

Iwade Village News

February 2006

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Wards Homes in Court

The Planning Director of Ward Homes has appeared in court accused of destroying the habitat of the Great Crested Newt in the Orchard by Woodpecker Drive.

Mick Drury, was arrested following agricultural work at the Old Apple Orchard in Woodpecker Drive, in November 2004. He gave instructions to a contractor to turn the scruffy land, rated as an "excellent" habitat for great crested newts, into an area where animals could graze.

Mick Drury is charged with a breach of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and appeared before Sittingbourne Magistrates in February. Mick Drury denies intentionally or recklessly damaging the land and says he was "simply cutting the grass".

Police were called to the Orchard on November 26th, 2004 by English Nature after they were informed of the work by ecologist Dr Lee Brady. He had written a report on Iwade earlier in the year and recommended that because of the orchard's potential for sheltering newts, no development should be carried out until a more in depth survey had been conducted.

Mr Brady reported that he was at home when he received a telephone call from the Parish Clerk of Iwade who told him what was happening. Dr Brady was greatly concerned and drove to

Iwade to investigate. When Dr Brady arrived he saw a large forest mulcher machine working on the land, driven by HG Timber.

The contractor advised the Parish Clerk and Dr Brady that his instructions were to clear the site and to mulch all the trees on the site. Dr Brady rang Mick Drury on his mobile and advised him that he had ordered the work to stop.

Mick Drury rejected claims made by Mary Jacobson, prosecuting, that he had deliberately damaged the land so he would not have to obtain a Defra licence for development. Mr Drury stated that the development was at least 5 years away and, if planning permission was granted, the newts could easily be relocated.

The trial continues.....



Important Notice from the Parish Council

Southern Water would like to remind all residents of Iwade that we are still on water restrictions. Southern Water still have in force an increased level of water restrictions in its Kent Supply area to full hosepipe, jetwash, sprinkler ban and similar apparatus.

They have received reports that residents of Iwade are using sprinklers, jetwashes, hosepipes for the watering of private gardens, washing down paintwork, or the washing of cars etc. Although we have had rain and snow this has not been sufficient to

lift this restriction and this restriction is absolutely essential to manage the demand for water following the second driest winter since 1904 which has severely affected the level of water resources..

The Councillors of Iwade Parish Council would like to advise residents that Southern Water are monitoring and recording the water supplies and any person who contravenes these prohibitions will be prosecuted by Southern Water.

This ban is until further notice and took effect from Monday 11th July 2005.

Temporary Prohibition of Traffic - Old Ferry Road, Iwade

EDF Energy intend to carry out the installation of a new high voltage supply cable in Old Ferry Road and it will be necessary to temporarily close this road between its junctions with Raspberry Hill Lane and Sheppey Way whilst the works are in progress. The temporary closure will be in operation from Monday 6th March 2006 for duration of three weeks.

Should you require further information regarding these works, the contact for EDF Energy is Mark McGovern on 07875 111708





TWO MAD MUMS FROM IWAVE.....

In a moment of madness (over a bottle of Chablis), Eve Fitchett and Sarah Juby came up with the mad idea of getting fit. Not wanting to shy away from a challenge and fuelled by yet another bottle of Chablis, they decided that just getting fit wasn't challenging enough, nope, they have decided that the only way to

do it in style is to run the Flora London Marathon.

In the cold light of day (and hangovers!) in April last year Eve and Sarah set about their training schedule. It started with a brisk walk/jog from the village to the Pond at Newman Drive and a wheezing walk back for a few weeks, then they went as far as Asda on Mill Way and actually managed to jog back! And so the routine was set. Three to four times a week, every week, rain or shine (mainly rain!) they have been out there pounding the streets. No doubt you have seen them in the evenings with their hi-vis stripes across their backs jogging in and out of the village.

Now modestly fit, jogging approximately 20-25 miles a week and on target to complete the marathon in an acceptable four and a half hours they have decided to set themselves another challenge.

