

The Iwade Observer



LADIES ONLY AT SITTINGBOURNE SPEEDWAY

On Saturday 13th July 2019 Sittingbourne Speedway held their annual Ladies Day meeting where the Club's tracks and facilities are handed over to a group of super enthusiastic ladies solely for them to try their hand at sports motorcycling. The event has become more and more popular each year; it is run with over 30 ladies of various ages and abilities taking part this year. The whole event is controlled by the Club's staff and each rider is safely monitored throughout the day by the Club's Training Instructors, it is very much a fun event run in a light-hearted manner with not too much of the serious stuff.

The day begins with some initial instruction on the Club's minitrack using the Club's own speedway bikes and then onto the main track to have the chance to ride different machines, plus the popular sidecar "taxi" rides were in operation which gives the ladies a spin round the track as a passenger in a speedway sidecar outfit. An added feature this year was a chance to try trials riding on the Club's recently completed trials training track. A good day was had by all staff, helpers and the ladies concerned who thoroughly enjoyed themselves and at the close were already talking about and planning next year's event. Photos show some of the ladies in action on the track on different types of machinery used throughout the day.

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

By Ron Francis

On August 6th, the Men's Breakfast Club went on their first "Jolly Boys Outing" when about fifteen members were treated to a tour of the local speedway facility in Iwade. Escorted by Paul Heller and his comrade Ken we had a great couple of hours viewing the circuit, the pit area, the old WW2 gun site, and of course the trackside cafe. What an amazing place and right on our doorstep as well. It really was an interesting morning and included viewing of two of the on-site WW2 Heavy Anti-Aircraft (HAA) emplacements. Apparently several hundred personnel were stationed at the site during the conflict. The site continued to be manned until 1955. Our thanks go to Paul and the speedway for arranging the visit and for their great welcome and hospitality. We hope to be going back soon for one of their meetings.



We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, at The Barn from 09:30, for a Bacon roll, a coffee and a friendly chat. New members always welcome our next meeting will be on September 3rd. Hope to see you there.



A YEAR OF ARTISTIC ADVENTURES – ANDREA'S SCHOOL OF ART

Our Greek Adventure

We've not had time to update you on news for some time, mostly due to all the wonderful work we've been producing these last few months. Andrea's School of Art embarked on a very challenging project in April, a mural at The Plough and Harrow Greek Tavern in Borden. It was inspired while on a lunch out there in early April. Sitting outside in their garden area, I looked at the blank white boards enclosing their veranda area and envisaged scenes from the Greek Isles, both recent and ancient, bringing to life the setting, as if you were transported there and were no longer here in Sittingbourne. I approached the management about my idea and he said it would be a wonderful idea. (I think my husband might have thought me a bit over exuberant and taking on too much!) A few months later and with a team of dedicated artists from our Adult Art Classes, we gradually filled the blank white walls with the settings I had envisaged. It took many days and afternoons, in between the classes I teach and school where I work part-time. The team were incredibly talented and set to work with energetic enthusiasm, resulting in

having some very positive feedback. We are not yet done, as we still have one outside mural as well as the inside murals to complete, so the rest of this year in-between classes at The Iwade Barn, we will be back there painting away. Do take a drive up there and see what we've been working on and do invite friends and family to go there for a bite to eat, as the food is fantastic. (We know as we were treated to freshly made Mezze and pitta bread regularly.)

Classes at The Barn, Iwade

We have had quite a few students and budding artists join us this year. Our Children's Classes held on a Saturday between 10am and 11am have doubled in students. They are really a talented young bunch of artists and attend each lesson with great enthusiasm, often with us adults marvelling at their talent. Our Adult Classes are held each Thursday afternoon from 1.15pm to 3pm, tailored especially for Mums who need a bit of R&R time before the afternoon school run begins. We also have our Saturday Adult's Classes from 11am to 1pm, 2 to 3 times a month.

Our Exhibition – Open to the Public

At the end of this year we hope to have an exhibition of our artists' work which we will open to the public, and may have a few paintings on sale. We will advertise on our FB Page, in the Observer, and other Iwade Facebook forums in due course



You are welcome to join us

We have artists and students both young and old, both experienced and novice. Our classes are tailored around your needs and experience level, in a relaxed environment. So why not come and see what we're up to when we have classes. You are always welcome to pop in and see the artists at work.

