



WINTER CHEER AT SPEEDWAY

Paul Heller

On Sunday 18th February Sittingbourne Speedway staged the final round of the annual Winter Pit Bike Championship Series. A good crowd saw over 30 heats of close, exciting racing with nearly 40 riders battling to make the finals and win the meeting. Also, being the final meeting of the series the overall points winner from all the previous rounds was crowned champion.

The Pit Bike series started several years ago and has grown in strength and numbers over the years and is now a popular winter fixture in the Club's calendar. The series is run over five monthly meetings with points being awarded to each rider to determine who is the best rider overall.

The difference between pit bikes and speedway machines are that pit bikes are basically scaled down motocross bikes that can be ridden over any type of terrain so with the

winter weather making the tracks very wet, muddy and bumpy totally unsuitable for speedway, it holds no fear for the pit bike riders who seem to revel in these types of conditions.

Away from this the recent very wet weather has meant there has been no on-track speedway activity since the end of last year but this has not stopped the track staff getting out and carrying out their winter maintenance duties and has provided an opportunity to make some improvements to the pits, and spectator viewing areas on the site in preparation for the forthcoming season.

The Club are currently formalising their plans for the new season but can announce the opening meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 15th 2018 and should see a mixed program of racing with solos and sidecars taking part.

Pictures show:

*(top) the winning riders on the rostrum
(bottom) some close last bend racing*

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Jacob Wade, aged 4



Evie Whittingham, aged 5



Isabelle Wade, aged 6

Easter Egg Competition Winners

Well done to the six children that entered our competition. We couldn't decide which entry was the best as they were all so good, so we have made them all winners!



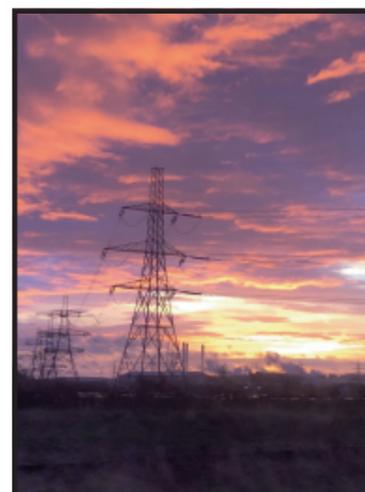
Bella Dawson, aged 6



Dexter Dawson, aged 4



Imogen Kemp, aged 3



A youngster with a great eye for an atmospheric shot - Photos from Aimee Stickells

Iwade Village Hall Update

The first Food & Craft Fayre of the year was held on 11th March and was well attended. Thanks again to stall holders for agreeing to cancel February's market in order to get started on the hall's internal decorations. The next market will be on Sunday 8th April 10am-1pm. The ever popular Brambledown Farm will be there as usual selling fresh fruit and vegetables and, exclusively to Iwade Food & Craft Fayre, will be selling vegetable boxes for only £3.50. Please see the photo for everything that is included, and keep your eye on Facebook for details of the stalls that will be there.



Our first table top sale event of the year will be held on Saturday 14th April 10am-1pm. Please contact: bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk to book your table.

Tickets will shortly be going on sale for our 50s & 60s night with live band 'Quiff & the Shades'. Details of how to purchase tickets will be announced on Facebook. This is sure to be a popular event so book early to avoid missing out!

If you would like to get involved at the hall we are looking for a trustee and a clerk on the committee, or if you would like to help out with fundraising and events please contact: chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk
All information on events, regular clubs and booking the hall can be found at: www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk or by contacting: bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk and please also keep up to date on the hall's FB page.



Iwade Village Hall Community Events
Iwade Village Hall, Ferry Road, Iwade, nr Sittingbourne. ME9 8RG

INDOOR/OUTDOOR
BOOT FAIR
Saturday 14th April
10am - 1pm

££ Don't throw it, sell it! ££

If you have used goods to sell,
book a table now
£7 indoors £5 outdoors

££ Have a spring clear out ££

Stalls should be booked in advance by
emailing: bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk
or calling 07724 862744

Did Tinkerbells find Wally?? Jody Nichols

We've been very busy at Tinkerbells together!