Just running the Flora London Marathon is a major achievement, but to run it and raise money for worthwhile causes at the same time is even

better! So, Eve and Sarah have decided to run for Barnardos (providing care and homes for disadvantaged children) and Get Kids Going! (a charity which provides disabled children less fortunate than our own with sports equipment so they can enjoy the benefits and fun of sporting activities). In return for the privilege of running the Flora London Marathon for their chosen charities, they need to raise £1500 each.

So, if any readers have any fund raising ideas, would like to sponsor Eve and Sarah or would simply like to make a donation please give Sarah a call on 07717 628838. Your support really is greatly appreciated. Also, if there are any companies out there that would like to sponsor Eve and Sarah, they will gladly wear your company t-shirts or logo's whilst out training as a thank you!

We will update you after the big day on Sunday 23rd April 2006 to let you know how well they did.

THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE FUND RAISING EVENT ON BEHALF OF IWAVE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Between Sunday 28th and Tuesday 30th May this year, three dads from the village will be climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon back to back in an effort to raise funds for the school.

The Iwade Dads Intrepid Outdoor Trek - IDIOT for short, will be completed, (probably on our hands and knees), by Andrew Smith, Adrian Coleman and Clive O'Flynn.

Our aim is to raise between £5,000 and £7,000, for new facilities to equip the school - we understand that the needs of the school are vast including more ICT equipment, text books and particularly a new library.

To date our accommodation in the Scottish Highlands, Lake District and North Wales is booked, including a training weekend to teach us elementary hillwalking skills (apparently it can get foggy very quickly at the top of Ben Nevis). We have also started a fitness regime - if you're up at 7 O'clock on a

Saturday you'll be likely to see us huffing & puffing whilst running through the village.

We've already started to approach businesses with a connection to the village to support our cause and are extremely grateful to those who have pledged monies so far (thank you SO Broadband, Knauf, COF associates, Ickle Pickles Day Nursery, NMC garage and CTAC & a special mention to Body Care Hair & Beauty Salon for the offer of a back massage when its over - someone

mentioned the offer of a Brazilian but that's another story).

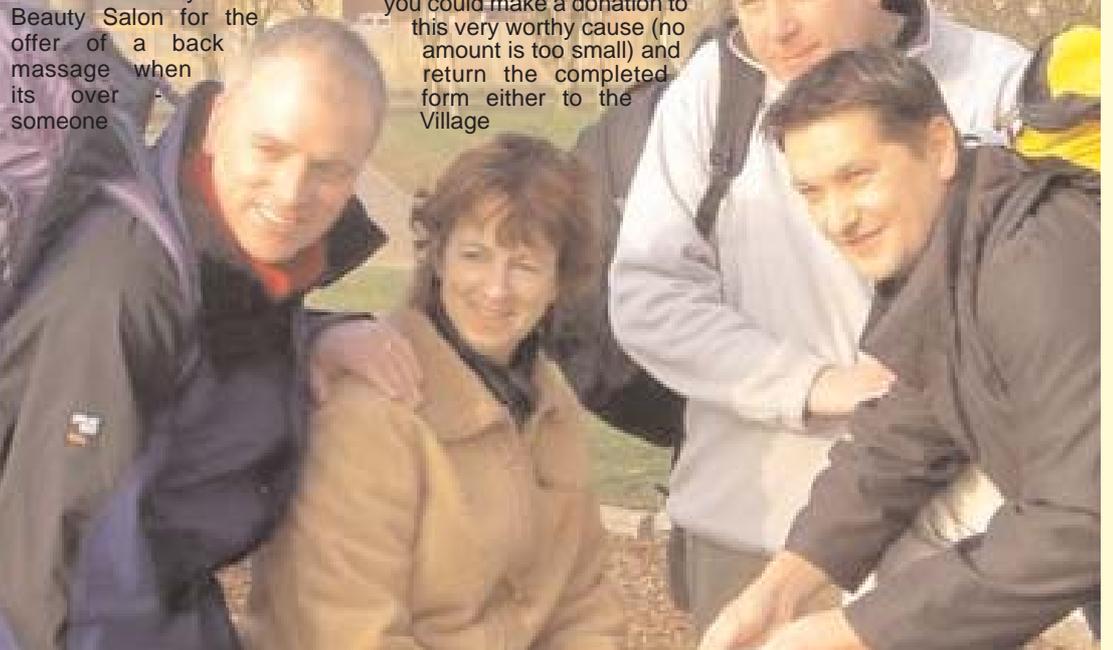
We're now going to step up our fund raising efforts with sponsorship and requests to friends, family and anyone feeling generous enough to support the school and the children of the village.

