

Iwade Village News

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Good news on the buses

Arriva is welcoming the opportunities the opening of the new Swale Crossing will bring to improving bus services in the area. Bus services on the Isle of Sheppey have been stable for a number of years as major new developments have been constrained by transport infrastructure.

Whilst some services on the mainland in the area between



Kingsferry bridge and Sittingbourne have seen changes largely as a result of

developments at Iwade, the challenges of reliably crossing the Swale have stifled growth. The good news is that there will be two significant changes to services in Swale area during the early part of 2006.

First, the service between Kemsley and Sittingbourne, the 349 has been successful in a bid by Kent County



Council, with Arriva support, for funding from the Governments' Kickstart Challenge scheme.

The arrival of this funding will enable new easy6 access buses to be introduced on the service, better information at the bus stop and extra journeys in the early evenings to improve connections with

trains. Secondly, the new Swale crossing will ensure faster and more reliable journey times which will make a new bus service to Maidstone from the Isle of Sheppey a practical proposition

Arriva will be introducing a new hourly service, the 334, on Monday to Fridays only, between Sheerness, Minster, Halfway Queenborough, Iwade, Sittingbourne and Maidstone.

The first journey from Sheerness through to Maidstone will be around 9am with the last through journey back from Maidstone just before 5pm.

This service, along with the existing 333 which runs between Faversham, Sittingbourne and Maidstone will mean there will be two journeys an hour on Mondays to Fridays between Sittingbourne and Maidstone.



Watch Out there's a thief about

Iwade Village News felt it was necessary to bring to your attention that there have been a number of thefts from cars around the village. The thief is going to residents cars/ vans opening the vehicles up taking out stereos, CD's, work equipment etc and then re locking the vehicles afterwards.

The thief is very bold and actually going up peoples drive ways and outside their windows doing the crime. One of the crimes the residents were actually having a party while the crime took place. Police have been informed and have asked for residents to be

more vigilant and not to leave valuables in their vehicles.



Carols by Candlelight

Wow, this event just gets better each year. Once again the church was full to capacity with standing room only. Mulled wine and home made mince pies were on offer on arrival and at the end. The residents of Iwade were rocking in the pews, with songs such as "Once in Royal

and sister team Ellie and Max McKittrick and the donkey and sheep were performed by Dominico Cardoso. Some of the children in Iwade dressed up and took part in this service to make is a real family affair. While Shepherds were watching their flocks, we had a



David City, Little Donkey, Away in the manger. Last year the Rev Webb and his wife Wynn dressed up as Mary and Joseph, but just like in Austin Powers this year we had mini Mary and Joseph with a donkey! Mary and Joseph were played by brother



full size shepherd appear with a sheep! Unfortunately the children did not fancy dressing up as shepherds! So not to be outdone by the grand children Mr John Harmer stepped in and played the shepherd. The three wise men came out during their song and handed out sweets to everyone in the Church. There was not a dry eye in the church once the children had finished with the adults!

At the end as everyone was singing Jingle Bells, 12 days of Christmas, Deck the Halls, All Saints Church had a special guest arrive and Father Christmas made a quick pit stop to say hello to all the Children and to tell the residents of Iwade the story of the Night before Christmas.

Again if you missed this, you better make sure you are doing nothing next Christmas Eve at 4.30pm because I feel All Saints

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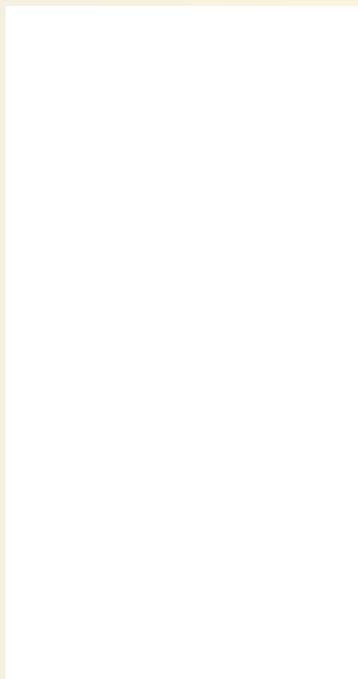
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Church Carols by Candlelight is going to be the one of the big events in everyone social calendar around Christmas and planning permission will have to be given to double the size of the Church before long!!!!

Also there were two residents in the congregation who actually had their birthdays on Christmas Day and everyone sung happy birthday, while they stood at the front of the church.



Hey! Don't forget us

Remember you are not alone; don't forget that if the daily routine after Christmas and New Year is getting stressful. Don't forget the ever popular yoga class on Monday afternoon from 1.15pm to 2.15pm in the village hall will help you get those frustrations way.

