



Men's Breakfast Club Ron Francis

We had another enjoyable meeting in March with a new member joining our group, "Welcome Chris"

One of our members kept us all guessing by hosting a challenging nautical quiz which really was very enjoyable, thank you Mike.

Keith made a presentation of flowers, on behalf of us all, to Ann & Sylvia who regularly keep us supplied with bacon, and sausage rolls, and coffee which is much appreciated. Photo shows Sylvia and Ann with their flowers and chocs.

Our next meeting will be held on April 2nd. As always new members are very welcome ... we meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Barn from about 09:30

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SPEEDWAY BLOWN AWAY BY WIND, PITBIKES AND LADY BIKERS

Paul Heller

The atrocious weather conditions on Sunday 10th March which gave us gale force winds, rain and single figure temperatures would have been enough to keep most sensible people indoors but not the hardy souls making up the staff at Sittingbourne Speedway who not only ran the final round of their speedway pitbike competition but also hosted the final UK leg of the Woman Riders World Relay baton passing journey before they started their European stage. The annual speedway pitbike competition is a friendly, closed to club, informal event which gives a lot of the speedway and grass track riders who use the Club's track and facilities during the speedway season the chance to get out their mini pitbikes and have some winter on-track fun. This Sunday saw the final round of the competition and the overall points winner and runners up were presented with their trophies. The Club were also very proud and privileged to be asked to have the Woman Riders World Relay (WRWR) members at the track on Sunday. The WRWR is a worldwide organization with members all over the world and their aim is to complete a global female bike rally involving the passing of a baton via legs of a journey



across the World, similar to the Olympic Torch a few years back but on a much wider scale. The baton rally started at John O' Groats and has been passed down through England, Wales and Ireland before arriving at the Ace Café in London on Saturday. On Sunday 24 plucky lady bikers rode through 50 mile an hour winds to get to Iwade where the baton was passed over to the next group of lady riders who left the track to ride to Dover to cross the Channel and begin the European leg of their journey. The remaining lady bikers, crews and officials spent the day at the track enjoying the facilities despite the appalling weather. It was a difficult but pleasing day for the Club not helped by the strong winds and by having so many people and bikes at the track in one day which caused logistical and parking headaches as a lot of the Club's normal parking areas were under water from the previous weeks rain but at the end of the day the smiles on the tired but happy, weather beaten faces of all the staff made it all worthwhile. Photos show some of the action on the day and some of the Woman Riders World Relay members

BUSINESS FOCUS

Want to get your business featured in our monthly Business Focus Feature? Showcase your business, tell Iwadians who you are, what you do etc, and get into every home in Iwade - free of charge! We try to showcase one business per month. Email us: the.iwade.observer@gmail.com

A big hello to such a wonderful Community from Scarlettia Occasions!

My name is Susie and I have two daughters, one of whom attended Iwade Primary School. Since my eldest daughter's Prom on leaving Iwade Primary School, I came to realise how expensive school proms can be. Such expense for beautiful items of clothing that are only worn once or at most a handful of times! Not all of us can easily afford these extras, but we still want our children to enjoy looking fabulous for their special night. With this in mind, I have been working over the last year to create Scarlettia Occasions. Our aim is to resource quality preloved and new Prom Dresses, Party wear, branded Makeup (all new) and Accessories within local areas and beyond, bringing them to you at pop-up events.

rails. All of our preloved clothing has been through a vigorous inspection for damage or defects before being fully laundered prior to being offered for sale. At present we cater for girls and women with a wide range of items in many sizes and ages available, although future events will include boys and menswear. These will be advertised closer to the time so stay tuned.

Our very **1st event will be held at the Barn, Iwade 12.00 - 4.00pm on Saturday 27th April 2019**

As a new venture, we would love your feedback even if you don't make any purchases, including what else you would like us to make available.

Can't attend and have a requirement? Pop us an email at scarlettia.occasions@gmail.com

We can send you details of anything we have in stock that matches your criteria including photos and prices. If anything is of interest you are most welcome to view and try.

So, if you have a prom, wedding, holiday or even just fancy a browse we would love to see you!

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In a Coffee Shop not too far, far away...

May the 4th be with you



STAR WARS QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 4th May - 7.30pm

Entry - £5.00 per person

Fancy Dress Optional

prize for best dressed person

Food & Drink will be available to purchase on night

please call 01795 426520 or pop in

To book your space

Max 6 people per table

The Mews BrewHouse

8 School Mews, School Lane, Iwade ME9 8UW



IWADE VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Sunday 14 April, 2019

2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Please come along and help tidy our Village.

