

# Iwade Village News

February 2007

## Support Kidney Research UK by walking London's famous bridges London Bridges Walk - 24th June 2007

Enjoy a great day of sight-seeing and support Kidney Research UK by walking eight of London's Bridges on Sunday 24th June 2007.

The London Bridges Walk starts and finishes at the newly refurbished Potters Fields Park on the south side of the Thames near Tower Bridge. Walkers will cross eight bridges between Tower Bridge and Westminster, including London and Millennium Bridges. Last year, over 650 people joined the procession, and for many it was their first introduction to the

capital.

It costs £7.50 per person to take part and this price includes a goodie-filled backpack and a special event t-shirt. There is no minimum sponsorship required but walkers are encouraged to raise as much sponsorship as they can. We have a massive target of £100,000 this year - we need your help to reach it! Proceeds will be used to further the work of Kidney Research UK and help improve the lives of people living with kidney disease.

Kidney Research UK is the leading national charity funding research to save lives from kidney disease. The research we fund focuses on improved treatment, and ultimately a cure, for kidney disease. The charity is also dedicated to patient care and educational initiatives.

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Manager, Helen Haynes, says, "The walk is a wonderful opportunity for a great day with friends and family in the world's greatest city. The route takes you pass many historical sites along the Thames and offers great views of London.

"2007 marks the fourth year of this event and we are looking forward to making it the biggest and most exciting London Bridges Walk ever. Be a part of something special and make a real difference by helping us fund research to save lives!"

For more information or to take part in the London Bridges Walk please call Kidney Research UK on 08456 121226, email [events@kidneyresearchuk.org](mailto:events@kidneyresearchuk.org) or visit [www.kidneyresearchuk.org](http://www.kidneyresearchuk.org).

If you have any queries on this event or the work of Kidney Research UK, please do not hesitate to contact event organiser, Helen Haynes, on 01342 300811 or our press office on 01733 704678.



## Drought Over at last!!

I am pleased to notify you that as from February, Southern Water is lifting the ban on the use of hosepipes and sprinklers across its supply areas in Kent, Sussex and the Isle of Wight.

This move is possible following the recent period of we weather, a fantastic customer response and the series of drought-busting measures they have taken.

The hosepipe and sprinkler ban was introduced in Sussex and Kent During June 2005, after the

driest period since 1930's and worst drought since 1976. This left the region's reservoirs and underground water resources at record low levels.

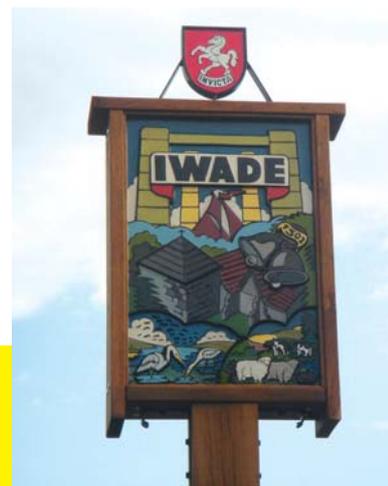
Whilst the restriction has now been lifted and resources are more abundant compared with this time last year, they are still at a low level, with much of the autumn rain consumed by vegetation and evaporation.

Sufficient rain from November to April can recharge reservoirs and underground sources. In addition Southern Water's £20 million investment in more than 50 schemes will produce additional water and enable

supplies to be moved around the region.

Action has also been taken to further drive down leakage levels, by doubling the size of vital leak busting teams. This work has been backed by customers who are now saving 43 million litres of water a day compared with two years ago - more than enough to meet the needs of a city the size of Brighton and Hove.

I hope you find this update informative and Iwade Village News will continue to keep you informed of further developments and activities within our region.



**All Saints Church Iwade Special Family Service for Mothering Sunday on March 18th at 10.30am.**

# Sewage Pipe in School Lane

As reported in previous issues of the Iwade Village News, Iwade Parish Council had concerns regarding the inadequate sewerage pipe in School Lane. This pipe erupted three times last year, spewing raw sewerage onto

the footpath and into the road and some into the nearby drain that runs into the stream.

After a long battle the Parish Council and with the help of our Borough Councillor Ben Stokes Southern Water has succumbed to the pressure. Cllr Ben Stokes and Iwade Parish Council are pleased to advise that the sewage pumping main pipe from the School Lane Pumping station is being upsized from 150mm

to 300mm diameter. As previous reported the capacity of the existing main was previously identified as the cause of some of the recent incidents.

Due the mains burst, the first section of the main to be replaced is from School Lane to Woodpecker Drive (approx 110 meters). Work is currently planned to begin on this section in March, subject to obtaining permission for traffic management and

access.