Just one hours exercise a week can make all the difference and help you fight of that extra piece of Christmas pudding. All Ages and abilities welcome.

Update on Village Centre

Despite the One-Stop Mini-Market hours application now being approved (Tesco's requirement, not ours) we have not yet concluded our negotiations with them such that a date for opening can be given. However, I am able to confirm that the new Nursery School (right next to the Primary School) to be called 'Ickles Pickles' is hoping to be ready to open around Easter time. Also, the Florist hopes to open in one of the smaller units during February.

We continue to negotiate with a local Chinese Food operator for the Take-away facility and with Lloyds the Chemist as well as a local Hairdresser. Meanwhile 12 of the 15 apartments above the shops have now been sold.

Wards work on the centre is likely to be completed during January...but will continue to work with the tenants to achieve what's best for the village

IWADE HERONS FOOTBALL CLUB

Iwade Herons Football Club would like to wish every one a very happy and successful 2006.

With the Christmas Break over and some games cancelled before because of frozen grounds there are many games to be played in 2006, with cup games and league games. So we would like to say good luck and enjoy the games to all our team members.

Look out for fixture dates for the under 7's who will start to play some friendly games in the New Year. Details can be found on the Iwade village web site along with results and fixtures for all other teams.



SOCATOTS has arrived at Iwade!

Following the recent article in the Iwade News, we are now pleased to announce that we are launching the Under 5's SOCATOTS Programme on Wednesday 11th January at Iwade Village Hall. This football specific programme is the first of its kind and is a unique fun

based concept aimed at giving children their very first start with the ball. The main objective is to help encourage all aspects of mental and physical development using football as a medium. All equipment has been specifically designed for children to develop skills of agility, balance and co-ordination. Most importantly we want the sessions to be enjoyable and for the children to have FUN! We provide a fun, playful yet educational atmosphere with supervised, qualified staff which also involves parental participation.

The first class is from 1.30pm until 2.15pm but is currently full, however, we are holding a Waiting List. A new class will begin late in February starting at 2.30pm which we do currently have spaces for. Both these classes fall in the PHASE 3 age range (2½ to 5 Years). For more information, please go to our Website www.socatots.com/maidstone-sittingbourne, telephone Claire on 01795 471412 or alternatively e-mail me on c.colley@socatots.com.



Love and Romance in the Woolpack

Love is in the air for the residents of Iwade. Carl and Jemma who own the Woolpack Pub have

really got into the "mood for love".

On Tuesday 14th February 2006, the Woolpack have organised a romantic evening for you with the hassle taken away from drinking and driving. A set menu will be provided and the Woolpack will be decorated to make sure you are both in the right mood for this romantic occasion.

If it goes as well as

the New Years Eve Celebrations then you better get down there soon as places are going fast. Just contact Jemma or Carl to make your reservation on 01795 472656 or pop in.

Jemma and Carl invite you to go down to the Woolpack and join them for the romantic night of the year. I have it on good authority that food will be mouth watering

Parlez vous français?

French Lesson for Iwade Residents

Do you want to learn or improve your French for business or pleasure? Are your children needs catered for, working towards a qualification and need extra one to one tuition. Pas de problème!

I am an experienced French native speaker looking to start up classes in the Iwade area. All ages, levels and

from individual coaching and support to group conversation sessions.

For more information please contact me on 07725051464



What a Family Affair

The Christmas Crib service was a great success again with the Church nearly full to capacity. There was the normal scrum of children jostling for position to put the character in the stable. Once again the sheep out numbered the characters but no one seemed to notice.

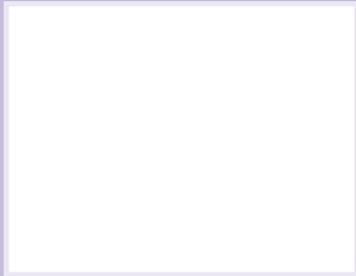
Everyone got into Christmas Spirit with all the children and some adults marching around the Church

welcoming Jesus to Iwade. The banner was made by the children who attend lamplighters. At the end of the service before the refreshments everyone sang "We

Wish you a Merry Christmas". Make a note in your diary for the end of the year to remember to go to this excellent church service, both adult and child love it and it starts Christmas with a nice touch.

If you want to take part in the hosting of the crib around the

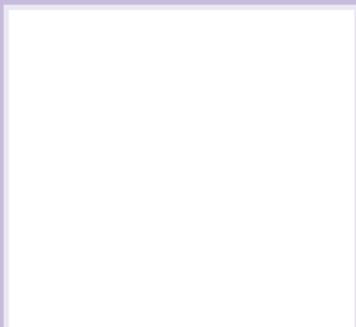
village next Christmas remember to keep an eye in the newsletter or contact Sylvia and she will make a note of your name to put on the list for next Christmas.



