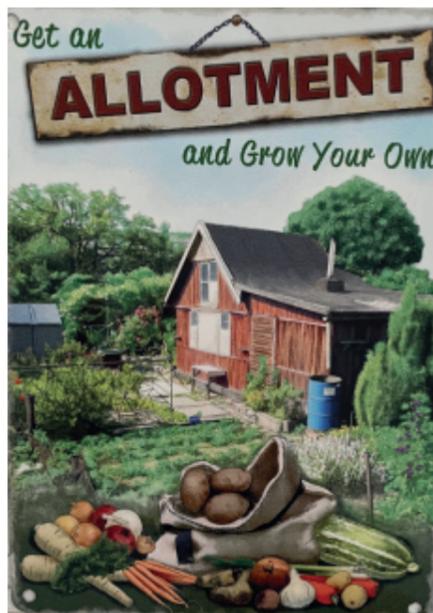


Iwade Allotment Society – Annual Picnic

Christine McQuade

We managed to have our annual picnic at the allotments this year, with reduced numbers of course but a good time was had by all. It was so nice to be able to get together with new and old allotmenters catching up with what they have managed to grow this season. As you can see some have been making jam, chutney and also wine from their produce.



Do you fancy trying your hand at the Allotments? Give me (Christine) a call on 07971 003424



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KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS' COMMUNITY AWARDS

supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Kent County Council and Medway Council

The KALC Community Awards Scheme is to acknowledge and give recognition to those that have made a significant contribution to their local community. Iwade Parish Council nominated the following for 2020 and 2021, but due to Covid restrictions sadly handing over the Awards has been delayed until now:



Former Councillor **Anthony Trower** received the KALC Community Award 2020. He helped setup Iwade Barn and spent hours on internal works. Was a Barn Trustee Feb 2018-Sep 2019 (maintaining the barn and its garden). Heavily involved with Nature Conservation events and is Iwade's Orchard Warden. The award was presented by Councillor Barrie Whiting.

Hitesh Patel received the KALC Community Award 2021. He kept Iwade Village store open during the Covid Pandemic, thus helping those who were unable to shop on-line obtain much needed essential household items. The award was presented by Councillor Al Dollimore.



IWADE VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Saturday 23 October 2021 - 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon



The Village Clean up starts at 9.30 am. and ends at 12.00 noon, helpers to report to the Village Hall to collect black sacks and sign in. Refreshments will be available during the morning, followed by a BBQ at 12.30 p.m. for those who take part in the Clean Up.

Email the Clerk - Clerk@iwade-pc.gov.uk - to let her know if you will be attending and to enable us to purchase the correct amount of food.

Please come along and help tidy our Village

**Happy Days –
Bumblebees have fun**
Caroline Wiles



Throughout the summer fun festivities celebrated the end of an era as our little Bumblebees enjoyed picnics, party games and parachute play. Everyone had an absolute blast and our team managed to hold it together until after the final goodbyes - then we handed out a lot of tissues! We miss them all and can't wait to hear about their adventures at "big" school.

September always comes with new beginnings at Happy Days. Not only do many of our children take their next steps into new rooms but we also look forward to extending a very warm welcome to our new starters. We were certainly very excited to showcase our nursery to lots of parents at our recent Transition Open Morning. It was great to see so many of our parents eager to visit us on a soggy Saturday morning. It certainly felt as though life was returning to something approaching normal as parents explored rooms and examples of the fun activities their child will enjoy.

This year September also brings with it changes to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), a legal framework setting the standards for all Early Years providers.

Parents will not see changes in terms of our standards of care, safety of our setting or activities provided. One of the aims of these changes is to increase time for staff interaction with children as they experience the awe and wonder of the world in which they live, through the seven areas of learning, so there will be a revision to the way we observe children's play and assess their development. We are looking forward to sharing more information with parents shortly through our nursery platform (Family).

We have very limited availability for three and four-year-olds for September onwards but please call the office to find out more or to put your name on our waiting lists. If you are interested in a place for your child, in September or beyond, please call us on 01795 424348 or use the contact form on our website www.happydaysuk.co.uk



Brownies Brave the Rain
From Kerry Holman and our on the spot reporter Lucia.