This term. The children have had fun learning all about our topic, 'Mini beasts and Spring'. They have been busy making little bugs of their own and created some lovely mini beast pictures at home too. We have displayed them in the hall for all to see. They look great guys! Well done! We were lucky enough to have a visit from some real mini beasts at the setting. We saw spiders, millipedes and cockroaches too! This was great and gave our children the opportunity to get a really close look at the little creatures. Thank you to our visitors for making this possible.

We have been getting very excited about Easter too and the children have been quite inspired to create some egg-cellent pieces of work. We hope the Easter bunny pays you all a visit soon!

March has ended with spring in sight at last. After the big freeze, we are looking forward to hopefully enjoying some finer weather. The snow was a challenge for a lot of us but we made sure to get out and enjoy it anyway. It was great fun to play in it all

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up and talking about our favourite books, characters and rhymes. It was a great day and lots of fun was had by children and staff alike. Well done to everyone for dressing up. Your costumes were great!

Next term we will be exploring the topic 'Animals,' where we will learn all about the many creatures around us, from the pets we have at home to the more exotic creatures we share the world with. We are very excited about this topic and looking forward to the many activities we have planned.

All of our sessions at both Tinkerbells' settings are now full until September and there are only a few limited afternoon sessions available thereafter. Therefore, if you are interested in a place for your child, or you wish to be put on our waiting list, we recommend that you call in for a copy of our prospectus or email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk as soon as possible.



Thinking Brownies bring Horse of the Year show to Sittingbourne!!

Kerry Holman

1st Iwade Brownies have had a busy few weeks! Along with continuing our Science badge, we celebrated World Thinking Day by going to Howletts Animal Park along with 600 other members of the South East GirlGuiding community! That was great fun but very chilly as you can see – although the leaders did not enjoy the trip to the gift shop on the way out and none of us slept on the way home!! Some of us then went straight onto a sleepover with 180 members of GirlGuiding from Sittingbourne – Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section all came together and had lots of fun!

Then, this week we joined up with Brownies in Milton and had great fun doing an evening of show jumping, dressage and a best in show contest with hobby horses which we had made!! Lots of laughing and it was certainly a different evening but we all had fun! We are also looking forward to a trip to the Science Museum next weekend, to finish our Science badge.



cubs

1st Iwade Cubs enjoyed a light hearted celebration of St Patrick's Day including green cookies and Irish style dancing.



Monday Friendship Group

The Iwade Friendship Group meets fortnightly at the Barn on Monday mornings from 10:00(ish) until 12:00(ish) The group meets simply to enjoy a cuppa, a natter, to 'network', maybe exchange ideas and to create and develop opportunities and friendships. Why not come along and give it a try – it may be a bit daunting at first but it's a very welcoming and friendly group.

At their meeting on March the 5th the group had the expertise of Roy and Margaret Jones, of GoCruise, local cruise experts, to help and advise on all things cruise related. Great work thanks Roy and Margaret.

At the time of writing the meeting on the 19th hadn't yet taken place, but the group had invited Swale councillor James Hunt to come and tell us about his role as a councillor. I'm pretty darn certain that James will have been both entertaining and informative. So, thanks in advance James!

The meeting on April 2nd is to bring along a decorated egg (hard boiled!) with a chance to win a prize. It's not compulsory though folks!

There is a book exchange (no charge; just bring a book along to donate or exchange for one you fancy trying), games, help with computer issues, puzzles, etc.

Other dates in April are the 16th and 30th and fortnightly thereafter (i.e. May 14th, etc.)

Iwade PPG Report

It is now 6 months since DMC Healthcare was given a 1 year contract to turn around Iwade Health Centre after it was put in "Special Measures" by Swale CCG.

has been An enormous amount of work has been done updating all patients records, medication reviews, together with an extensive staff training programme. The surgery will shortly be undergoing a commercial deep clean, before being completely redecorated. New seating is being introduced throughout.

Additional staff have been employed, and DMC are seeking to employ a full-time lead GP.

Members of the IPPG were delighted to meet the new practice manager Tara Dugan, and we will continue to support Iwade Health Centre in preparation for the forthcoming inspection by Swale CCG.

