Extra Housing for Iwade (update from May meeting) - Mike Whiting - "...In closing, I can confirm that other than the existing planning permissions and allocations in the 2008 Swale Borough Local Plan, no further house building is currently proposed [for Iwade] in the evolving Core Strategy/Local Plan."

Iwade Medical Centre – Following residents' continued concern East Coast Kent NHS Trust confirmed discussions with current and new provider progressing well. New telephone system should be installed shortly; this will provide a better system for answering calls.

Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – Peter Beal asked if there was an update on the Village Hall. Cllr. Hunt re-confirmed that outline planning permission has been given for 10 houses on the existing site and that it is hoped the new hall will be located on School Lane Playing Field. The proposed Sports Pavilion for the playing field will be incorporated into the new building, which in addition to a new hall will also include meeting rooms (including a disabled lift for access to the upper floor) for use by village organisations, a café with outside decking area and other facilities. Talks are taking place with an Architect, who has drawn up exciting plans for the new hall. At the moment it is looking likely that the cost of the project could be approaching £900,000; with the sale of the existing site estimated at £350,000 plus £125,000 from the pavilion this means there will be a possible shortfall of £425,000. The Hall Committee will need to look towards obtaining grants to overcome this shortfall or reduce the size of the new hall and facilities. Once firm plans are to hand there will be a public consultation to give villagers the opportunity to put forward their views on the proposals.

The Charities Commission has been consulted and is agreeable to the proposal provided replacement land is handed over freehold to the Parish Council.

Sue from Bodycare raised her concern that the landlord of the vacant unit in the village centre, which is next to her business, was subletting the property to another Beauty Salon. Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes will ask SBC.

Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes is chasing Swale Borough Council to install a dog waste bin in Fans Lane. Chased restriction signs in School Lane.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – Nick's report was circulated and noted by Members. He attended 'Operation Sol', training on emergency planning for flood conditions, particularly relevant in Iwade. He has received complaints that the village pond 'smells'; hopefully this will be resolved once the pond had been cleaned in August.

Aaron Harris, the new PCSO, introduced himself. He likes the village and so far has not encountered many problems, apart from parking! A letter regarding this appeared on the back page of the Iwade Observer and things seem to have improved.

Finance

Village Hall – Cost of Solicitor/Planning Permission – Cllr Hunt advised that the Parish Council needs to appoint a Solicitor to look at covenants imposed on the garden site to see if they still apply. The Council also needs to look at planning permission fees for submitting an application for the new hall on the School Lane site. Members agreed to discuss this expenditure at the Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday 27th June, 2012.

Bus Shelter, Village Park – Clerk has received a quote of £500 from Littlethorpes to install polycarbonate panels in the sides of the new shelter. All agreed to obtain the timber parts from Littlethorpes and ask the village handyman to obtain the polycarbonate panels and fit.

Concrete bases for picnic table and two benches – A quote has been received from Steve Wakeling for £1350 for supplying concrete bases and installation of this equipment. Clerk to check with Kent Highways to see if it is possible to install one bench on the new tarmac area by the bus stop on the green at the top of Sheerstone; then ask Steve to reduce the quote accordingly. If approval is not obtained, then to accept the full quote from Steve – agreed by all present.

Green Dog Walking Scheme

Becci Jeal, has come forward and is willing to organise the scheme.

Parish Council Contact Details P.O. Box 588 Sittingbourne ME10 9ET T: 01795 477015 (Mon-Sat before 8pm) E: iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk - next meeting Wednesday 12th September 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall

Message from Ben



Ben and Sylvia as Mayor and Mayoress with Caroline Mariner, Head of Iwade School

I have been the Ward Councillor for Iwade now for nearly eight years and I have always worked with the Parish Council to try to make Iwade a better and more pleasant place to live.

There are also residents in Iwade who do a lot of good work for the community and sometimes go unrecognised so I'd like to thank them for their hard work and efforts.

