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Editor's Note Iwade Buzzes!

Never mind Iwade Rocks! On Sunday 8th March Iwade was abuzz with activity! In great sunshine over 50 villagers were planting new plum trees in the orchard, and the Village Market was bustling. A great community feel was evident - well done to all who took part.

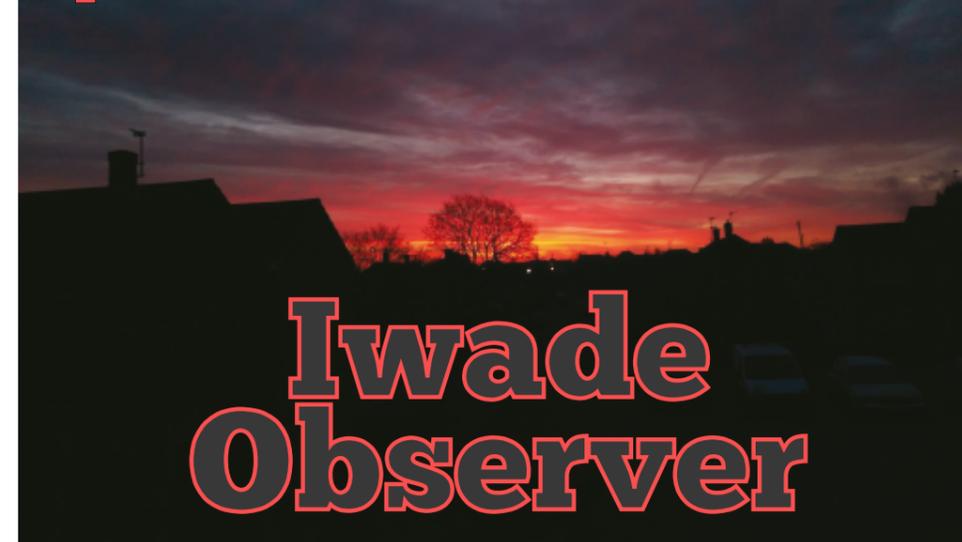
Once again our thanks go to all our contributors - keep sending 'stuff' in please to the.iwade.observer@gmail.com - we love your stories and pics!

Ben, Mel, Nicola and Rynn.

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Llanfair PG: full name = Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch. But can you say it!!

April 2015



'Kent Orchards for Everyone Project' Fruition comes to Iwade Community Orchard

by Pippa Palmar

A fantastic number of locals from Iwade were passionate about their plums when on March 8th they attended a big planting of 27 new plum trees. These trees gapped up the spaces between the trees which are sadly decaying in Iwade's community orchard. With the help of

the 'Kent Orchards for Everyone', a Heritage Lottery funded project, 50 villagers including many children planted, staked and protected their new plum trees and are now keenly awaiting their fruition!

Varieties planted were:-

Old Green Gage,
Oullins Golden Gage,
Opal Plum,
Rivers Early Prolific Plum,
Victoria Plum,
and
Warwickshire Drooper Plum.



It is important to maintain this orchard since it is home to the Noble Chafer beetle, an endangered species and as far as we know it is the only orchard in Kent where it is found. The older and decaying trees will remain in place since they are a valuable habitat for wildlife and the food source for the larvae for the Noble Chafer Beetle. The new trees which have been planted amongst the old will ensure the future regeneration of the orchard and a home for this.

There will be more events throughout the year, see separate poster for details of Aprils events.

Julie Murr Iwade's Lovely Lollipop Lady* has now retired from Lollipop lading. Recently she sent in a wonderful image of an Iwade sunset. We are using it as our banner this month as a recognition of all that she did to help keep our children safe and to thank her for her lovely lollipop lading!

* And yes we do know that her official title was Road Crossing Patrol, but it doesn't make such a good verb as lollipop lady!!

Kent Orchards for Everyone & Iwade Parish Council

Dinosaurs sun bathing in your Orchard!

Join us for a walk to discover if any reptiles are holidaying in your orchard

p.s. bring your dinosaurs

Monday, 13th April, 2015 at 10.00am - 12.00 noon

Walk starts from Iwade Community orchard
Event is free
Wear sensible footwear and clothing.
For more information contact Pippa Palmar: 01303 815170
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The View From

Iwade



2500 BC – 2015 AD, A Kentish Story

Not too long to go now!