Spring

The Village Clean up starts at 2.30 p.m. (ends at 4.30 p.m.), helps to report to the Village Hall to collect black sacks and sign in. Refreshments will be available during the afternoon.

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QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY

MAY 11th

Starting at 7:30pm

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Iwade
ME9 8RG

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Sunday 14th April 2019

10:00am to 1:00pm

Iwade Village Hall, Ferry Road, Iwade. ME9 8RG

Happy Easter!

Fresh fruit and veg, fudge, handmade cakes, sweets, pastries, pies and preserves.

Handmade greetings cards, jewellery, framed gifts, wax melts and candles, hand sewn / knitted and crocheted crafts, books and book folding, hand painted wooden gifts, decoupage jars & bottles, soaps, bath bombs & bath products, unique home decor along with craft supplies to make your own.

Brunch and drinks always available

New Stalls always Welcome

fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk

Tinkerbells Early Years - Very Hungry ...

Donna Barker

The children have been busy this term; they have taken part in many activities relating to the very young. A newly created their very own 'Minibeasts' They have been on walks and have been hunting and taking advantage of the sunny days we have had. Our story for the term has been

Hungry Caterpillar, the children went on to create their own very long caterpillar. A newly hatched caterpillar eats his way through a variety of foods until he gets bigger and bigger until eventually he turns into a beautiful butterfly. The story is one of our all-time favourites, the

We celebrated world book day by dressing up our favourite books, characters and rhymes. It was a great day and everyone's costumes were amazing – just look at the pics!!



All our sessions at both Tinkerbells are full until September 2019, our registers are filling fast for September and some days we are at full capacity already. If you are interested in a place please feel free to call in or email us for further information at enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody an Eggcellent Easter. We hope you all enjoy the holidays with your families and look forward to seeing you all in term 5.



Oliver Wells, 3, enjoying the Noble Chafer Beetle



The orchard at Woolpecker Park in bloom

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Food for thought: How will we live?

I have to confess to a sweet tooth, which means that I am rather partial to chocolate, biscuits ... and the occasional slice of good cake alongside a morning cup of coffee or an afternoon cup of tea. I suspect I may not be alone in this! However, in this season of Lent, like many Christians I have decided to forgo something. I have decided to forgo at least chocolate and biscuits. An opportunity to lose a few pounds perhaps? A straightforward sacrifice for a short period of time you might say.

Yet even in these last few days when those different breaks in the day come, I've noticed the pull of the desire to raid the biscuit tin and so break that choice of discipline. It's like a little voice whispering seductively in my ear, "you know you want one, go on, what's the harm?" It can be surprising how all of a sudden the thought of a biscuit can rule my thoughts and choices, raising a simple question "what am I going to let rule me in this moment? How am I going to be?"

For Christians, this is the heart of this Lenten period, where we find ourselves unexpectedly challenged in areas of our lives as we choose to give something up; to "fast" from something specific for a period of time. We become aware of the choice that lies within us, about which way we want to go, how we want to be in that moment. Of course, this Lent period is rooted in the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, soon after he was baptised and before he started his ministry. He faced the same subtle challenges, about who he was, "if you are the Son of God", and so about whose way he was he going to go: God's way or another way? And we see how, in the power of the Holy Spirit as he surrenders to God's way of humility and grace, he finds the strength to live out a life displaying freedom, compassion, hope and salvation. He shows us too how we may live.

Many of you reading this letter may not hold this same faith. Yet this same challenging question remains nonetheless. Who, or what rules your life? What do you allow to shape how you use your time, who or how you are? Who do choose to be? What will you let go of, do to become who you are called to be? This is the call of Lent: How will we live?

Every blessing!

Julian

Rev Julian Staniforth
Rector & Priest-in-Charge of The Six benefice

Iwade Village Hall Update

Many thanks to all those who helped to organise and attend the family Valentine disco last month. Our next disco will be on 4th May and will be 70s themed. Please keep your eye out here and on Facebook for details

Our next event is the quiz night on 30th March. All proceeds will be split equally between the non-profit community groups that use the hall. This was sold-out event, but there are more quizzes planned for later on in the year. We are also currently very busy organising a Murder Mystery night for June...details will follow soon!