Magic, Mayhem, Carnival Brownie camp!
Lucia

I like brownies because we have fun. We do crafts and get to play with our friends at Brownie camp. And get to sleep in tents with 2 people inside the tent. At night we have the fire with marshmallows, candy floss and popcorn! We get to stay 2 whole days, it is so much fun. I love it so much because we get breakfast and we get lunch, and dinner - I love the food! I loved the fair we had because it had games and tickets and amazing

Fun, Laughs and Rain!!
Kerry Holman

We have had lots of fun on our laughs and the rain didn't stop us! Brownies, many of whom we will as they move onto new ventures at wish them lots of luck. It was also a lots of new(er) Brownies. A miracle night one when all Brownies were very quickly – the fun of the fair was We enjoyed a coconut shy, hoopla, and much more. The photos capture fun we had!



Village Fete

Well done to Beckie for organising the fete and charity head shave on 14th August.

An amazing £1,282.76 was raised on the day for Pilgrims Hospice, and Beckie's hair was donated to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children and young people who have lost their own hair.

Thank you Beckie, the local businesses and everyone who attended in making this event a huge success.



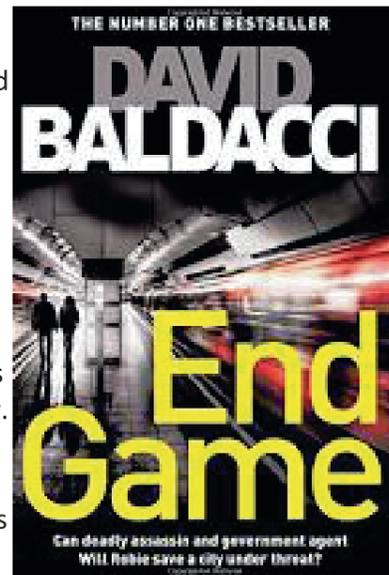
Iwade Reading and Book Group

Hilary Foulds

Well we finally managed to get back to a sparkling Barn for our August meeting. We've been so grateful to The Woolpack for hosting our meetings until the Barn re-opened after lockdown but it was good to be home. Thank you to Jackie for opening up the building and for hosting our meeting.

Our book of the month, *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, chosen by Hilary, received a lukewarm reception. It was felt generally to be difficult to start and not a book people would choose to read. The main character, having attempted suicide, and being in between life and death, was given the opportunity to investigate a number of different lives which she could have led had she made small differences to her actions. It was likened to the film *A Wonderful Life*, about how things would have gone if the hero had done things differently. Nobody felt sufficiently interested to investigate any of this prolific author's other books!

For September we have chosen to read *End Game* by David Baldacci, an author enjoyed and recommended by Pat. We also took the opportunity to name our book for October, *Dark Tides* by Philippa Gregory.



Jane Eyre was our classic of choice this month and those who managed to read it all found the language difficult. We decided on Maureen's suggestion, *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck for our September classic.

Our next meeting is at 10.30 Tuesday 14th September in the Barn, Iwade. Looking forward to seeing you there, cake always available!! Want to know more?? See our FB page, search Iwade Reading and Book Group and comment on there.

Tinkerbells Early Years – It's All About Me!

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. September brings new children and families to the setting and we are all very excited to see the new children again and to get to know you all. We continue to have some safety measures in place regarding COVID-19 however we are extremely happy to be getting back to some sort of normality.

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 look forward to sharing with you what we get up to during term 1 in the next edition :)

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

Our Iwade setting is full until September 2022, sessions at our Clocktower setting are very limited, with some sessions now full until September 2022, therefore if you are interested in a place please call in or you can email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreeschool.co.uk

NEW !! Parent and Toddler Group

Parent and Toddler group will re-open on Tuesday 7th September at 9am. We are really happy to announce that Tinkerbells will now run this group. The group is on every Tuesday morning 9am-11am in the village hall, term time only. The group is an opportunity to meet new people and to enjoy play activities in a safe, informal and friendly atmosphere.

There is a separate safe area for babies, dedicated area for ride-on toys, book area, craft tables and many other areas to engage the children.

Admission is £2.00 for the first child and 50p for each additional child.

We are really looking forward to this new venture and look forward to seeing you there .

Kent Community Speedwatch

Really fed up with speeding in the Village?