Southern Water have stated that letters to residents who will be affected by the work will be sent out once details have been finalised, but this good news does reassure Iwade that Southern Water do take the matter of flooding from the foul sewer very seriously and that positive action is being taken to prevent further re-occurrences.

# Gordon urges action on village speed limit

LOCAL Conservative spokesman, Gordon Henderson, has contacted Kent Highway Services and urged them to replace the 30mph speed limit sign that is missing from one of the approach roads to Iwade.

There are four roads into

Iwade, three of the roads have 30mph signs in place at the entrance to the village, but on the third, the Sheppey Way heading from Bobbing, the sign has disappeared.

Gordon said:

'The matter was raised when I visited the Iwade Parish Council meeting this week. The sign has been down for some time and despite a number of requests nothing has been done to replace the sign.

'The parish council were

talking about paying to have the sign replaced and, quite rightly, some parish councillors objected to spending parish money on what is a county council responsibility.

'I have today contacted Kent Highway Services and requested action. I will be monitoring the situation to see that the sign is replaced without delay because, quite frankly, its absence is tantamount to an open invitation to speed through the village.'



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We welcome babies from six weeks - eighteen months. The room has a ratio of one adult to three babies and four members of staff, all of which are qualified. The planning is written following the Birth to Three Matters document and closely monitored to ensure all areas of development are

bright and interactive toys for the children to enjoy along with lots of cuddles, singing and playing to progress them in their development and next step to Blue Room.

we have a waiting list. However, we do have a couple of children leaving the baby room to go to Blue room so if you are interested please contact Sue or Collette on 01795 424348.

We have a separate milk fridge and a separate cot room. Sheets are changed daily and the room is linked by a camera monitor so the babies can be monitored whilst they enjoy a quiet sleep during their busy day.

We hope you enjoy the pictures of our babies.

Our babies enjoy home cooked food and our cook and supervisor discuss with the parents any special dietary requirements. Fresh vegetables and fruit are provided throughout the day, as with the older children.

There is a very limited number of sessions available throughout the nursery and

# Happy Days

This month Happy Days would like to tell you a little more about our baby room. Each month we will provide an insight into each area of the nursery.

being covered.

The baby room has lots of

# Ickle Pickles!

January has been another busy month at Ickle Pickles - we have now been open 6 months and it has gone very quickly - time flies when you are having fun!

The children from the Ickle Adventurers Room have been enjoying their weekly

French lessons and are learning fast. Veronique from La Jolie Ronde comes in every Wednesday and teaches the children a variety of French words and phrases using pictures, songs and activities. We have supported this with a lovely display of French flags, words and pictures all produced by the children.

Everyone has been making use of the new climbing frame in the garden and all of

the lovely new sensory toys we have added to the nursery since Christmas. The babies have also enjoyed their weekly walks around the village in their lovely new double buggies!

The other rooms in the Nursery have been working on a Winter theme and have produced some lovely snowflakes and snowy pictures. They have also enjoyed splashing around in the water (we had some very

happy but soggy children last week!) and playing with the home-made play-dough.

We are also now looking to get our Saturday sessions underway on a regular basis - we aim to open from 10am to 2pm one Saturday per calendar month. If you would like to register your interest in booking a place for your little one please contact us on 01795 474551 or log onto our website [www.icklepickles.co.uk](http://www.icklepickles.co.uk) and send an e-mail.



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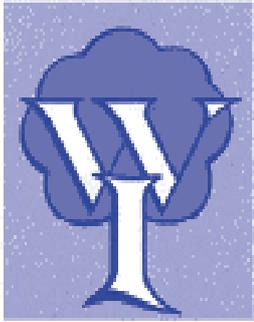
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be anticipating meeting in the village hall on Wednesday 21 March. This meeting will have a historical theme as we have local historian and author Helen Allinson coming to give her talk "Sittingbourne, A Coaching Town". We are looking forward to learning more

about Sittingbourne's past.

We have a competition at our March meeting, which is aptly for a favourite photograph, new or old, of Sittingbourne.

If you are thinking about joining the WI do come along

to the meeting on 21 March. You will receive a warm welcome. Alternatively, if you would like to know a bit more about what we do then please phone Hilary Foulds on 01795 474686.

We had a great time at our 75th birthday party at The Tudor Rose in January. We almost took over the whole restaurant. However, we were very well behaved and did our best not to get too rowdy! Can you imagine the headlines?

They couldn't get everybody in the photographs but did their best.