Keep updated at any of the following:

e-mail : iwadeppg@outlook.com

**Facebook page : IPPG Iwade Patient Participation Group
iwadehealthcentre.nhs.uk**

The future of Stroke Services in Kent and Medway

We all know that rapid access to medical expertise is vital to ameliorating the effects of a stroke so make sure you have your say on the future of stroke services in Kent and Medway

The NHS in Kent and Medway ... is running a public consultation on the future of urgent stroke services in Kent and Medway. The NHS is asking for people's views on proposals to establish new 24/7 hyper acute stroke units in Kent and Medway.

The consultation runs from Friday 2 February 2018 for 10 weeks until Friday 13 April 2018.

A full explanation can be found here :-
<https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk>

With an online questionnaire here:-
<https://kentandmedway.nhs.uk/stoke-consultation-questionnaire>

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Iwade Health Walks - There ain't no Snow!

James Apps

Dateline Monday 26th February – it was certain that inclement weather would dominate the week. I live at the top end of a road which will not be dusted with salt and sand so I surmised that with the temperatures plummeting to minus figures we would be iced in if not snowed in. I was right and felt relieved when our walk leader decided to cancel the 1st March Thursday walk.

What I didn't bargain for was the panic and chaos that followed. Roads blocked by crashing vehicles, no choo-choos and of course panic buying! Iwade Health Walks I ventured out on Wednesday to buy some more milk and top up my power. The roads were clear of traffic but walking was dodgy because of the ice. The cold wind whistled around my earholes and I was glad that the next day I would be languishing at home instead of staggering around Iwade. What a wimp!



The contrast was the following week - 8th March – when we walked to the bridge and back via the Old ferry Road. As usual the fly tippers had been busy, and as was remarked, they had also dumped their excess snow on the side of the road! But it was comparatively warm and although the fields were dotted with shallow pools and the ditches and streams were full some spring flowers could be seen bravely blooming.

Note that on a notoriously low and exposed patch along the Old Ferry Road there remained drifted snow. A reminder of what the weather could do.

But by this time the morning was quite pleasant, the wind had dropped a little, and we passed the snow with barely a comment. I suppose if we had time we could have erected a non-gender specific snow sculpture.

Anyway we should welcome Spring and watch it approach with enthusiasm.

The walk routes will soon be back to normal with at times some deviations to admire the gardens as they develop during the coming months.

We look forward to seeing you some time – meet in the village centre at 10:30 for a 10:45 start every Thursday.

Ed's Notes

Well what a month of contrasts March turned out to be! From frostily freezing to superbly springlike with everything in between - 4 seasons in one month - how lucky we are !!

Something that was a constant though was the good will and community spirit of Iwadians - from neighbours getting together to enjoy snow play to responses to our request for two volunteers to deliver 'The Observer' on new 'rounds' - Thank to Rebecca Foster and Geoff and Gill King for stepping up to the plate.

IWADE'S CRIME REPORT STATS (Reported in January 2018)

Anti-social behaviour 4
Burglary 1
Criminal damage and arson 1
Other crime 1
Other theft 1
Possession of weapons 1
Public order 3
Vehicle crime 2
Violence and sexual offences 12

Original source: www.police.uk

For more information about individual crimes and locations, please visit www.police.uk and type Iwade in "find your neighbourhood".



Memory / Dementia Café

The Barn
On

Friday 20th April 10.30am – 12.30pm

Also on

Friday 18th May 10.30am -12.30pm

Anyone is welcome to attend.
There is no charge.

What is a memory / dementia café?

A great place to come if you are caring for a person living with dementia, if you're worried about someone's memory, or if you just want to meet other people affected by dementia.

Stimulating activities, information & support are also available.

For more information call:
Jeannette - 01795 428364 / 07930 187737

IWADE VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Sunday 27 May, 2018

9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Please come along and help tidy our Village.

Spring

The Village Clean up starts at 09.00 a.m., helpers to report to the Village Hall to collect black sacks and sign in. Refreshments will be available during the morning and we are looking to do something from 12.30 p.m. onwards, details to be confirmed.

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Was this the best Iwade snowman??

Ronnie Bartholomew sent in this great snowman picture with the caption "Unfortunately we can't take credit for the snowman but he was happy to pose for pictures!" (seen on the Peach Blossom field).