As your Ward Councillor over the years I have been, along with many other problems, dealing with the white dust, the foul smell

the handing over of the land in Woodpecker Drive, the parking problem in School Lane, the sewer pipe under Ferry Road. The white dust and the foul smell to some extent have been reduced but are still ongoing and I will continue to monitor them.

My year in the role of Mayor finished on 15th May this year but the Mayoress and I had a very enjoyable year visiting many schools including Iwade Primary School and paid a number of visits to many other community organisations and events. During my year I introduced the Youth Excellence Award to give credit to Youths doing voluntary work in the community. Fulston Manor currently hold the trophy so Iwade Youth that's something to work towards for next year!

We were invited to diverse engagements as Mayor and Mayoress including The Queen's Garden Party and the Cats Festival in Ypres in Belgium and the Menin Gate.

Best Wishes to all residents

Councillor Ben Stokes

Update from Mike



Village life:

I hope you have had a great summer. It's been great to see so much going on in the village recently. The Iwade Market was as busy as ever when I visited and it was good to see so many people there. The Rhubarb and Ginger Jam from Joanne's stall is a winner in the Whiting household! It was also good to see the community coming together in Cormorant Road to raise money for Breast Cancer Care.

The cakes were delicious, well done to Emma and the team.

Thanks to Mike for our front cover photo this month of Emma and colleagues serving cupcakes and strawberry teas on the green. Ed

Roads:

After much chasing and many phone calls and emails, the signs that go with the new yellow lines in School Lane have been installed, and many new bollards installed to stop parking on the pavements and verges. I hope that all of this work, including the redesign of the junction with The Street, much of it funded through my Members Highway Grants, will make the area safer for motorists and pedestrians alike.

Pinch Points:

I have been asked about the pinch points in The Street, Ferry Road and Sheppey Way, and who has priority. Well it seems that no one does! The Highway Code does not seem to give priority in the same way as it does if

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Update from Mike

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there is a parked car in the road. I have asked Highways if there is anything to be done to give priority to one side or the other, but they say not because there is no history of serious accidents. I have asked, and will continue to press for a change in KCC policy to allow a 20mph limit throughout the village. I am hopeful of a change of heart by the council soon.

Talking of speed:

Thanks to everyone who responded through James Hunt to my suggestion of a flashing speed indicator sign in the village. The Highways engineers have looked at this and your replies, and have said the most effective place would be on the green near Sheerstone. This area was popular with many of you. Other suggested sites were in Sheppey Way and Grovehurst Road, but it was felt that these would only be seen by half the traffic coming into the village as people use one road or the other. The Ferry Road location is seen by those coming in from both roads. Watch out for the new sign in the near future - or as quick as Highways can do it!

Finally, a big well done to Iwade school for a great set of Key Stage II results last term. I understand that everyone leaving the school in July will be starting at one of their preferred senior schools this month. I am continuing to push for a new high school this side of the A2, and have written in my role as Cabinet Member for Education at Kent County Council, asking Swale Borough Council to reserve land near Kemsley station for a new highschool and new primary school in the final version of their Bearing Fruits development plan.

County Councillor Mike Whiting

Plans for new Village Hall

by Mark Pugh Iwade Village Hall Committee

Now that outline planning permission has been granted by Swale Borough Council for 10 new homes on the existing village hall site, plans are progressing towards our new village community centre on the School Lane playing field.

The intention is that the new village community centre will include a larger hall and kitchen than the existing hall, changing rooms with toilet and shower facilities, extra meeting rooms to accommodate the growing number of people wanting to make use of our current hall and a cafe area for those who wanted a local meeting place.

This is the Architect's proposal for the new centre, the plan is to provide a building that suits the character of Iwade and the surrounding houses.

When completed the plans will be put on display for all the village to see.

We hope you are all as excited as we are about this project for the future of Iwade.