Which leads me nicely on to enclosed within this newsletter is a pledge form - we would be very grateful if you could make a donation to this very worthy cause (no amount is too small) and return the completed form either to the Village

Shop-Post Office or to the School Office. Monies will be collected after the event, unless you're feeling very generous in which case feel free to drop your donation into the school.

Also, if you get a chance, we've set up a website www.iwadedads.co.uk - which gives a few more details.

Many thanks, Andrew, Adrian and Clive.



Kent Community Warden will hit the Streets of Iwade once Again

Following the successful employment of Sue Seamon and her sad departure in September 2005, Iwade has been without this key support. The recruitment progress for our new warden has been done and his Kent County Constabulary training completed, Iwades new Community Warden will be walking the streets of Iwade in February.

With the vandalism increasing within the village since Sue's departure, this is a welcome relief to some residents of Iwade as well as the Parish Council. Especially now that the village centre is open to access and it has already been reported that about ten youths

on bicycles and one motorbike have already started to congregate in the village centre in the early hours of the morning by the steps messing around with the plastic barriers.

Community Warden Jerry Cox will no doubt be introducing himself to the residents of Iwade, getting familiar with the local activities etc. Like his predecessor, Jerry will be the eyes and ears for the Parish Council reporting on low level anti social behaviour. He will have certain Police powers and can issue fixed penalty notices for littering and dog fouling, he will also have powers to deal with people cycling on the pavement, fly posting, graffiti, properties that are open to access and a danger to the public and a range of other environmental issues.

Community Warden Jerry Cox has asked the Iwade Village News to remind residents about the Anti Social Behaviour Reporting Line (01795 417575) this is not a fast response line and that any serious incident should be reported to the Police in the usual manner. The line is

open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Wednesday, 9am to 9pm Thursday to Saturday and 2pm to 9pm Sundays (answer phone outside these hours).

The Parish Council in partnership with Community Warden Jerry Cox, the Police, local residents and other local agencies is determined to combat Anti Social behaviour in our streets. No one should live with it and with our combined commitment we can make a difference.

Also with effect from Sunday 5th February ALL SWALE AREA POLICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS WILL CHANGE with the exception of 01795 477055 & of course 999.

The New telephone numbers for the Swale Neighbourhood Watch Office will be: - 01795 419 212 & of course their free phone number 0808 100 3308 will still be available.

On behalf of the residents of Iwade, "Welcome to Iwade Jerry,"

Update on Village Centre

Scaffolding is now down and access is possible to the new village centre. Solicitors have been instructed on a florist, Nursery & a Chinese Take-Away, all looking to complete in March. Tesco however, have been rather difficult, despite getting what they asked for. and Ward Homes are continuing to make progress with them. Unfortunately, until Tesco comit, Lloyds the Chemist will not sign for units D and E. This leaves just one unit left to successfully market.

Wards have stated that they are very keen to get full occupation. All the apartments are now sold except one and will be occupied before the end of March.

Helping our Pensioners

Kent County Council has joined District and Parish Councils throughout Kent and Medway to encourage pensioners to make sure they are paying the right amount of Council Tax.