Also in the picture: Scarlett and dog Terrence.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14 February 2018

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Clark, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10 January 2018 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Visitors/Public Time

- 1. Visitors** – No comments.
- 2. County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting submitted a written report – he has had complaints about the state of the road and parking in Peach Blossom Drive. KCC officers investigated and spoke to the developer and additional signage will be installed warning people of the speed humps. This is an unadopted road and residents should contact the developer if they have further issues. Awaiting a response from Highway officers regarding the Parish Council's request for signage on the buildout by the garage, and from the Environment Agency relating to the use of the bridge in Mansfield Drive. Following complaints by residents in Mansfield Drive, KCC has confirmed that it is looking at starting a trial in Iwade in April in the use of special notices under the 1980 Highways Act that will be placed on inappropriately parked cars. Borough Cllr. Stokes will be meeting with the Environment Agency to look at the issues with the stream bridge in Mansfield Drive; he will update on the outcome. He has contacted KCC regarding a 20 mph speed limit in the Village and is awaiting a response.
- 3. Community Warden/PCSO** – The Community Warden checked fly tipping and dealt with issues in Sheppey Way and Old Ferry Road. Dealt with an ASB issue and problem parking in Sandpiper.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 1. Cycling Clubs** – The Chair of the South East CTT was present. He advised four clubs use Iwade for Time Trials – Wigmore/Rochester Cycling Clubs, Medway/Sheppey Velos. The Chair outlined the issues and advised the Council will be meeting representatives from Sheppey Velo tomorrow; the Chairman of the SECTT will arrange a joint meeting between the Parish Council and the other clubs.
- 2. The Cairn Plaque** – Two excellent designs put forward. Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Clark, agreed to go with the ARC design. Action: Clerk
- 3. Mansfield Drive Bridge** - The 'A Frame has now been installed.
- 4. Parish Councillor Vacancy** – one application came forward. Following a vote of acceptance Jamie Dicker invited to join the Parish Council. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and duly took up his seat.

Correspondence

- 1. Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (KMWLP) 2013-30 Consultation** – no comments.
- 2. Request to Promote Member Council Responses To DCLG Park Homes Consultation** – no comments.
- 3. DS Smith Paper Ltd., Kemsley Paper Mill, Sittingbourne ME10 2TD** – Proposed application for a Development Consent Order: The Kemsley Paper Mill (K4) CHP Plant – noted.

4. Iwade Observer Survey – agreed to continue with the present system and to review in 2019.

Finance

- 1. Grass cutting contract** – No updates yet. Action: Clerk
- 2. Planter** – Sanderling Way – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Clark; agreed to accept the quotation for £350, plus V.A.T. for the planter. Action: Clerk
- 3. GDPR Workshop** – Clerk informed the cost of the workshop was £36, which includes VAT; to be split between Bobbing and Iwade Parish Councils. NALC have advised that Clerks cannot undertake the duties of the Data Protection Officer; there are firms who carry out this work, one has quoted £150 per annum to undertake this duty and to ensure the Parish Council complies with the new Law. Clerk to update as more becomes clear. Action: Clerk
- 4. Bollards, Mansfield Drive** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Langham; agreed the quote of £185 to install 14 bollards to prevent damage to grass verges. Action: Clerk
- 5. CPRE Renewal 2018/19** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Clark, agreed the sum of £36 being the subscription due. Action: Clerk
- 6. Village Clean Up Day** – Date agreed 27th May, 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon; utilising the Village Hall; Clerk to post notice in the Iwade Observer. Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Dicker; agreed £300 to cover costs. Action: Clerk

Projects/Project Updates

The Barn – Project completed, apart from a few minor bits.
Christmas Lights – Cllr. Dollimore is arranging a meeting with Sittingbourne Christmas Lights to look at this project. Action: Cllr. Dollimore

Social Media

Agreed to place on next Agenda. Action: Clerk

Reports from Representatives

- 1. Hall** – Decorating has started. There will be a 50s/60s Night in June. There is money left in the Broadband Grant and the Committee is hoping to use this to install Wifi.
- 2. KALC** – nothing to report.