Happy Days

At the time of writing this article Happy Days was in full swing enjoying the Christmas activities.

Below are some photographs of our hugely successful nativity play, that the children and parents enjoyed so much. The main nativity was acted out by red room, the children that are over three years old. Our younger children and babies then joined the rest of the nursery singing



their favourite songs. Parents all gathered for home made mince pies and coffee.

Music morning was great fun, with all the nursery having their own special session by a party entertainer, followed by party food for lunch.

Father Christmas will arrive before Christmas bringing the children presents, followed by a full Christmas lunch.

We are delighted to announce that we received planning permission to convert the garage into another playroom, and work is commencing over the Christmas period with a view to open early February. This will provide the nursery with the equivalent of sixteen move full time places. Some of these have already been taken by existing parents. If you would like your child to join Happy Days please contact Collette or Sue as soon as possible, to avoid all the places being taken.

I hope you all enjoyed Christmas and Happy Days wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year

Iwade Youth Club Valentines Disco

on
Tuesday 7th February
from 7.30 to 9.30.
Entry is free
with food and music provided.
Dress is to impress.

Iwade Village Hall, For
details contact
Diane Hamilton
on 01795 555154

Parent and Toddler Group

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Well 2006 at mother and toddler is going to be a lot of painting, play and cups of tea!!!

As you can see from the pictures, the children had a lovely time at the Christmas party. The Merry go Round was a big success, with the children shouting faster and holding their hands above their head as if they were at Alton Towers!.

We had Rudolph's at the party and that was just the mothers! the children dressed as Santas, Christmas Trees, Angels, reindeer etc, it was very colourful and added to the Christmas festivity. Food and drink was provided and enjoyed and the ever popular song time ended

the party with the special arrival of Father Christmas who handed out presents to all the children. If the



parents thought it was noisy before Father Christmas came out afterwards the noise limiter in the hall nearly reached cut off.

Mother and Toddler started again on the 10th January, where the children made Calendars for the New Year.

Remember everyone is welcome. We meet every Tuesday morning from 9am to 11am in the Village Hall. Hope to see you soon.



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This month expect to see the long-awaited Broadband Review, apologies for the delay. And an interview with the new Head of Iwade Mrs Ware, who will be splitting her time between Iwade and Bobbing Schools, with an article on the School Building Work. There'll be a survey online for you to email back with your feedback on the website so we can do better for you in 2006. Friday January 27th sees the second cookery workshop in the Village Hall, the theme this time will be Mediterranean cuisine hosted by

Scott Anderson our resident chef. Call Nicola on 439892 or email cuisine@iwadevillage.co.uk to reserve your place. As always keep us up-to-date with your News items, What's On or Classifieds (even if you don't have access to the internet!). Again call 439892 or email nicola@iwadevillage.co.uk. One more thing - if you know anything about the Iwade Fishing Club please get in contact so it can have a slot in the A-Z of Clubs and Activities. And finally Happy 2006 Iwade!



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Dear Friends

In the Tom Hanks film, 'Forest Gump', Forest says to a new friend, 'My momma always used to say, "Life is like a box of chocolates - you never know what you're gonna git."' I just wanted to shout out to Forest (you see, I really get involved in films), 'Look under the lid, Forest, you'll find pictures there!'

Forest has a point, of course. We can't always look ahead to see what's coming - either for good or for ill. There is no way to know what the chocolate will really be like until we bite into it. New neighbours, new jobs, new relationships, new children, new friends - what will they be like? You never know.

In the end, everything depends on the attitude, the values, the emotions, we bring to the new people and things in our lives - if we go in with hope and love for others, knowing that we are also offered hope and unconditional love by God, then we are placed to make the best that can be made of whatever life may bring us.

Sincerely
Revd Ron Partridge
Lower Halstow

The Difference

This is a very strange letter to write, I'm sitting at my desk on New Year's Day surrounded by the Christmas lights etc., but when you read this we will be looking towards Lent and Christmas will be a distant memory. I know the shops will be full of Easter eggs, as I have already seen them.

The frantic pace at which our world moves drives us through the seasons will little or no time to consider the implications for us. Everyone seems to be in a hurry to get one season or shopping opportunity over and race onto the next one.

In my Christmas sermons I used the theme of the difference that Christmas makes, or should make to our lives. The false illusion that the world gives of Christmas is that at this particular season everyone will celebrate peace and good will and everyone will get on for one day. The real difference that we celebrate at Christmas is the great love God has for us that he gave his son in love for us and we are required to show that love for those who we meet, work with and live with, not just at Christmas, but every day of our lives.