With thousands of pensioners entitled to pay less, the Kent Benefits Partnership has launched a campaign designed to make people aware that they could be eligible for substantial amounts of Council Tax benefit.

The amount of benefit available depends on people's income and savings, the size of their Council Tax bill, personal circumstances and living arrangements.

Finding out whether or not you could be paying less is easy - call Kent Benefits Partnership on 0845 345 0310 or visit www.kent.gov.uk, following the links from online services and fill out the form online.

Help Wanted

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are short of deliverers for Sheerstone, Monins Road and Aleffe Way. If you live in or near any of these roads and willing to give up half an hour a month delivering the newsletter it would be very much appreciated.

Otherwise these roads may not receive the newsletter in future and this would be a shame, as the newsletter brings the village together. Please contact Sarah on 01795 437053.

IWADE HERONS FOOTBALL CLUB

With the New Year fixtures well under way all the teams are doing well. Last weekend saw the 2nd round of the cup in the Invicta league with all teams through. The under 8's had a local derby against Swale Magpie Colts and they continued their winning form beating them 4-0 and 1-0 putting them through to the last 8 in the next round of which we are still waiting the draw. Well done to them.

The under 9's had an away fixture to a premier division side at Lenham. Iwade won the first game and lost the second but went through to the last 8 on number of goals scored so well done to them.

On Sunday the under 10's had an away fixture to Maidstone kestrels which was by no means a walk over, Iwade won the first

game 2-1 and after a closely fought game drew the second 1-1 putting them through on goal difference. The under 11's had a home draw to a premier side MPE. They know they would be in for a hard game but despite the 4-0 score line did themselves proud and played some great football. Look out for the next round fixtures on the web site.

The under 12's are still having a fantastic season and are still undefeated in all their games beating Faversham strike force 5-0 in their first game this year. They are looking forward to their semi-final cup game in February. The under 7's will soon be playing some games and still turn up week in week out early on Sunday mornings to train, they are going to be the clubs stars of the future.

Results and fixture are be viewed on the village web site. Any one interested in sponsoring the club in any form please contact us on 01795 439711.



Our new nursery in Iwade Village Centre is due to open in April/May. Ickle Pickles will be offering places for babies up to school age, and will be opening from 7.15am to 6.30pm. We have a covered outdoor play area for all-weather fun, home-cooked nutritious meals, highly experienced management and will be Ofsted and KCC registered.

We will be holding Open Days for parents and children to come and have a look as soon as we can - dates will be posted around the village as soon as we confirm. We are all very excited about opening and will be busy with the paint brushes in the meantime! Watch our website www.icklepickles.co.uk for updates.

If you are interested please contact Hannah on 07734 306841 or e-mail iwadenursery@tiscali.co.uk or telephone Hannah on 07734 306841.

Tinkerbells Early Years

Tinkerbells had an Unannounced Ofsted Inspection the beginning of February, this way Ofsted see the setting as it is run on a daily basis. We received a GOOD for care, a GOOD for Education and Outstanding for three standards, one of these being Special Needs. We would like to welcome our new member of staff, Claire Eastwood, she is already a great hit with the children, the first day she started Ofsted turned up and guess who they asked the first question!!

Sue would like to thank her staffs for their dedication and hard work that makes the setting run well. Thank you.

Tinkerbells are now registered for 30 children per session and we are able to open on Thursday's from 9.15 to 2.45. The children will bring in packed lunch and the afternoon session hopefully will be helping to prepare the children ready for big school.

Our theme for this month has been Hot and Cold. Our display board shows some of the children's creative work and the contrast between hot and cold, we have made things, cooked things and felt things; we packed suitcases for hot climates and cold climates and sorted clothes for different weathers. It has been fun.