On the 17th and 18th April the grounds of Iwade Barn will be hosting an exciting event - The View from Iwade. This is a look at the story of this part of Kent and how it might have been viewed by the residents of Iwade. Some major national and international events unfolded over the centuries right on our doorstep! Look out for flyers with full information, if you would like to know more, buy tickets which are already going fast, or indeed if you would like to be part of this production then call Pamela on 01795 437026 who will be more than pleased to help you.

Iwade Village Market

Plenty of bustle at the Village Market on Sunday 8th March with the added attraction of models from The North Kent Radio Controlled Truck Club to entertain. Photos show some of the stalls, brilliant and evocative radio-controlled buses, and the new catering team of Dawn, Eunice and Jackie in front of some of their delicious cakes and pastries!





Best Mummy

Erin Coleman was entered into a competition, by 1st Iwade Brownies Brownie Leader, Debbie Sprattling, which was sponsored by McDonalds and Whitefriars of Canterbury. The competition was for Mother's Day and entrants had to draw a picture of their Mummy and write about why they are special. Erin wrote "My mummy is friendly and caring. She loves me lots and cares about me. She is happy when I move up stages in school for reading" Erin's prize was to meet Paulette the Bunny from Build-a-Bear workshop, her picture in a frame and £100 worth of vouchers to spend in the shops at Whitefriars. Erin's Mum, Gemma knew nothing about her entering the competition and it came as complete surprise, and although Erin was delighted that she won she is a little reluctant to share her winnings!



W.I. - Centenary Year

By Sandra Wilkinson

This is very special year for the W.I. as it's 100 years since the first branch opened in LLanfair P.G. in Wales. **(Ed - come on Sandra - surely you can spell it in full! -see bottom of last page!)**

As part of the celebrations a centenary baton has been passed round the country and if anyone was up early enough on a cold day in December you would have seen the green tractor and convoy of cars as it passed through Iwade and on to Bobbing branch. The photo is our East Kent Federation chairwoman, Marion Rose with the mayor, officially receiving the baton. A few of our members were there to wave flags and show support (in case you saw us and thought we were completely bonkers)!

Here in Iwade we also have plans for an exciting centenary year although, due to unforeseen circumstances, our February speaker had to cancel so one of our members, Leslie Taylor, bravely stepped in and gave us a very interesting talk entitled "100 years of the W.I." March's meeting on 18th March was Sarah Watson from Natural by Nature Oils to speak about the origins of aromatherapy, its benefits and the different oils to use, (more about that in May Observer). April's meeting on the 15th April in Iwade Village Hall at 7:30 will be a "Fashion Parade" in conjunction with M & Co so if you are thinking of coming to visit with a view to joining this would be a good one to try. For more details please contact Glenn on 01795 436515. Lastly we forgot to thank Costcutter and The Iwade Pharmacy for their donations to our raffle at Christmas. Thank you both it was very much appreciated!



Thank you to Graham Evans for this aerial view of Sanderling Way.



Iwade Reading Group

Hilary Foulds

February's Book of the Month was Elizabeth is Missing, debut novel from Emma Healey, which we discussed at our March meeting. Essentially it is about Maud, an elderly woman with advanced dementia, attempting to make sense of the perceived recent disappearance of her friend Elizabeth and her sister Sukey some 70 years earlier. Although in agreement that the writing was good in describing a person with dementia we were all irritated by the way the narrative slipped backwards and forwards between childhood and current events. We decided this was a deliberate ploy to add to the feeling of the confusion caused by the dementia. The discussion about the book led us into a long chat, over coffee and cake, about our own personal experience of dementia in our own families. We look forward to reading Emma's next book to see how her creative writing has developed. March's book is "The Other Boleyn Girl" by Philippa Gregory. Although normally meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, April's meeting will be held at 10.30 on Monday 13 April at Jackie's home. Jackie has chosen Tess of the d'Urbervilles to be discussed at our May meeting. We have enjoyed welcoming new members to the reading group. If you would like to give us a try do please contact us if you would like more information, either via our Facebook page or by phoning Hilary on 01795 474656



Great Iwade Quiz Off !!!!!

Iwade recently saw two quizzes within the space of seven days. Firstly in aid of All Saints Church, our ancient church that costs thousands of pounds a year to maintain, and secondly in aid of Lucy and Morgan's trip to Morocco where they will be taking part in a trek with their school across Morocco in October, helping out at local villages along the way - a potentially life changing journey for them.