Then why not join our Iwade Speed Watch Team? Your first step is to register online as below.

1. Typing <http://www.communityspeedwatch.org> into a web browser.
2. Click on the [Register] tab and choose [Registration].
3. Click on [Join Existing Group].
4. Click on [Join Existing Group as an Operator].
5. Choose [Kent] from the pull down and click [Continue].
6. Choose [Sittingbourne] from the pull down and click [Continue].
7. Now choose [Iwade Speedwatch Group] from the pull down and click [Continue].
8. Finally complete their details in the registration form and follow the emailed instructions.

Complete your details, Click the link on the email once received to verify your email address and then undertake the on-line training. When you have completed your training etc. your coordinator will be updated and will then be in touch. (Please check your Spam folder as sometimes emails drop in here).

Want to find out a bit more about the team before registering, contact:

Cllr Barrie Whiting: cllrbwhiting@iwade-pc.gov.uk or
Cllr. Ray Langham: cllrclangham@iwade-pc.gov.uk

News from All Saints' Carole Wiles

We continue to have our services at 10.30am Sunday mornings.

If you've ever wondered what "church" is like, why not pop in and visit - you are all very welcome.

If you can't make Sunday morning we have lots happening:-

1. Saturday 11th September Ride and Stride for Kent churches.
2. Wednesday 22nd September 2-5 pm McMillian Coffee afternoon.

Also, there are other activities happening during October and November. Keep watch in up-coming issues of the Observer and on social media.

Help urgently needed!!!

The Observer Team is in the throes of a real existential crisis!! The current team (just the two of us) has put in over 12 years between us producing the Observer for ten issues a year.

We feel that is a good innings, and are hoping that there are people out there now that would really like to see the Observer continue and have some ideas about how they would like to see its direction go.

If you would really like to help, you would be most welcome aboard, would be well supported in finding your feet and have free rein to let your creative juices flow!!

Give it a thought; want to know more??

**Email
the.iwade.observer@gmail.com**

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 23 June 2021

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Smith, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 4 May 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true transcript.

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Visitors/Public Time

Visitors – No residents attended.

County and Borough Councillors – No Councillors attended; no reports submitted.

Community Warden/PCSO – Community Warden – No report.

PCSO – Written report - Crimes of note: Threats made to the staff at the local pub. A crime report has been submitted. At first, this was just reported on Facebook and not to Police. Please could residents be reminded that any signs of criminal damage or ASB need to be reported to Police as soon as possible. Solar lights were damaged at the rear of a resident's property. A crime report was taken. A vehicle was scratched by unknown persons whilst parked in School Lane. A crime report has been taken. A vehicle stolen from Chatham was discovered in a farmer's field outside the village on its roof. The vehicle was recovered by police, and this is still be investigated. After an accident in Peach Blossom Drive, there was an altercation between the two drivers. A crime report has been submitted. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: A group of young people were seen riding a scooter around the village at speed and without wearing helmets. Police attended and discovered the scooter had crashed into two parked vehicles. Two suspects were dealt with after being taken to hospital. Report of young people playing football in the village square once again. I spoke to a group who admitted they had been responsible. Strong words of advice given. Reports of nuisance vehicles in Ridham Dock, drifting and racing

along the private road. Patrols attend where possible, but there have been fewer reports of late. Further reports of males poaching fish in the reservoir. Patrols attended, and on the second occasion, stopped a group. Details were taken. Two young people were also seen swimming in the reservoir. One of the CCTV cameras was damaged during this incident – a crime report is being investigated. Reports of young people playing football on School Lane, potentially causing a hazard to passing vehicles. Patrols have attended, but the group had moved on. A group of young people have been targeting an address in Iwade, kicking balls against the resident's wall, etc. Patrols have been stepped up in the area recently, and the reports of incidents have decreased. There have been reports of young people hanging around in the car park of the medical centre. Can I ask that any suspicious activity is reported to police by the public when it is occurring, rather than relying on Facebook. A suspicious male was seen hanging around the school area. Police patrolled the area at the end of the school day, but no one was seen. There have been no reports since.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Dog Fouling – An article has appeared in the Iwade Observer. Agreed to take off the agenda.