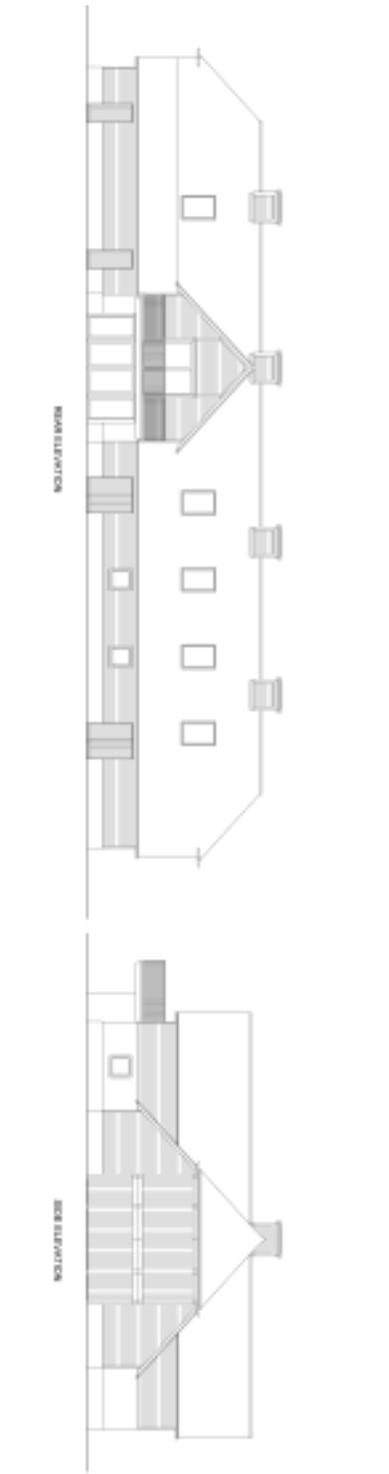
Iwade Village Hall Committee

Flood Risk

The Environment Agency has asked the Parish Council to advise residents living near to or adjacent to the stream not to place any material, e.g. grass cuttings, branches, or any other items on the banks or in the stream bed.

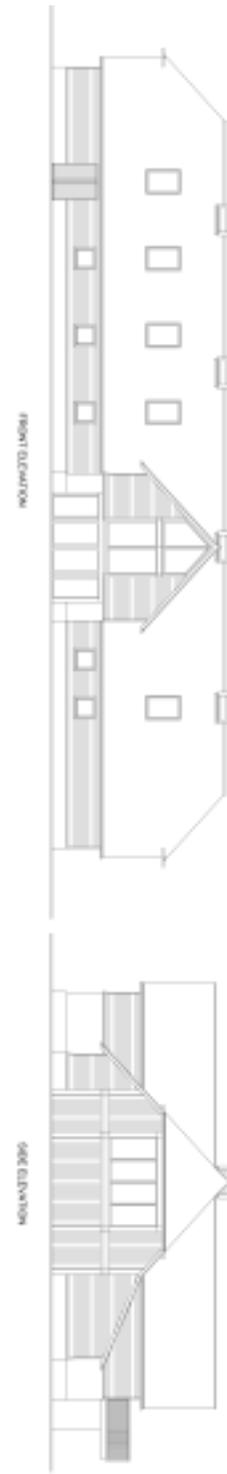
With the large amount of rain over the past few months it doesn't take much for the water level to rise rapidly; recently it came very near to the top of the culverts, any higher and it could have caused flooding to adjacent properties.

More worrying is the fact that any material that finds its way into the watercourse will be washed downstream, blocking the culverts and causing flooding to the



surrounding area and possibly properties.

Owners of properties near to or adjacent to the stream are advised to read Guidance for riverside property owners on the Environment Agency website and the booklet 'Living on the Edge', which outlines the legal responsibilities of Riparian owners and streams, available from the Environment Agency or on their website; this booklet also mentions the legal action the Environment Agency can take if a person blocks a watercourse.