It seems a great time was had by all who attended these quizzes - how about the organisers getting together to organise a joint quiz? Hence The Great Iwade Quiz Off!!

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 1 April 19:00

"The Passion of Christ" Film Screening

At All Saints Church Iwade, screening for adults only. No charge for the film just a small charge for coffee and cake. Refreshments served from 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm

Thursday 2 April 19:00 | Passover Meal

Remembering the night Jesus shared his final meal with his friends, by sharing the Passover Meal together. There is something special about doing this in homes, so depending on how many people would like to do this will determine how many homes/hosts needed. Tickets are £6, includes a lamb roast, dessert, and drink. Please contact Stephen Plumb for further details on captainplumb@btinternet.com or 01795 470418.

Thursday 9 April 11:15-11:25 | Mobile Library

At the Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of identification required to join. Why not give it a try?

Sunday 12 April 10:00 | Iwade Market

Now on the second Sunday every month, At Iwade Village Hall why not go along and have a browse. If you would like a stall contact Iwade Market at iwademarket@btinternet.com or on 07710 454124

Monday 13 April 10:00 | Dinosaurs in the Orchard

At Iwade Community Orchard!
Wear sensible footwear. Don't forget your dinosaurs!
In conjunction with Iwade Parish Council.
See page 2 for more information.

Monday 13 April 10:00-12:00

Iwade Reading Group

See article on page 7 for more information.

Wednesday 15 April 19:30

Iwade W.I. April Meeting

At Iwade Village Hall with M & Co, 6 Models required! No competition this month but a Spring Cleaning Raffle. See article on page 7 for more info.

Friday 17th & Saturday 18th April at 20:15

View from Iwade

Dramatic telling of Iwade's history at The Barn All Saint's Close. By ticket only.
See page 2 for more information.

Wednesday 22 April 19:30

Iwade Parish Council Meeting

At Iwade Village Hall, residents welcome.

Thursday 23 April 11:15 | Mobile Library

MRA

Meadowcroft Residents Association

Calling All Residents Of:

Sanderling Way • Dunlin Walk • Mallard Crescent

As some of you know, we have set up this committee so that we can sack OM as our management company. We all feel that the amount of work that they carry out on our behalf does not warrant the fees charged on our bill.

We feel that we could save around 80% of our bill by ousting them. Our main stumbling block at the moment is getting legal advice. We have applied for some grants from various sources but unfortunately we have been unsuccessful so far.

A resident that attended the AGM made a suggestion to ask for donations from households. We agree that a donation of £10 per household would help us to be able to seek legal advice but we would be happy for any amount you would be happy to give.

We would like to thank the people who have donated so far, we are extremely grateful, however, we are still a long way from the target of £1000 quoted to get initial legal advice on our deeds. Another option we are looking at is employing another company to take over.

More news to follow once we have some info.

Please join our facebook group "Let's Sack OM".

DID YOU KNOW...

That you need to PAY OM when you sell your property

That you need to PAY OM to remortgage your property

Your front garden should be maintained as originally landscaped otherwise OM could revert it back and charge you for replacing shrubs, trees etc. and labour

That OM only maintain 2 small areas of land on the development for freeholders

That you need to PAY OM for permission to build a conservatory

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CommitteeMember: Sarah Downes

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Moonwalk!

Alison Eldridge, an Iwade resident, has told us of her plan to take part in the 2015 Moonwalk in aid of breast cancer (walkthewalk.org) in London on May 16th. This involves walking 26.2 miles (42Km) starting at around 6pm, wearing a decorated bra! (**Ed - and other stuff presumably!!**)

You might have seen a slightly windswept Alison training around Iwade, and she is even trying walk from her workplace in Rochester at least once a week and going on long walks on the Downs at weekends to prepare.

Alison was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005, and was successfully treated at Medway Hospital and is now 'clear'. This experience inspired her to take on many challenges to raise money for charity, e.g. The Great Wall of China and Machu Picchu for the National Deaf Children's Society in 2007 & 2009 respectively. In 2012 she climbed Mount Toubkal in Morocco to raise money for CPC Kent, a charity that helps children and their families cope with motor-related illness. Alison has also participated in and sponsored a number of events both locally and nationally, including the Kent Churches, Demelza House and Iwade Village Hall.