20 MPH Zones – At the May meeting it was minuted that a Highway Improvement Plan Committee had been formed to look at issues within the village and Members agreed to look towards building funding into future budgets. Clerk to bring this to the August meeting. Action: Clerk

Parking in The Street – Back in April 2021 a letter was circulated to all residents in The Street giving four options for yellow lines, the deadline for a response was 1 June 2021. The results of that consultation have now been collated and out of 43 properties, there were 24 responses, with the overall request to go with no double yellow lines. The full survey results were:

Option 1: Double yellow lines on both sides of The Street, from the School Lane junction – 6

Option 2: Double yellow lines on the left (pub side) from School Lane to the top. On the right-hand side (opposite pub) from School Lane to the disabled bay,

then again from the Barn to the top of the road – 1
Option 3: Double yellow lines on the left (pub side) from School Lane to the top of the road and on the right (opposite pub) from School Lane to the disabled bay – 2

Option 4: No double yellow lines at all – 15
Clerk to distribute a letter showing the results to residents in The Street. Action: Clerk

Correspondence

Draft Planning Enforcement Strategy and Charter out to consultation – Noted.

Sustainable Transport Survey Letter – Agreed individual responses. Action: All Councillors

Speed Watch – Cllr. Whiting advised there are now six volunteers, and a team has already been out doing speed surveys within the village. The Speed Watch team is hoping that more volunteers will come forward. Residents can join by visiting this website - <https://communityspeedwatch.org/WIZ-FRONT-v2-GetInvolved-exist-1.php> which opens with the Kent page, click continue to then go to the Swale page and then use the drop down link to join the Iwade Group.

Local Heritage Listing Criteria Consultation – Agreed to put forward the following suggestions:

- **The Kings Ferry Bridge** – an important and unique structural feature
- **The Cairn** – WWI War memorial to those from Iwade who fell during the War.
- **The Woolpack P.H.** – a 17th Century Inn and Barn, not listed.

Request for key – Iwade Scouts – Members turned down this request as only the Hall Committee and the Parish Council hold keys to the garden gate and to issue to one group would make it difficult to refuse others. Action: Clerk

Finance

Approval of the Annual Return, 2020/21 (incorrectly shown on the June Agenda as 2019/20)

Section 1. Annual Governance Statement - Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, each section agreed by the Parish Council; form then signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

Section 2. Accounting Statements 2020/21 - Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, figures agreed by Parish Council, Section 2 signed by the Chair, having been already signed by the Responsible Financial Officer when completing the form.

Planters, The Street – Agreed to put on hold until

wood prices, which have risen by 50% during the past months, come down. Action: Clerk

Festive Lighting – Load bearing Report costs –

Proposed: Cllr. Dollimore and seconded: Cllr.

Cheeseman, agreed £30 admin cost and £1170 Load Testing Report cost (plus VAT), as requested by KCC.

GDPR-Info Subscription 2021/22 – Proposed: Cllr.

Whiting and seconded: Cllr. Smith: agreed the cost of £420 (includes VAT), for the Data Protection Officer service.

CPRE Subscription 2021/22 – proposed by Cllr.

Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, agreed to renew the subscription for 2021/22 at a cost of £36.

Action: Clerk

Village Hall

Cllr. Langham has read through the Report on Title document received from Whitehead Monckton, the Parish Council's Solicitors and drawn up a list of comments on the document, which Councillors agreed should now be forwarded to the Solicitor, along with any comments from the Village Hall Committee Action: Clerk

Reports from Representatives

Hall – Cllr. Dollimore reported that things had been put on hold until the 19 July. Some groups are using the hall, but these have to fill in Risk Assessments and undertake a strict cleaning regime, both before and after any meeting.

KALC – Cllr. Langham sent a written report: He attended the KALC meeting by zoom on 8th June. There was a talk by Mike Philips from the Kent Reptile & Amphibian Group who stressed the need for recording numbers and location of species for consideration with planning applications. There is also an opportunity to create suitable ponds with funding available. The next speaker was James Freeman from Swale Planning who gave an interesting talk on what reasons could and could not be used for refusing planning applications; will try and get a copy of his presentation. He also recommended looking at the Planning Enforcement Charter. One other thing that came out of the meeting that may be useful for some was the fact that apart from the actual car park charge there is no charge for using the electric car charging points in Swale BC car parks.