This is such a powerful fact; we cannot rush over it and

not think about it from one year to the next. The incarnation makes a difference to our lives every day, not just at Christmas, indeed as we begin to consider our journey towards Easter, we cannot gloss over the implications of Christmas.

As we travel towards Easter and begin our Lenten reflections, I would suggest we all consider the love given for us and how we can reflect that love to a world so badly in need of it. It may be we have influence in local or national government or it may be we can do nothing more than a smile or a touch on the arm of someone hurting, all are ways of showing the difference God's love makes in the world today.

This year let's keep the incarnation alive in our hearts all year and let each one of us work out a way we can make a difference.

Parish Council Notices

The Parish Council meets every second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

At the December meeting The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing representatives from Ballast Phoenix, who specialise in recycling Incinerator Bottom Ash.

The Parish Council were advised that Ballast Phoenix already operated 3 sites in England all of which took bottom ash.

Ballast Phoenix gave a 30 minute presentation, stating that they had been in operation since 1998 and to

date had no environmental problems and always had approval from Local Authorities. Their environmental impact consisted of reductions on land field sites, they recycled waste into products, created local employment, produce no noise, no dust and there was no danger to the local environment. All noise was contained inside the operating buildings.

Concerns from the Parish Council were raised about dust and Ballast Phoenix explained the extensive programme on site that kept the dust down, by spraying plant, stock and lorry wheel washes and they also installed windbreaks. They conducted regular checks on employees and periodic check on dust and all were always well within the national dust level standards.

Ballast Phoenix proposed that they wished to commence on site in January 2006 and commission the plant in May 2006 in order to meet with Allington Incinerator deadlines. The Parish Council advised Ballast Phoenix that these deadlines were not realistic and would not be met.

Iwade Youth Club Minibus

Lesley Hunt from Kent Police wrote to the Parish Council requesting a donation of £500 to go towards the cost of purchasing a mini bus to be used for the youth club. Members of the Parish Council agreed to the sum in principal and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mrs Hunt and advise her that

the sum of £500 had been earmarked for this project on the condition that the target of £20,000 was reached

Boundary dispute

Parish Council received a letter from residents of Turnstone Close and Helen Thompson regarding Constantine Construction building houses on their land. It was agreed that although the Parish Council had no authority in this problem. The Clerk and Chairman would speak to residents to offer their support. Chairman to speak to Swale Borough Council about this in support of this complaint.

Church Sign

Clerk received a letter from Baptie advising that the Church did not fall into the

category of historic interest to warrant a tourism sign, as they did not meet with their criteria.

Finance

Clerk to contact Kent County Council, Highways to see if directional sign could be installed instead.

The Parish Council were advised that the Tax Rate for 2006/07 for Iwade was 885.97 and the budget for the precept for 2006/07 would be discussed and

agreed in the January Parish Council meeting

Clerk received grounds maintenance quote from Landscape Services for 2006 this was increase of £25.03 to £651.32. It was proposed by Vice Chair Phil Fearn to continue with this contract and the grass and maintenance at the recreation ground was to a high standard, this was seconded by Cllr Susan Dowling, all Parish Councillors present were in agreement.

QUIZ NIGHT

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Message from the Church Wardens

First and Foremost - a little late but very sincere wishes for a Happy and Safe New Year to everyone.

We specially pray you will all be safe as we know that many of your travel on the busy roads daily going to work and taking the family to school. It is much better to arrive safely and a little late than rush and not arrive.

Thank you all for supporting All Saints at the many services and events over

Christmas. Gather you were all packed like sardines for the Carols by Candlelight service. What lovely memories they leave.

Do come and join us on the 4th Sunday of every month for the Family Service. It is designed for ALL AGE GROUPS and children are especially welcome. Service commences at 10.30am and refreshments are offered after.

If you have not visited your village church yet, it is open for visitors on the 2nd SATURDAY of every month 10am to 2pm. We will offer you a cup of team/ coffee and invite you to spend a little time of quiet in this beautiful old building.

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22nd January	FAMILY SERVICE	10.30am
29th January	MORNING PRAYER	10.30am
5th February	COMMUNION SERVICE	9.00am
11th February	CHURCH OPEN FOR VISITORS	10am to 2pm
12th February	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE	10.30am
19th February	COMMUNION SERVICE	10.30am
26th February	FAMILY SERVICE	10.30am

Useful Contact/ Telephone Numbers

Clerk to Iwade Parish Council	Parish Council Contact	
Chairman of Iwade Parish Council	(Mrs Sarah George)	01795 437053
	(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
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

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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