If you feel you'd like to help this very inspirational lady to raise funds in aid of Breast Cancer visit her donation page at:

<http://wtwalk.org/moonwalklondon2015/alison-33>

As if that wasn't enough Alison is also walking the Camino de Santiago, The Way of St. James as in the brilliant film The Way starring Martin Sheen.

In 2013 she completed the first stage, last year she completed the 2nd Stage, and this year she is planning to complete the rest of the route in 3 stages - because she cannot take 5 weeks off work to walk the whole route in one go!

April : Burgos to Leon June: Leon to O'Cebreiro August: O'Cebreiro to Santiago.

Alison has not sought any sponsorship for the Camino at all, but is open to suggestions if there are any worthy local causes that may be suitable; particularly for the final 100 Km. If so, she would prefer to collect any sponsorship money through justgiving, and to do so the cause must be a registered charity. This could also

attract gift-aid where appropriate.

Alison is covering all her own expenses and is not seeking sponsorship to cover any costs, all monies donated would go directly to the charity/ies concerned.

If you have any ideas as to how Alison could raise funds for an Iwade charity you can contact her through the usual Observer email address - the.iwade.observe@gmail.com



Upchurch Cricket Club

Want to play Cricket? If so Upchurch Cricket Club are looking for new players this coming season for their COLTS Section. This is open to both boys and girls aged from 5 to 17 Years.

Registration will take place at the Club on Tuesday 7th April from 6pm onwards. Training will then commence the following week on Tuesday 14th April from 6.30pm to 8.00pm for Under 9's, Under 11's, Under 13's and Under 15's. Note: Under 17's Training takes place on Wednesday evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

Upchurch have a strong, passionate and dedicated team of Coaches and Staff including Kevin Masters, Alan Pattenden (Head Coach) and Steve Parker amongst others who are keen to meet you and show you what the club has to offer.

If you want to come along to this exciting and friendly club then please contact either:

Alan on alan_pattenden@btinternet.com or 07740 384585

Or Steve on sparker57@icloud.com or 07879 883153

Smile Malawi Marathon

Elsbeth Baecke

I am thrilled to announce that my son Gavin is running in the London Marathon this year in aid of Smile Malawi. As his fiancée has run it 3 times before (twice for Smile Malawi), he has a lot to live up to!

Please wish him luck and help the children of Smile Malawi at the same time by donating any amount you can afford to his appeal at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Gavin-Baecke>

You can also donate by text if you prefer - just text UPCH91 £10 (or £5 etc but max £10) to 70070 and the donation goes straight through to the justgiving site. Don't forget to follow the gift aid link that will come up too as that gives us an extra £2.50 for your £10 donation, at no cost to you.

Cheques are also very acceptable if you prefer the old fashioned way - please send them to me at 63 School Lane, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent ME98SD. Cheques should be made out to Smile Malawi and please mark your envelope with Marathon.

I am going to Malawi on 24 March so I will send out lots of news on my return in plenty of time for the run on 26 April.

Shocking News!

Recently, walkers and cyclists have reported small electric shocks when travelling along Sheppey Way to the north east of the village. In response to these reports, the Parish Council requested the support of National Grid in investigating the issue. They attended in January and monitored the strength of the electric field in the area under the power lines that stretch across Sheppey Way. The field strength was found to be high enough to generate a phenomenon known as a microshock, but was well below a level that could cause harm to humans and animals. To help mitigate against the effects of microshocks, National Grid advise walkers and cyclists to remain in contact with anything metallic (dog lead, bike brake lever etc) while within 20m of the power lines. This will ensure you are at the same potential as the item you are touching and should reduce the possibility of electrical discharge.

If any Iwade residents are still concerned they can contact Chris Haswell at National Grid, via the EMF Helpline 0845 7023270 or by email: emfhelpline@nationalgrid.com

Rogation - Beating the Bounds

On Sunday May 10th All Saints Church are holding a Rogation Walk. Rogation is often associated with the ancient practice of "beating the bounds". Beating the bounds was effectively a tour of the extremities of the parish, to impress on parishioners the "waymarks" or boundary posts and trees (i.e. the bounds) which define the local parish to which they were expected to show loyalty and responsibility!

The Rogation element was an opportunity for villagers to thank God for the state of the crops, and the livestock, and the promise they hold, and to pray that all the circumstances will combine leading to a fruitful harvest; a sort of counterpoint to the Harvest Festival.