Tinkerbells are going to hold a boot fair at Iwade hall on Saturday 18th March, this is to help raise funds for the setting, if you are interested in having a table for that day please phone Nina on 01795 559552 to book. The tables would be £6.00 and we would charge 20p admission. The times will be 10.00am to 1.00pm

If you do not want to have a table but have any unwanted items you would be happy to donate to the Tinkerbells table to help raise funds please speak to Nona and we could arrange to collect. Thank you

Most of these places have already been filled; a few afternoon places are still available. Children over three are entitled to up to five free funded sessions per week. Happy Days run two funded sessions 9.30-12pm and 1.30-4pm. Contact Sue or Sarah on 01795 424348 for availability.

Our current topic is "Toys" the children are covering such areas as Favourite Toys, Making Toys, Caring for our Toys, Texture of Toys, Stories and Songs About Toys and Noisy Toys.

We will then be looking at colours, learning all the different colours, to suit the age of the child. How to mix colours and use them appropriately. The children have become very good at signing their colours and singing songs using sign.

Happy Days

This year has seen an exciting start to 2006 at Happy Days, first with the arrival of Collette's baby daughter. Hannah May arrived on 19th January weighing 4lbs 4ozs. Mother and baby are both home and doing well. Congratulations to Collette and Jeremy and big brothers, Oliver and Jacob. We now await that news on Terri, whose baby is due at the end of February.

Secondly the new extension will open on Monday 6th February, creating a special pre-school room for our older children. This fully fitted self contained unit is designed to prepare the children for their next big step to school. This has also created 16 extra places throughout the nursery.

Iwade WI



Iwade WI started our first meeting of the New Year in January with our 74th birthday which we celebrated with a jacket potato supper in the village hall. Members renewed their subscriptions in January and we were very pleased to welcome two new members. Sarah Sherry won the Flower of the month competition and Maria Wilkinson won the competition for the best home made sweetie

In February we have a talk about garden design. Our

speaker is bringing slides to illustrate his talk. He's also going to give us some information about good gardens to visit. Our competition is for a small winter plant arrangement.

On 15 March Mr Chambers is going to talk about the Power of Positive Thinking. He is going to show us some routing techniques to make us more aware and we can use to avoid doing ourselves damage with negative thinking.

A tall order. Our competition is for the best Grass Head and we will be asking our speaker to do the judging!

You can join Iwade WI at any time during the year. But if you are thinking about joining us, do it! We will make you feel very welcome. If you would like to know more about it you can phone Hilary on 01795 474686.

Iwade WI programme for 2006

March 15th The Power of Positive Thinking with Mr Chambers.

April 19th The Work of the Donkey Sanctuary with Liz Cork.

May 17th Resolutions

June 21st Annual Outing - venue to be decided

July 19th Craft Meeting

August 16th Barbecue

September 20th Harvest Supper

October 18th Alternative Therapy with Danielle Burn

November 15th AGM

December 20th Christmas Meal

Other Dates in the Iwade WI Diary

July 12th Iwade Garden Safari

Meetings with other WI's in our Group

April 28th Spring Group Meeting - in Newington

June 23rd Top Team Quiz - at Upchurch

September 29th Autumn Group Meeting - at Upchurch

Iwade Cubs Beavers

big thank you goes out to all those involved. We also carried out a collection and managed to raise £35 so another thank you to all those that put in the collection and supported us. We hope you will all join us again next year.

We have started the New Year in creative mode and have been making memory/thank you trees for all the wonderful presents that we received over Christmas and all the people that we may not have had an opportunity to see. The memory tree idea was from the Crib service at Iwade church that some of us attended before Christmas. It was a wonderful service extremely well attended by children from all over the village and reminded us in a very special way what Christmas is all about. A big thank you to Rev Webb, Mrs Webb and Sylvia for making us all so welcome, another big thank you goes to Rev Webb for kindly leading our own carol service at the Seed of Hope square on the 12th December. It was a wonderful evening and all the Cubs and Beavers were in fine singing voice (well you could hear them anyway!!). The residents of Orchard Edge very kindly donated some excellent refreshments and helped make the evening a huge success a

We have a busy year ahead of us and are currently continuing work on our outdoor and fitness badges and for the first term are very busy with a trip to Sittingbourne police station where we are hoping to look in the police cars and cells as well as have our fingerprints taken. We will also be having a Chinese night and entering a recycling poster competition for the village of Iwade. The Cubs swimming gala which is an annual district event is coming up and we should have news of all the other trips that we will be making in our next newsletter.