Plans by CDP Architecture Ltd

Vacancies on Iwade Village Hall Committee

The Iwade Village Hall Committee has two positions to advertise, both for elected members. The village really needs a full committee ASAP, so can you help? Any interested parties are to contact Peter Lovelock on peter.lovelock@sky.com and/or come along to the September AGM at the Village Hall on Wednesday 5th September at 7.30pm.

Iwade Church Fun Day

The morning started with quite a Buzz as a swarm of bees had decided to attach themselves to a headstone in the Churchyard, which would have made it impossible to use the grounds, fortunately we managed to get an



enthusiastic Bee Keeper who was quite happy to come and collect them. Many Thanks Tony.

The day was very wet and soggy, but despite the odds, we had a great afternoon, all the stalls and games were brought inside and were enjoyed by the children and adults alike, the Strawberries and Cream were a particular favourite. When the rain finally stopped we were able to go outside and put up the coconut shy which was great fun, and very competitive.

There was also an interesting slide show of our new exciting plans for Iwade Church, including plans for toilet and cafe facilities.

Churchwardens Notes

July was a busy month in Iwade, what with the rock music at the village hall and the band concert at All Saints. I was away at the time but understand pleasingly, that both were well attended. We have certainly been hit by the weather, the school fete badly affected by the rain as was the Fun Day at All Saints the following week. But this is now a memory.

August was much more quiet. Our curate, Hugh Nelson, who was resident at Newington and a great ball of energy has been appointed vicar at Goudhurst, we will miss him and wish him well in his new post. Ron Partridge our parish priest will continue to look after us in Iwade.

It may seem that Iwade is a quiet

Did you vote at Asda?

The Iwade Youth Group would like to thank all those people who voted for us in Asda by using their green plastic coins. Although we did not come first we have been contacted by Asda who have informed us we will be receiving a cheque from them as runners up.

The Youth Group is set to return for our third year on the 4th September from 7.30-9pm, and all young people are welcome between the ages of 11-15yrs. The first night for new members is free, then £1.00 membership fee each week thereafter.

Please note that on the 18th September, Mike Whiting will be attending to talk with the members to discuss the possibility of a skate park and also a youth council. So if you are a young person who is interested in either of these schemes please do join us from 7.30pm. You do not have to be a member to join this meeting, everyone is welcome. This is your opportunity to have your say concerning future plans for young people in Iwade and I do urge you to take this opportunity to say what you would like to happen!

If you have any queries concerning Iwade Youth Group, please contact either Colin or Carol on: 01795 427354.

village but on Sundays as I walk home from Church, having immersed myself in a very serene and restful service, the village appears to have so much more hustle and bustle than when I made my there earlier, the contrast is marked, I get a big shot of peace and tranquillity at a Communion service. The theologians would describe it differently, but that's the effect on me. If you would like to visit All Saints (opposite the Woolpack public house) without attending a service then it will be open between 1000 and 1400 hours on Saturday 8th September, you may just want to sit there.

Until next month.

Richard Lyndsell

Iwade's Click Create



Iwade resident Jemma Rannard said she was very excited to be starting her own company. Click:Create is a new family run Graphic Design and Photography company recently set up in Iwade, Sittingbourne. Having had 10 years gaining experience whilst working with many different industries as an in house graphic designer Jemma said . . . "I'm really excited because instead of just offering a graphic design service Click:Create can also offer bespoke photography. This is our USP as it allows me to be totally creative knowing that all the ideas I come up with can be enhanced with specially commissioned photographs."

"As a family run business we appreciate the need for value for money but don't believe that that means you need to accept anything less than top notch quality results! Every company big or small needs design to promote their business to its full potential and in helping others to successfully promote their business will in turn help to promote my business." Jemma Rannard is proud to introduce her new company Click:Create and cannot wait to work with you to help your business stand out from the competition. So what are you waiting for... get in contact with Click:Create today and let them show you just what they can do for your business! " Check out the website www.clickcreate.biz to see for yourself.