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HELP US KNIT A POPPY

Please help us to knit lots of poppies in honour of this year's Remembrance Day 11th November

We are looking at creating a Memorial Garden with a display of Knitted, Crocheted & Crafted poppies

So please help us Knit a Poppy while you enjoy your visit
Thank you

1. CAST ON 40 STITCHES – LEAVING AT LEAST 6in TAIL
2. KNIT 8 ROWS
3. 9th ROW – KNIT 2 TOGETHER ACROSS THE WHOLE ROW
4. 10th ROW- KNIT 2 TOGETHER ACROSS WHOLE ROW
5. TO FINISH – CUT A LONG TAIL



6. THREAD TAIL THROUGH REMAINING STITCHES & PULL TIGHT

THANK YOU – We will finish them off ready for the garden



NEWS FROM THE BREWHOUSE

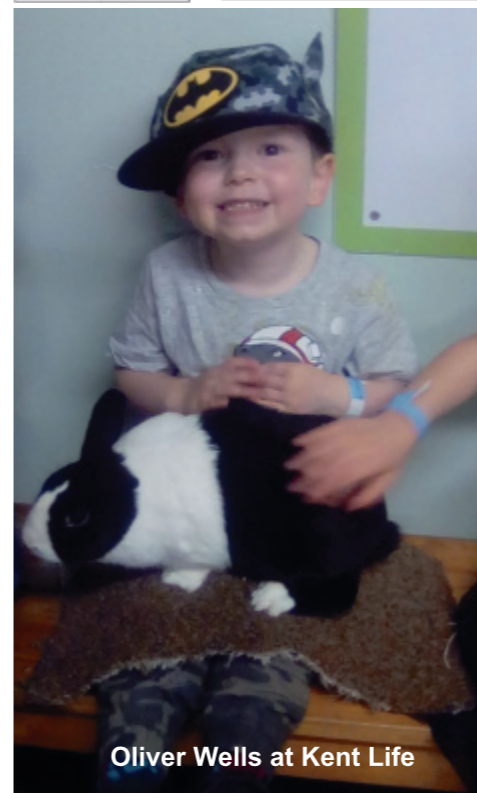
By Mandy Reeves

Hello from us all at the BrewHouse - September already – where has this year gone???

So first of all, we would like your help - we are looking at creating a Memorial Garden in front of the shop with a display of knitted, crocheted and crafted poppies in honour of this year's Remembrance Day on 11th November - this is where we need your help; we currently have knitting needles and wool in the shop along with a simple pattern to knit a poppy (you are welcome to pop down & knit a poppy with us, or to donate any poppies you make at home.) They can be any size - we are not fussy. Just bring your poppies to us at the shop by the end of September so we can begin to arrange the garden.



Also, we had our first Craft Club meeting on 24th July, which was fun. We will be holding the next meeting on Wednesday 11th September from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. We know there are an assortment of crafts out there, but to start with we will aim this club for people who love to make cards, homewares, Junk Journals or any Mixed Media projects. But the main aim of the club, is to join together and have some crafting 'me' time. At our September meeting we will be playing with Embossing Powders, so don't forget to bring along your kit and any stamps and embossing powders that you want to play with.



Oliver Wells at Kent Life

ICKLE PICKLES

What a busy term we have had at Ickle Pickles. Here is what we have been up to.....

Fathers day breakfast -The children invited fathers, grandfathers and uncles in to share the special time over a bacon roll whilst showing some of what they get up to at Nursery with them.

Our annual trip to Kent Life was a success for another year, the children got to explore leaving the nursery environment and experiencing the farm alongside the staff and friends with the help of some parent volunteers. It was a fun filled day of seeing the animals as well as petting them in the cuddle corner, riding on the train and even going on a coach.

We have also had our end of year Pre-School Graduation, which is always a sad time for us but an exciting time for our Ickle Pickles. We have watched a lot of them grow since being very little, going

through each of our rooms within the Nursery and building relationships with them and their families.

During the year we have adopted the Curiosity Approach; swapping plastic for authentic resources, recycled materials and loose parts. We aim to provide the children with a natural and calming environment to enable them to connect with our natural world through play and extending learning and experiences through curiosity and wonder.

We look forward to sharing our news and updates with you throughout the year.

If you are looking for a Nursery for your little one, we do have some availability. Please be quick before all these spaces have gone.

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IWADE PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

By Louise Wade

Hope you've all had a great summer!

Iwade Parent & Toddler group will be back on on 3rd September. If you've never been before, it meets every Tuesday in term time, 9-11am in the Village Hall; just go in the white door at the side. It is £2 for the first child and 50p for any additional siblings. There is tea and coffee available for the grown-ups and at 10am the children all get a biscuit and a squash. There are lots of toys, books and dressing up clothes for the children including a baby area for the younger ones. We also have a craft table each week, which can sometimes get messy! We then end with tidy up time followed by singing.