We will also be announcing when the next quiz evening is so watch this space.

Please remember if you have any special skills or would like to help on a regular basis then please call Christine Ivory on 01795 599225 or call into see us on Monday evenings term time.

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Parent and Toddler Group

With Spring on its way, the children at Parent and Toddler have been planting seeds and making windmills at the activity corner. Not as successful as the valentine's presents they made, however I can not guarantee any loved ones actually got any of the sweets which were inside the boxes, however the thought was there!!!

The grand total of the sponsor obstacle course has finally been counted and the grand sum of £200 was raised. With this in the funds, the organisers are considering summer outings to the Rare Breed Centre, or Farming World during the summer for the children.

Remember, parent and toddler meet every Tuesday morning at 9.00am to 11am in the village hall, first visit is free and then it is £1.50. Everyone is welcome, it is a good place to make new friends and have a chat.

All Saints Church

"I promise to give up chocolate, cakes etc!" It's funny how many people view Lent as a time to stop eating those things they find most enjoyable!(those 6 weeks leading up to Easter.)It is a time of preparation and a chance to separate the things that matter from things that don't. And it doesn't do us any harm to put the luxuries away for a while but there are other ways of marking Lent!

Preparation for anything involves effort, so how about first acknowledging any weak points you have and then making the effort to overcome them?

For example, if you have a quick temper, why not try and overcome the temptation to 'lose it' and count to twenty instead. Slowly! You could ask God to help you! Is there someone you have difficulty with? How about spending this time making an effort to see their point of view, and if you get tempted to 'blow it', try saying a silent prayer for them instead. (Or for yourself!)

Do you have trouble overspending? Promise yourself, you'll cut down on

the unnecessary and save it instead. There'll always be bargains, you don't need to buy them all though!

Lastly, if you have a low self esteem, remind yourself that you are precious to God and believe it!

Jesus had to prepare Himself for what was coming when He made His last journey to Jerusalem. Yet He kept calm when the hostilities started and He kept silent when taunted. He knew His own worth, that He had come from God and He was returning to God. And because of that surely, He conquered the world. His death on the Cross was no unfortunate accident, He had come for that very purpose, to take our

punishment. And because of that, we can come to Him and receive from Him. His invitation is for us all. "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened.....and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls." (St. Matthew chapter 11) 2000 years on and we are still worshipping Him as Father, Friend and Saviour of the world. Countless millions have found that His promises are true and that He really is our living God. His church is there for you and longs to welcome you. Why not give it a try? With Christian love. Revd. Jacky Davis. (One of the clergy team.)

Parish Council Notices Church Sign

It was agreed that from the subsidiarity grant the Church to purchase a sign defining the position of the Church. Clerk to contact the Parochial Church Council for their views and suggestions and then to supply and install once the Church had decided on the design

Plantation Lodge Appeals

The appeal by L J Foley of School Lane, Iwade was withdrawn for the above site. No further action will be taken by Swale Borough Council and the Local Inquiry to be held at Council

Offices, Swale House on 17th January has been cancelled

2006/07 Parish Precept

The Chairman led a line-by-line discussion of the precept and, after discussion, and taking into account the amount of vandalism the Parish Council had to deal with, proposed that it should be increased by 50p. This was seconded by Cllr Malcolm Hutchings and majority vote passed.