Phone the police on telephone 101 for non emergencies 24 hours 7 days

Iwade WI by Hilary Foulds

In July, some of our members attended a garden party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee at Godington Park, nr Ashford. The event was organised by



the East Kent Federation of WI's so it was a good opportunity to meet up with members from other WI's. Of course it would have been better had it not rained but was enjoyable nonetheless. An outing like this is always a good opportunity for a get together. Our Luncheon Club also enjoyed an outing in July, this time to the Dover Castle in Teynham which by all accounts was a great success. Our regular monthly meeting in the village hall in July saw Ann Hall giving her talk about the Magic of the Middle East. August was the month for this year's Annual Outing instead of meeting in the village hall. This year we went to the Sittingbourne Greyhound Stadium for a bit of excitement. In September

we hold our Harvest Supper when we invite members from the other WI's in our group to share a meal with us. This is always a bit special because the Iwade members provide all the food and there are always wonderful home dishes and desserts to enjoy.

Our next formal meeting is in the village hall on Wednesday 17 October when we have ex- yeoman warder Bryan D'arcy coming to tell us about the Tower of London, its prisoners and the ravens. Before then we have our long awaited trip to Gardening World on 3 October. Our Credit Crunch Lunch is also coming up on 29 October. We are hoping to repeat the success from last year when we catered for a full village hall of WI members from local Institutes.

Meetings of Iwade WI are held at 7.30pm every third Wednesday of the month. For more information about Iwade WI please refer to the village noticeboards, contact Hilary, our Secretary 01795 474686 or email hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk How about coming along to one of our meetings to see how you like us? If you are nervous about walking through the door on your own just give Hilary a ring and she'll arrange for one of us to walk in with you. We are all individuals with different interests but we do enjoy getting together to listen to an interesting talk or to enjoy a meal together.

Tea and Cake anyone?

If you are free on Saturday 8th September and enjoy a leisurely cycle why not consider the Friends of Kent Church Cycle with fellow Iwaders?

You can do as much or as little as you like, stopping at each church to have a look round, a rest and enjoy the refreshments (tea and cake if you're lucky!).

If you would like to take part or you would like to sponsor Team Iwade (see what I did there) then email

teamiwade@iwadevillage.co.uk or call Nicola on 01795 439892.

The format last year was to meet at 10am at All Saint's Church Iwade aiming to leave at around 10.30, returning mid to late afternoon collapsing in the Woolpack. We also had a pub meet that week to chat about our route. Go on, it's fun, join Team Iwade on Saturday 8th September!

Iwade really rocked on Saturday 8th July and plans are already in place for Iwade Rock 2013 so watch this space! Thanks to all involved. Iwade really does rock don't you think!

Milton Hundred Wargames Club Open Day

My name is Alan Abbey and I am the chairman of the Milton Hundred Wargames club, based at Iwade Village Hall. The club is to run its first Open Day on Saturday 15th September from 10am and we were wondering if you could help us to spread the word within the village?

The club will be playing various wargames (toy soldiers) throughout the day and members will be on hand to talk to the public and show them what it is we do. There will even be some participation games so people can take part. The Iwade WI will be dealing with the refreshments for us and we are told that the Mayor of Swale will also be coming along. I have attached a picture to give you a better idea of the games we play, this is some of our members



with the game we ran at the Broadside Wargame Show in Sittingbourne (we organise and run that too).

Part of the day is to show people what wargaming really is, and partly we want to show other groups how we can support their events by running games or demonstrations for them. We are very community minded and we are eager to help out where we can.

Our web site is www.mhwc.co.uk. We meet at Iwade Village Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month from 6.30pm to 10pm. I can be contacted on 01795-873379 if anyone would like to know more.