We hope to see lots of you there!



MONDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

By Rynn Kemp/ Sylvia Francis

For our last meeting in July, 18 of us went across to Barton Point Country Park for a picnic. A good time was had by all in spite of it being a bit breezy and feeding the cygnets was an added bonus. It is planned to repeat the visit on Monday 2nd September so more on that next month.

On the 5th August, we had an insight into the miniature world of Dolls Houses. One of our very talented members, Veda Williams, brought along various miniature pieces that she'd hand crafted for her Victorian dolls house. The pieces were simply stunning. The tiny hats she made took up to 4 hours to complete, and the patience of a saint! Thank you, Veda, for such an interesting talk. Following that we enjoyed Kelvin's explanation into the highs and lows of producing the Iwade Panto. This had us all chuckling along. Many of us are looking forward to the group's next production.



Then on the 19th we had an entertaining talk from a surprise visitor (who turned out to be member Keith Barden) who talked about his time working in the Middle East. Very entertaining Keith – it sounds like you had a ball!



IWADE VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

We hosted a family race night on 13th July and a phenomenal £700 was raised for Tommy's, Ambitious about Autism, British Heart Foundation, Alzheimer's Society and Evelina Children's hospital. Thank you to everyone who supported these worthy causes.

There is a quiz night on 7th September, raising money for Swale Cats Protection. Teams of up to 6 people are £15 per table and as usual bring your own food and drink.

Email events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk or call 01795 437372 to book your table.

We are still considering putting on a film night for a small group of children if there is enough interest. Is this something you would be interested in? The charge would be around £3 per child, the film would be age appropriate and supervised by DBS checked adults. Nothing is scheduled yet, but if you are interested then please let us know either on our Facebook page or by emailing events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk

Please keep an eye on Facebook for the announcement of ticket sales for the

Christmas Grotto, which this year will take place on Sunday 22nd December. This is one of our most popular events and places are limited, so please 'like' the Facebook page so that you don't miss out!

We will also be organising a lantern parade through the village as part of the Christmas lights switch on celebrations. We will be lantern making the weekend of 23rd November at the hall so please make a note of this date in your diaries and keep an eye on Facebook for further details. There will be a charge to cover costs, but we will, as always, keep this as low as possible.

The next market is on Sunday 8th September 10am-1pm with a variety of stalls selling handmade goods, gifts, cakes, pies, preserves, fruit and vegetables and much more. New stalls are always welcome, to book or for any other information please contact fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk

All information on events, regular clubs and booking the hall can be found at www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk or by contacting bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk and please also keep up to date on the Hall's Facebook page.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: LASTING TREASURE?

"On your marks. Get set. Go!" The return after the summer holiday period can often feel like that can't it? The pace of life picks up quickly, after the slowing down of the holiday season. Perhaps the memories of time away, enjoyed with a period of sustained 'digital detox', have begun already to fade away. Nevertheless, there is always that lingering hope of an 'Indian summer', which can feel so often better than the real one with the various twists of the seasons within the blink of an eye. One minute, battering winds carry intense downpours and then the next moment the sky is clear. Oh the joys of British weather.....?!

We've had moments like that this last week at New Wine, an annual Christian Conference, where 25,000 plus people gather each year from across the nation over two weeks, to be challenged and encouraged as we seek to serve and bless our communities with the gracious love of Jesus. When you're in a tent for a few days without the normal creature comforts to hand, you soon realise what's most important (such as a hot shower!). Especially so, when the tent leaks on the last night and you awake to find things that you felt were important are soaked through and sadly ruined for good. Thankfully, help was on hand from others in our group; how good to have people around just then.

And then the simple realisation, did it really matter that much? For such material things don't last in the long run anyway. And then the challenge: "set your mind on things above, not earthly things"(1) So as we "get set" for the coming months, into what may be stormy times, is it not time to ponder what really matters in our lives? What is the treasure in our lives that will last? Where is it found? Is it in earthly things, or on the eternal things of the Lord?

Every blessing!

Julian

Rev Julian Staniforth

Rector & Priest-in-Charge of The Six benefice

(1) Colossians 3.2

NEWS FROM THE BREWHOUSE CONTINUED (from opposite page)

Last but not at all least, on Thursday 26th September at 10.30am - 12.30pm is our Smile Again Meet Up.