The Tax Base for the year 2005/06 = £765.56 Tax for Band D property £25.50 = Precept £22,592. This is a 50p increase from 2005/06 increase of £443 in the precept

PLANNING

Re:SW/05/TEMP/0070, Countryside Recycling Ltd, Development of waste recovery facility including in vessel composting materials, recovery facility (MRF) and continued use for secondary recycled aggregate production at Countrystyle Recycling Ltd, Ridham Dock, Iwade

At its meeting on Thursday 12th January 2006 the Iwade Parish Council Planning Committee raised no objections to this application in principal. However, referring to the OUTLINE SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS No.659909 Co4 and Co5 which indicate 'OUTLET TO EXISTING WATERCOURSE' (TO BE CONFIRMED BY ENVIRONMENT AGENCY).

The Iwade Parish Council is concerned that surface water from the Composting Plant will not be allowed to pollute the adjacent water courses. The ditches which surround the site are linked to the south easterly tip of the SSSI/Ramsar Site, that is the Coldharbour Marshes. The easterly tip of the Ridham Marshes 500m to the north of the site is adjacent to the Ridham Outfall to The Swale. We trust that suitable Planning Conditions will be attached to the Grant of Permission to develop the site, following liaison with the Environment Agency.

It should be noted that Martin Newcombe (appendix K) states in paragraph 3.1: 'potential for crested newts occurs

nearby' and in para 4.3 'in the latter case this could mean that there would be a need for DEFRA licensing if newts were present on other land nearby. No survey for great crested newts (Triturus cristatus) could be carried out due to the time of year.....

4.6....there does appear to be a need for a great crested newt survey in season.

In 4.4 Martin Newcombe states 'There are no dykes on the site or close enough to be affected that might contain water vole, and the species appears to be absent from this part of the Swale marshlands'. A survey conducted in October 2001, by Ecoscope for the SITA Public Inquiry found evidence of

Water Vole in the ditch alongside the Ridham Dock Access road. The proposed development site is approximately 1100m from the dock access road.

The Iwade Parish Council accepts that the proposed development site will not support great crested newts and other herptile populations; however we consider that an appropriate survey of the adjacent ditches should be undertaken in the Spring. Recent surveys around Iwade have established that there is a metapopulation of great crested newts. The development site is approximately 1.25km from Iwade, the Iwade stream drains into the Coldharbour Marsh.

Message from the Church Wardens

I sincerely hope that as you are reading this Newsletter, it is a whole lot warmer than as I sit typing these notes. Today it is FREEZING even though the garden is trying to tell me that Spring is on its way, with the bulbs bravely getting taller each day and the winter pansies making bright splashes of colour.

A Little reminder that the church of All Saints, Iwade (you'll find it opposite the Woolpack), is open for visitors on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am to 2pm. Do have a walk through the village and spend a quiet moment or two in this ancient, lovely old building. Next dates are March 11th and April 18th. Look forward to offering you a cup of tea and coffee. Bring the children - they can explore the box of toys while you wander.

Another regular visitor is the Good News Van which comes on the 4th Wednesday of every month to the church at 10.30am to noon. It offers a wide range of books, videos, cd's and tapes on a wide range of subjects, for all

ages. All on free loan for a month. Again a hot drink is also offered to help make the choice. Next visits are February 22nd, March 22nd and April 26th. Please make a note in diaries.

An invitation is extended to join the March of Witness from the Village Hall on Good Friday (April 14th) at 10.20pm up to the Church, where there will be a short service for Good Friday with hot drinks and hot cross buns to follow. This service is very suitable for the children, as is the monthly family services on 4th Sundays, in which the children are the main focus with their own craft section. Usually lasts about 45 mins. Come and try it sometime. February is 26th as is March, which the children will be given a little posy for Mum and Grandmother for Mothering Sunday.

Do please find the time to see just what All Saints has to offer you. Loving God is not a solemn thing always. It is JOYFUL and we long to share it with you too.