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Iwade Parent and Toddler Group meet every Tuesday morning in the Village Hall from 9am to 11am. Where parents/ carers can come in and have a free play with the children or have a chat and a cup of tea. It only cost £1.50 with an additional 25p for extra sidlings. Every

week there is something to do on the craft table, such as making our own umbrellas, making love heart holders for valentines day. Now that Easter and Mothers Days coming up we are busy making things for this.

This year we will be going to Merry Go Rounds for our Easter Party, so come along and make new friends.

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# Iwade Herons FC

With the end of the season in site for all the teams all the boys are still battling hard in all their matches. With bad weather putting paid to a lot of games before Christmas there are a few games to catch up on. Two teams are still in the cup competitions, the under 9's 'A' team and the under 10's will play this weekend in the quarter finals(4th/5th Feb) Both are playing teams in higher divisions but both will be good games to watch with I am sure the results going in our favour!

The under 7's training squad are full and every Sunday come rain or shine are up at the field learning the skills ready for the future teams of Iwade FC.

Local estate agent Robinson Michel Jackson have

sponsored our under 9's 'B' team a kit and 4 teams with training tops which the club would like to thank them for. If anyone would like to see any of the boys playing at the weekend look out or listen for all the cheers from the great

support the teams have each week and join them up at the field or at the school.

Any one interested in finding out about any of our team from under 7's to under 13's then call 439711.

## The Parish Vicar

Dear Friends,  
An announcement was recently made in the churches that I shall be retiring from parochial stipendiary ministry later in the year.

We have achieved much together across the past three years. Two groups of three parishes have discovered effective ways of working as a cluster of six. We have a highly competent and dedicated team of lay leaders and ordained clergy who are committed in leading worship, in mission and in pastoral care. We have

excellent systems of administrative support. I am confident that, with the guidance of a new minister, that team can achieve great things in mission, in worship and in the care of the people of these parishes.

I would like to express my grateful thanks for the love and care which Sylvia and I

have enjoyed during our time in this setting. Arrangements are being put in place for a period of interregnum. My last Sunday in this group will be 29th April.

With every blessing,

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# Messages from....

## Iwade Parish Council

At the January Parish Council meeting the following was raised:

### Road Traffic Survey

Clerk received correspondence from Michael Sammut, Senior Transportation Engineer of Kent Highway Services who advised the Parish Council of before and after traffic surveys on the A249, A2 Rainham, B2005 Grovehurst Road South of the A249, B2006 Staplehurst Road and the Old Sheppey way at its northern limits as well as the B2231 Lower Road, B2008 Minster Road, A250 Half Way Road on the Island. This data has been useful in establishing the impact of the new trunk road works including the bridge crossing on traffic patterns.

In conjunction with this study, Iwade is being looked at in more detail and monitoring of the road network serving Iwade will start soon and analysis of this data. The personal injury crash record and recorded observation will be carried out in early spring to establish what the current situation is and to establish what issues there and how those issues can be addressed.

Following this work it will be necessary to engage with the Parish Council on the outcomes and then the community of Iwade, Funding has been allocated to complete all study and design and consultation exercises in 2007/08 with further funding committed for the implementation programme in 2008/09

Mr Sammut will keep the Parish Council up to date on the whole process and envisaged need to meet up with the Parish Council in March/ April 2007 to discuss matters and concerns in more detail

### Update by Ward Homes

Mr. Mick Drury of Ward Homes approached the Parish Council and advised the reason for the Land North of the Church application not being registered was due to more detail being required for the refurbishment of the listed building (Barn).

The Parish Council advised Mr. Drury that it was suggesting that the Village Hall Committee

should take over the day to day running of the listed Barn as a meeting room once it was rebuilt as the Parish Council are unable to obtain grants/funding whereas the Village Hall Charity can obtain external funding to maintain the property, and the two properties could run alongside each other and not in competition.

Mr Drury advised the Parish Council that Ward Homes would leave it up to the Parish Council to decide who would be responsible for the Barn.

The Parish Council raised concerns that the Parish Graveyard should have an access independent of the Church, for funerals and grass cutting machinery.

Mr Drury advised that the village centre units were now 90% lease to clients. Lloyds the Chemist was on board, along with the Co-op as the mini market which had no opening date. Estate Agent would be using another unit and there were two interested parties for the takeaway premises, but this was still in negotiations.

Tarmac on the footpath around the village centre was imminent.

Ground work to the village park had been passed to a Landscaping company and was timetabled to be commence.

### Planning

No planning applications have been received for the month of December.

Planning application for Ward Homes Phase 7, proposal for 27 dwellings north of the Church deposited with Swale BC.