Losing a loved one can turn your world upside down and make you feel lost. We feel that talking about how you feel can help. Everyone experiences grief in a unique way. The intention of Smile Again Meet Up is an informal, welcoming group for anyone who is bereaved or caring for a loved one, to come together and have a chat over a cuppa and cake or even a butty to meet others who have had similar experiences to your own. It can be a place where you can speak freely and share stories with others coping with the loss of losing a loved one. We hope that in talking about your pain you may also find courage and strength in knowing that you are not alone, and it is ok to cry or laugh or get angry. We are not trained counsellors, but just like-minded people who find themselves in a similar situation and will listen to your stories and will not judge if you cry. But rest assured, you will receive a warm welcome and a hug (if you need one!)

Don't forget we hold various events

and groups every week:

Every Monday morning between 10am - 12pm we run The BrewHouse Woolly Natters, a knitting and crochet group where you can bring along your current project and get inspiration or learn something new or help make items for various charities and meet new people and have a chat over a slice of cake and cup of coffee

Wednesday mornings (school term time only) between 10.30am - 11am, come and join our Baby Musical Rhyme Time, it is a musical mayhem for all Pre-School age group. Come and sing along to well-known nursery rhymes and songs & have some fun with our musical instruments and puppets. This is very popular, so we do recommend coming from 10am. Then why not stay and catch up over lunch with all the other Mums, Dads, and Grandparents or family members

If you run a group that is looking for a venue, give us a call on 01795 426520, or pop in & arrange a suitable date

You can be kept up to date on all our antics, Special Offers and Events on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/mewsbrewhouse

We look forward to seeing you all very soon

TINKERBELLS EARLY YEARS

By Donna Barker

We would like to begin by welcoming back all of our existing children and their families as we begin the new academic year. We hope you all had a fantastic summer holidays and had lots of fun, we have missed you all lots and cannot wait to hear all about what you have been up to this summer. September brings lots of new children and families to the setting and we are all very excited to see all the new children again and to get to know you all.

Our theme for the term is 'All about me' where we will explore and learn all about ourselves, each other and families too which ties in with the new term.

We said goodbye to over 30 children in July, all going off to 'big school' this month, we wish all of them good luck in their move to school, we are sure you will all have lots of fun.

Sessions at our Iwade and Clocktower setting are very limited, with some sessions now full until September 2020, therefore if you are interested in a place please call in or you can email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspre-school.co.uk

IWADE HEALTH CENTRE

By Paul Holowczycki

At the August management meeting of the PPG and the Practice Manager Kirsty Baker, the figures for July of those who did not attend (DNA) pre booked appointments were 96.

Letters were sent out to 2 persistent offenders advising them that this will not be tolerated in the future, resulting in them being struck off the patient register if it happens again.

On a number of occasions, patients have telephoned in the morning first thing, requested and been given an appointment later in the day and then did not attend. This is both selfish and inexcusable and the IPPG fully supports the surgery following NHS guidelines to exclude patients who persistently do this.

If you make an appointment and cannot attend PLEASE advise the surgery to enable someone else to get an appointment.

The 96 appointments break down as the following in hours;

* The GP's had five and a half hours worth of patients not attend their appointments over the month of July.

* The Advanced Nurse Practitioner had three hours and fifty minutes worth of patients not attend their appointments over the month of July.

* The Practice Nurse had three and a half hours worth of patients not attend their appointments over the month of July.

* The Healthcare Assistant had two hours and ten minutes worth of patients not attend their appointments over the month of July.

* The Pharmacist Practitioner had one and a half hours worth of patients not attend their appointments over the month of July.

Please ensure you cancel any appointment that is no longer required as this will allow for other patients to book in.

Thank you

IWADE ROCK

Calling all early birds!!

Tickets are now available to buy for Swale's best charity music festival, held at Herons Park Playing Field in Iwade, on

Saturday 25th July 2020

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IWADE READING AND BOOK CLUB

By Jackie Kemp and Lynn Lowthion

Iwade Reading and Book Club met on July 9th to talk about Neville Shute's book 'Pied Piper'. We missed a few of our members but we still had wide ranging conversations about our book.

There was total agreement that the book was well written and thoroughly enjoyable to read. It was published in 1942 and is very much of its time while not being as challenging as the classics of the Victorian period and earlier.

A man who described himself as elderly at the age of 70 - many of us are at this threshold and don't consider ourselves as elderly! Despite Europe being at war a British gentleman decided to go fishing in southern France. While there he met a British family who wanted their children taken safely back to Britain while they stayed in nearby Switzerland. It was clear that the Germans were widening their annexation of countries so our elderly gentleman decided to head home - by train and with the two young children. The train journey was short-lived and so began walking, acquiring an old pram to carry their sparse luggage and to help

the children walk. Along the way the number of children increased - a Dutch boy, a German child and French children. The journey became dangerous as the Germans began to take over France and it appeared France did not put up a fight, although locals were accommodating of the travelers. The channel ports were closed so the scheme of getting a boat across to England and the last few weeks of their time in France made us wonder if they were ever going to make it. They did, and the gentleman was able to then send some of the children across to America where his daughter, unbeknown to her, was to receive them.