You are invited to take part in reinstating this tradition to Iwade, to enjoy a walk across the fields, some good company and some food to round off the event.

Make a note of the date in your diary and look out for full details in the May issue of the Observer.

Narrow Way Christian Fellowship

We are an Evangelical/Pentecostal church that meets every Sunday, except the 2nd Sunday of each month, at Iwade Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon. We welcome everyone who wants to enjoy fellowship with us.

We are:

- * a full-gospel church where only salvation is preached and not money or human wisdom.
- * a church where uncompromising truth of God is preached.
- * able to offer facilities for children and youths to be taught the tenets of the bible through which they could inculcate good morals and the fear of God.
- * are able to offer training for both youths and adults to be useful to the community.
- * a place where you can meet with Godly people and enjoy Christian music.

We look forward to seeing you,
Thank you.
Pastor (Rev) Israel Odewale

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2015

Visitors/PublicTime

Residents raised concerns regarding the planning application for a thermal conversion & energy facility at the Kemsley Fields Business Park; they were worried about toxins and carcinogens released as a result of the process and asked were the cumulative impacts taken into account? This will increase lorries on an already busy highway and they could not understand why yet another 'incinerator' is being planned for the Ridham area.

County and Borough Councillors

County Cllr. Truelove commented on the application; the cumulative impact is taken into account and traffic is also a concern. He stated that KCC is setting its budget tomorrow; its having to save 90 million pounds on top of the 80 million last year; about 300 million over a period of time. Council Tax will go up by 1.99%, an increase of about £21 per Band D property. The Borough Council sets its budget next week and Council Tax will be frozen. The Borough Council has now adopted a Local Plan and Iwade it not earmarked for any further housing allocations. Once the Plan goes to the Inspector the Borough Council might have to find more housing in Swale.

Community Warden/PCSO

The Community Warden's report had been circulated. He has dealt with fly tipping incidents; neighbour disputes, parking issues and other problems in the village over the past month.

•The PCSO sent a written report; there have been some complaints regarding the manor of vehicles

parking in Chetney View and School Lane; he will look into this. The crime summary for Iwade since 01/01/2015 until now: 18/01 - Burglary, Red Admiral Crescent; 08/02 - Assault, A249 - Sheppey Way - a road rage incident in a layby.

Electric Shocks, Sheppey Way

Cllr. Wastall has now met with the National Grid. They measured the electrical field strengths on Old Ferry Road but as these are below the guidelines they cannot do anything. Cllr. Wastall to circulate the report to Members.

Finance

The Barn Donation

Proposed by Cllr. Rook and seconded by Cllr. Hyde; agreed the donation of £1050.28p; £695.01p of this will be met by funds already held by the Parish Council which are grants in respect of The Barn received from Borough Councillor's Localism Fund, the sum of £355.27p coming from Parish Council funds.

Iwade Herons

request for financial assistance – agreed the donation of £1795 for the 2015/16 financial year.

Iwade W.I.

Request for financial assistance. Agreed the donation of £241.50p for the 2015/16 financial year.

Mother & Toddler Group

Request for financial assistance. Members thought that the requested sum was quite high in view of the bank balance, but have been informed that this is due to outstanding hall hire fees and awaiting an invoice. All agreed that the requested sum of £850

be donated for the 2015/16 financial year but if the balance is high again the following year then the PC will require an explanation.

Woodpecker Park Bus Shelter Quotes

Two quotes received. Clerk to check whether planning permission is required and whether any services run below the shelter because of the necessity of footings for the brickwork and whether we can do this.

Trees

Cllr. Hunt advised that via an organisation he can obtain 30 trees for the village, with the Parish Council only having to pay 20% of the cost. All agreed to take up this option at a cost of £12.12p.

Annual Village Clean Up

Looking at May time; Clerk to look into Morris Dancing. Agreed to look at dates and ideas and bring back to the March meeting.

The Barn

Work done to the outside and all the paperwork is ready for the transfer. There has been some problems with UK Power Network, there could be a cost of £1000 involved to connect to the electrical supply. The Trust won't go ahead with the transfer until Swale Borough Council has sorted this out. The Trust would like to install glazed doors at the front of the building but will need listed building consent

Next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd April @ 7:30 pm - Iwade Village Hall.