A thought to Share.....

Nobody is good at everything, but Everyone is good at something.

Services and Events at Iwade Church

February 19th	Communion Service	10.30am
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February 22nd	Visit of Good News Van	10.30am
February 26th	Family Service	10.30am
March 5th	Communion Service	9.00am
March 11th	Church Open from 10am to 2pm	
March 12th	Family Communion - a lighter/ shorter service	10.30am
March 19th	Communion Service	10.30am
March 22nd	Visit of Good New Van	10.30am
March 26th	MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE	10.30am
April 2nd	Communion Service	9.00am
April 8th	church open from 10am to 2pm	
April 9th	Family Communion - a lighter/ shorter service	10.30am
April 14th	Good Friday Service in Church	10.30am
	Walk from Village Hall at 10.15am first	
April 14th	Good Friday Mediation and Prayer	3 - 4pm.
April 16th	Easter Day Communion	10.30am
April 23rd	Family Service	10.30am

PLEASE NOTE THAT MORNING PRAYER IS SAID IN CHURCH ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10AM AND EVENING PRAYER ON THURSDAYS AT 5.30PM

Useful Contact/ Telephone Numbers

Clerk to Iwade Parish Council	Parish Council Contact (Mrs Sarah George)	01795 437053
Chairman of Iwade Parish Council	(Mr Peter Wilks)	01795 472452

Village Hall

Village Hall Caretaker		01795 475967
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Maidstone Area Mobile Library (Van 4)		07740 183758
Swale Housing Association - Area Office		01795 434343
Swale Lighting	Street Lighting Faults	01795 417468
Police Officer	(Cliff Holroyd)	01795 417197

Swale Borough Council Reporting Line:

Bins, dog bins and rubbish	(David Hill)	01795 417850
Highways, Road Calming,		01795 424341
Flood Risk number		0800 80 70 60
Swale Police		01795 477055
Swale Neighbourhood Watch Office		01795 419 212
Neighbourhood Watch Hotline		0808 1003308
Anti Social Behaviour		01795 417575
Abandoned Vehicles		01795 417850
Noise Nuisance		01795 417850
Noise Nuisance (Out of Hours)		07881 817601

Developers

Wards Homes		01634 855111
Hillreed Homes		01622 691561
Matthews Homes		01707 655550

Iwade Village News

Editor, News Coordinator	(Mrs Sarah George)	01795 437053
News Distributor	(Mrs Sylvia O'Shea)	01795 478103
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Iwade Village Clubs

Iwade Herons Football Club	(Adam Elliott)	01795 439711
Lamplighters	(Wynn Webb)	01795 424502

Clubs below are held in Iwade Village Hall

Iwade Women's Institute	(3rd Wednesday of every month)	01795 474686
Beavers/ Cubs	(Monday evenings from 6pm)	01795 599225
Iwade Youth Club	(Every Tuesday Evening from 7pm)	01795 555164
Parent and Toddler	(Every Tuesday morning from 9am to 11am)	
Karate	(Every Thursday evening from 5pm)	07092 118045
Yoga	(Every Monday lunchtime from 1pm)	01622 661299
Ballet	(Every Monday from 2.30pm in Bobbing Village hall)	01795 870545

Local Village Nursery's/ School

Tinkerbells	(based in the Iwade Village Hall)	01795 428061
Happy Days Children's Nursery	(Crosswinds, Grovehurst Rd)	01795 424348
Iwade Community Primary School		01795 472578

Doctors

Iwade Medical Centre	(1 Monins Road, Iwade)	01795 413100
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All Saints Church Contacts

Priest in Charge	(Bill Hornsby on)	01795 844345
Curate	(Rev Ron Partridge)	01795 842007
Hon Assistant Priest	(Rev David Webb)	01795 424502
Churchwardens:	(Sylvia O'Shea)	01795 478103
	(Maria Wilkinson)	01795 477133