The book gave us a different perspective of war. We grew to admire and become fond of the 'old gentleman'. He had to dress as a peasant, go without food and baths and manage young children, something we think he was not familiar with. We couldn't begin to consider this would happen today - handing on young children to an unknown man!!! There were many interesting and courageous characters we met on the little party's travels and it was a story that continues to stay in your mind.

Giovanni Guareschi. Unfortunately, several members thought the book was "difficult to get into" and gave up reading it after a few chapters.

The book tells the story of Don Camillo, the village priest and his opponent Peppone, the communist mayor of the village in Italy. The book was published in 1951 and is of its time. Overall, we would not recommend this book as it is not an easy read and involves lots of politics and religion.

This was a book I read as a young girl and enjoyed, but as one ages taste change and I found that I also did not enjoy it now.

The book for the September meeting is *The Suspect* by Fiona Barton.
We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at The Barn from 10:30 - why not read *The Suspect*, come along, have a cuppa and cake and join us for a chat.



Ed's Note

What a strange summer! Heatwaves, rain, storms, high winds and as I write this (Monday afternoon, August 19th) a deluge of rain that would have had Noah running for his ark.

So, The Observer drops on your door mat bringing much needed normality back to our lives! We can't help with the weather, but at least you know you can rely on us!

Thanks to all our contributors who take the time each month to let you know what's been going on or about to go on in Iwade. You too could write something for us, or send us a special photo for our next issue - give it a try, it's strangely satisfying to see something you have penned in print!

Also thanks to our team of distributors headed up by Ann, Mac and Rose who make sure you get your copy each month.

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ICE

By Kelvin Rivers-Simpson

Hello Iwade,

Sorry to remind you all, but Christmas is on its way and with it comes Pantomime time. Following the success of last year's performances, we were able to give donations to both All Saints' Church for their Toilet Fund and The Barn toward its running costs, thereby giving something back to the Iwade Community which was one of the reasons for taking those first faltering panto steps!

Iwade Community Entertainers (ICE), now in our second year, have been working hard through the year to create another entertaining performance for January 2020, a venue is yet to be confirmed but we have every hope to agree dates and venue in the very near future, so watch this space.

Our next Panto is another original script but with new directors bringing some new ideas and with a larger cast. On the subject of cast we will soon be looking for new members to allow us to grow our group. Most parts have been written with new actors in mind, written to be more easily learnt. Of course we will offer lots of support and not to forget have lots of fun with the group on our travels to the final production. Of course, not all our needs are in front of the audience, there are lots of other tasks we need help with like prop making, music, IT.

ICE's founding aim was to raise money to donate back into the Iwade community, we wanted to build a group that would involve Iwadians in a fun project that would hopefully entwine itself into the community and become a firm favourite.

We hope you can have a think about joining us and have fun while helping the community. If you'd like to get involved or find out more about ICE please get in touch with me by email at: kelvin.rivers-simpson@ntlworld.com

HALF SIZZLING SUMMER IWADE WALKING GROUP

By James Apps

This summer, you may have noticed is, so far, a mix of hot and cold. One time we had a heat wave and sizzled, and of late we have been blown at and washed. Half the time sizzling in heat like sausages on a barbie, and the other wavering between warm coats to keep off the rain and wind. Not conducive to good planning as far as walking is concerned. However, we are walking, although the Summer turn-out depends upon holidays and grand-parental child-minding.

On the hottest Thursday three of us staggered down to the bridge and back taking a stroll rather than a walk, and the next Thursday the heat had eased and we had a most pleasant walk with a good crowd.

Noted is the wild fruits growing well, fat and juicy but with the extra rain seeming to be less tasty. Walking on Thursday 15th August we dined on plums, saw dragonflies around the ponds and nibbled at blackberries. Some of us sat outside chatting and drinking at the Woolpack in pleasant, if breezy, conditions. We have added a 'ponds and streams' walk to our regular routes and on this day, we saw the birds on the pond, in Woodpecker park, appreciated the bulrushes, and enjoyed watching the mares with their foals. (See photo from one of our members Steff Woodard) We have September to look forward to for pleasant weather and hopefully less changeable.



However, despite being half sizzled and half soaked, we walk undaunted. I think it is the company we keep that makes such experiences so pleasant.
We meet at the Village Centre each Thursday at 10:30 for a 10:45 start - you would be most welcomed.

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