The Planning Officer of Swale Borough Council was consulted on 03/01/07 and the application has not yet been registered so that the Parish Council has not yet received the full application. It was agreed that it will be necessary to call a meeting of the Planning Committee when the Parish Council receive full details of the application.

Members have received a copy of the 'Design and Access Statement' (DAS) supplied to the Parish Council by Ward Homes and attention was drawn to several statements in the DAS which members needed to consider at this meeting:

1. Paragraph 2.4: Additional land is available adjacent to the village centre...Part of this land is

currently being promoted via the ongoing Local Plan review for a small-scale B1 employment uses (including B1 office uses). This will further reinforce the sustainable mix of uses at the heart of the village. Members will recall that the IPC has objected to this addition submission to the Inspector at the Local Plan Inquiry.

2. Page 2 is a copy of the Proposals Map of the Adopted Local Plan (July 2000) and shows the Village Park coloured yellow, Policies R26 and SS6.

The Park is divided into two sections by the Iwade Stream. Two sites marked C11 are the sites proposed for a church car park and grave yard.

3. Para 3.1, 7th bullet: 'the change of use of land to form an extension to the existing burial ground of All Saints Church along with the provision of a pedestrian link to the proposed car park:

4. Para 3.3. ..The car park will also serve the proposed community/church building and will provide approximately 18 car parking spaces. It is proposed that the car park will be transferred to and managed by Iwade Parish Council and used for community purposes as well as for the Church.

5. Para 3.4: To the east of the Church land will be transferred to the Parish Council for the expansion of the burial ground. A pathway to be provided between the church burial ground extension to allow direct access.

6. Para 3.5: The refurbishment of the listed barn. The detailed internal specification and fitting out of the building will be a matter for the Parish Council once the building is transferred to them. (See discussion below)

7. Para 5.56: New parking standards [from Kent & Medway Structure Plan 2006] 1bed house 1space, 2/3 bed house 2 spaces, 4 or more bed house, 3 spaces per dwelling.

In April 2003, the previous Clerk Mrs Linda Fisher was seeking advice from Clive Powell the Parish Council Adviser, Kent Association Parish Councils, with regard to the relationship between the Parish Council and Village Hall Charitable Trust. In particular she was seeking advice on how to handle the large sums of money granted to the Village Hall by the section 106 agreements between Swale BC and the Developers. [Approximate total £257,000]

Clive Powell pointed out a major

difference between a Parish Hall owned by the PC and a Village Hall being managed by a Village Hall Committee:-  
[extract from 3 page letter]

In the meantime I would reiterate my previous verbal advice that your Council should be very wary of establishing too close a relationship with the Village Hall Committee/Trust for a variety of reasons. In the first instance there may be, (albeit unusual reasons) why a Parish Council should be closely involved in the running of the Village Hall. The obvious example is where the Village Hall is owned directly by the Parish Council. However, in most cases Parish Councils are well advised to limit their association with the Village Hall Committee/Trust. To a certain extent this has resulted from an historic division which has allowed the Parish Council to concentrate on other issues beyond just local amenities, despite their obvious importance in the community's life. However, one of the major practical reasons for Village Halls remaining charitable trusts is that there are a number of foundations which will make grants or loans to such bodies, but which cannot make them to Local Authorities such as yourself.

An example of this is lottery funding and the right to claim a discretionary waiver of the rates as a charitable body.

As a result, the relationship between Parish Council's and Village Hall Committee/Trusts are best seen as a balanced relationship with the Parish Council, often receiving regular reports through its custodial trustees and perhaps providing financial support through Section 19 of the Local Government & Miscellaneous Act. This allows Parish Councils to both support and influence the development of the Village Hall without incurring liability. Only recently, I noted an article highlighting the fact that many Village Halls assume that the Parish Council's insurance will provide adequate cover should the worst happen. In fact, this is often not the case and all Village Halls should make adequate provision for their own insurance.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would approach the Church Parochial Council to discuss requirements and intentions.

# All Saints Church

Dear Friends

Looking beyond traditions to their roots can be fascinating. Father Christmas, alias St Nicolas, was originally a Bishop in Turkey in the 4th Century. He became known for dropping bags of gold coins through the windows of poor families. This month we come to Valentine's

Day, and yes there was a real St. Valentine. He was famous at the time for helping young Christian men and women get married during a period of persecution in the Roman Empire. He was arrested and martyred in the year 269. His feast day, February 14th, was proclaimed in 496.

St Valentine's ancient story illustrates the old saying, 'Love conquers all' - both human love and God's love. Those young people were so desperate to

commit themselves to each other, while remaining true to their beliefs - Love found a way for them through St Valentine, who risked his life to help them realise their dreams. He was also showing them God's love for them and his own love for God in laying his life on the line to help them fulfil their love for each other.