Any Other Matters Arising

- 1. Gas Pressure Issues** - Chair advised that he has received a letter from SGN; they have put in place a pressure deviation to increase gas pressure within the old part of the village temporarily, with a view to looking to reinforce the gas network in the summer of 2018.
- 2. Defibrillators** - Chair advised that there is a Defibrillator located at the School, the Herons have one and there is one at the Medical Centre. The village also has a First Aider and a First Aid Responder, both with Defibrillators.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

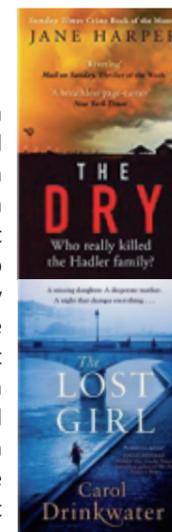
Swale Cats Protection

April is a great month I've decided. no idea who won or how much. Mainly because I have a holiday money we raised for the two charities. But, I'll say thank you we have our first 'Pawsome' event now to everyone who came along on the 28th. (we sold out of tables within a Pawsome is our annual afternoon couple of days which was amazing) tea party where we'll have various and massive thank yous to Iwade home baked sweet and savoury Garage and Heaven Hair and items for sale in order to raise Beauty who donated fantastic money for the cats in our care. raffle prizes for the evening. Plus there'll be gallons of tea, Please do support our local coffee and squash to wash it all businesses who give so generously down with! We have hired the to good causes. Finally, thank you beautiful Iwade Barn for our event, to everyone who helped on the which is from 12:30 – 4pm. so if you're free on the day, please pop Another event that, by the time you'll be offering you read this, will only have free advice on any cat issues you happened a few days ago is the may have, we'll have details of the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings in cats and kittens in our care that are Sittingbourne. They are a great ready for rehoming, plus we'll have advocate of Swale CP and lots of self-help booklets available continuously offer support for our for you to take away. fundraising. Hopefully the weather Stick it in your diary now – Swale stayed nice for us and we managed CP Pawsome Afternoon Tea – to raise a few pounds for the cats. Saturday 28th April from 12:30 – Our vet costs alone can spiral into 4pm at Iwade Barn - See you there hundreds for each cat which is why for cats and cakes! fundraising is so vital for us. If you Last month we held a fundraising can get to one of our events to quiz night in conjunction with support us, or if you have some Iwade Village Hall, but at the time new goods to donate for our of writing this, we were still 2 days raffles, we'd love to hear from you. away from it happening, so I have

Iwade Reading and Book Group
Lynn Lowthion

At the March Meeting of the group Aaron had killed a we discussed The Dry by Jane Harper. young girl named It is the first novel by the author and Ellie. Aaron and a is a murder mystery. Set in a rural local policeman Australian community suffering from Raco try to find out drought, hence the title The Dry. The what happened to majority of the group enjoyed the Luke and his family book and for several of us once we and new evidence had started reading the book we comes to light about quickly carried on to the end. The Ellie's death. It is an author's description of the hard easy book to read drinking, intolerant and misogynistic which paints a small town community was well atmospheric picture written.

The main character Aaron Falk, a Australian town. policeman, returns to the town to attend the funeral of his childhood The next meeting is on Tuesday 10 best friend Luke Hadler. At first it April at Hilary's and the book will be appears that Luke has committed The Lost Girl by Carol Drinkwater. suicide after murdering his wife and Can't make the meeting? Follow us young son but the baby had not been and contribute on FB at:- harmed. Aaron Falk and his father had been run out of town 20 years earlier <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Iwadereading/about> because the community believed



Swale Cats Protection
invites you to be part of the
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Saturday 28th April
12:30 – 4pm

Iwade Barn (next to All Saints Church)
Ferry Road
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BREAKFAST CLUB
Ron Francis

On 6th March at 9.30 we held our first Men's Breakfast in The Barn. It was a good venue and well supported by the men of Iwade with hot Bacon /sausage rolls, tea and coffee. It was enjoyed by all. There was lots of chat and an interesting talk from one of our members, relating his experiences whilst staying in Switzerland and tracing the many film locations we all recognise from the early James Bond movies. This led to lots more chatter regarding holidays and Roy from Go Cruise was on hand to answer any holiday queries. The next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd April at 9.30. where we will again enjoy Bacon Butties and a hot drink. There will be a short talk on "The Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway.

This club welcomes all newcomers and is very friendly. Do give it a try. There is a charge of £1.50 per person to cover the cost of the hot food and drink.

See you there.