That is the true meaning of love and faith for all of us - what are we willing to lay on the line for

each other in need? With so many conflicting demands on each of us these days, it is not always easy to see which should come first. Jesus did warn us about getting too choked up by the worries of this life. But his command to love each other as we love ourselves is still the key to real fulfilment and happiness for us all. Happy St. Valentine's Day!

Sincerely  
Ron Partridge, curate

## The Churchwardens

Since Rev'd Hornsby wrote his letter to you all in the last Newsletter, things have taken a rather dramatic turn. Health reasons have overtaken his hopes and plans for coming year, and he has tendered his resignation. The last service he will preside over will be on April 29th, when there will be a joint Benefice Communion Service at Newington Church at 10.30am.

His announcement was a great shock to us all, but as he explained he had warnings of a heart problem that was being kept in control with medication,

but recently it has reared its ugly head again and he feels he should take the advice given and endeavor to lead a quieter life.

As Rev. Hornsby mentioned in his last letter, the Pastoral future of Iwade was already in the pipeline for change with the hopeful appointment of a minister based in Iwade to work between the village and Holy Trinity, Milton, so exciting times lie ahead for us all. In the meantime, it is up to us all, everyone in the village, to ensure things continue smoothly and services in this beautiful old church building continue for you all. We must also continue to keep the funds coming in for the upkeep of the building.

Have you found time to visit for

a look? Don't forget the church is open for you to do so on the second Saturday of every month 10am - 2pm. We promise not to interrupt your visit unless you wish us to and can offer a hot drink/biscuit whilst wandering round. We also usually have a small selection of home baking on sale. Come over the road one Saturday and try us.

ALSO, on the 4th Wednesday of every month, the Good News Van visits the church, with a wide selection of books, videos, cds and tapes for a free loan. We also have tea/coffee/biscuits on offer at no charge whatever. Again,

PLEASE come and try it. February is 28th, March 28th, 10.30 - noon.

Another date to make a special note of is MARCH 18th when the children are invited to collect a small posy of dafodils for their parent (or grandparent). The family service would NORMALLY be on 4th Sunday (25th) BUT because Mothering Sunday falls on 18th services have been changed - just for this month. Please don't forget - March 18th at 10.30am special service for Mothering Sunday, March 25th Communion Service at 11.00am

## Services and Events

25th February	Family Service	10.30am
4th March	Communion Service	11am
10th March	Church open for Visitors	10am to 2pm
11th March	Family Communion	11am
18th March	Special Family Service for Mothering Sunday	
10.30am		
25th March	Communion	11am
28th March	Coffee Morning with Good News Van	
10.30 - 12pm		
1st April	Palm Sunday Service	11am

Please note that Morning Prayer is said in church EVERY Wednesday at 10am and Evening Prayer every Thursday at 5.30pm. These are quiet said services lasting approx ½ hour. Come and join u for one or other.

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## Parish Council Contact

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Chairman of Iwade Parish Council	(Mr Peter Wilks)	01795 472452

## Village Hall

Village Hall Caretaker		01795 475967
Maidstone Area Mobile Library (Van 4)		07740 183758
Swale Housing Association - Area Office		01795 434343
Swale Lighting Street Lighting Faults		01795 417468
Community Police Officer (Cliff Holroyd)		01795 417197
Iwade Community Warden (Gerry Cox)	)	07773397138

## 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
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
Street lighting faults for (Sheerstone, Springvale, Evergreen Close, Linkway, Meadow Rise, Meadow Close)		
	01795 437053	

## Developers

Wards Homes		01634 855111
Hillreed Homes		01622 691561
Matthews Homes		01707 655550
Constantine Projects Ltd		01634 296886
Kent Highway Services		08458 247 800

## Iwade Village News

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## Iwade Village Clubs

Iwade Herons Football Club (Adam Elliott)		01795 439711
Lamplighters (Wynn Webb)		01795 424502
Ballet (Every Monday from 2.30pm in Bobbing Village hall)		01795 870545

## 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 9pm to 11pm)		
Karate (Every Thursday evening from 5pm)		07092 118045
Yoga (Every Monday lunchtime from 1pm)		01622 661299
Socatots (Every Wednesday afternoon from 1pm)		01795 471412

## 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
Ickle Pickles Day Nursery (at the village centre)		01795 474551

## Doctors

Iwade Medical Centre (I Monins Road, Iwade)		01795 413100
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## Village Amenities

Woolpack Pub The Street, Iwade		01795 472656
Body Care, Hair and Beauty		01795 474555

## All Saints Church Contacts

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