The next market is on Sunday 14th April 10am-1pm, and then 12th May, with a variety of stalls selling handmade goods, gifts, cakes, pies, preserves, fruit and vegetables and much more. New stalls are always welcome, to book or for any other information please contact fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk

Would you like to join other volunteers in making a contribution to all the great things that happen in Iwade? We currently have space for a clerk. Please contact chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk if you feel you have some time to spare and would like to get involved or would like more information.

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 Facebook page.



News from the BrewHouse
Mandy Reeves

Just a quick News Bulletin from us this month. Mandy & all the girls would like to wish all our lovely customers and villagers a Happy Easter and hope you all enjoy all the festivities

Just to let you all know of our opening times for the Easter Holidays

Friday 19th April – Good Friday	CLOSED
Saturday 20th April	OPEN
Sunday 21st Easter Sunday	CLOSED
Monday 22nd Easter Monday	CLOSED

One date for your Diary for the beginning of May, we will be holding on
**Saturday May the 4th – 7.30pm,
Star Wars Quiz Night**

£5.00 per person, and Fancy Dress is optional prizes will be given out for best costume
Food and drink will be available to purchase on night
Max – 6 people per table

To book your table, please call 01795 426520 or pop into the shop

If you run a group that is looking for a venue, give us a call on 01795 426520, or pop in & arrange a suitable date

You can be kept up to date on all our antics, Special Offers and Events on our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/mewsbrewhouse
We look forward to seeing you all very soon

A note for all our contributors Villagers do like to read your news!!

The observer team were delighted recently to receive this message from a new Iwade resident

"... I just want to pass on my thanks, I have recently moved to the village after finally getting on the property ladder and I've been made to feel so welcome by the residents and people working in the area. I've lived in Sittingbourne all my life but never fully appreciated the community here at Iwade.

I really enjoy receiving a copy of the Iwade observer so thanks to whoever distributes them.

It's full of info that's current and useful, as well as what's going on/coming up and also discussions had with planning for the area. This is always helpful as it's always in the back of your mind with how many developments they are pushing for the surrounding village areas. Nice to read that committees, etc. are fighting hard to keep planning at bay in relation to the infrastructure that the village can cope with.

(I) Look forward to the next one & hopefully can get involved and inputting in the future with the local community."

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday 13 February 2019

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Dicker and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9 January 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Visitors/Public Time

Visitors – A resident asked about the Village Clean Up. Members explained that the take up last year was so low that it did not take place, but agreed to look at holding this event on Sunday 14 April. Clerk to post a notice on Facebook to see how many residents are interested. Action: Clerk

County and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting advised KCC mentioned a Parish Highways Plan, an Officer is visiting Councils to discuss this - details will be forwarded to the Clerk in due course. Pathway clearances is ongoing; let Cllr. Whiting know of any paths obstructed by vegetation. KCC are employing more Highway Inspectors to inspect repairs on highway works; also taking on more Drainage Engineers. He has received numerous complaints about the Dunlin Walk development on highway grounds. Regarding the School buses parking everywhere, he advised the issue is whether this a safe thing to do or not a safe thing to do

Community Warden/PCSO – reported two fly tipping incidents in Old Ferry Road to Swale Borough Council. School gate, residents reported a car that is 'speeding' along School Lane to Kent Police, parking wardens have been operating in the area.

Noticed the practice of parking on single yellow lines by the shops. Checked dog-fouling areas most seem clean although residents in The Waterway/Springvale area have reported dog owners not picking up. Reported a build-up of litter in Iwade Recreation Play Area to Swale Borough Council. After a report about screws inserted into car tyres, went house to house in the area where the incident reported, did not find any further incidents. Please report any criminal damage to Kent Police.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Dark Nights = Double the Dog Poo – Assistance from Dog Warden – Agreed to

go with the suggestion of spraying wheel washing facilities on site as a faeces with dissolvable paint and to ask for feedback/data on the endeavour. Action: Clerk

18/506328/OUT: Land to the South of Dunlin Walk Iwade Kent ME9 8TG – Barratt Homes (BH) attended to update on objections raised by the Parish Council. As requested, have held a public consultation today, 20 people attended, mainly from Dunlin Walk. Many residents raised highway issues; BH stated it is an adopted road and 'should not be used for parking'. The footpath will now be level – no kerb. There were quite a few comments about details and design of the houses – BH explained it is only an outline application; details will come later. Boundary with the School – BH have consulted with Kent Police and should have a 1.8 m fence for the boundary. Cllr. Clark raised the issue of bedroom windows overlooking the field – BH to have further conversations with Kent Police regarding this, under reserved matters. Parking – 2 car spaces per drive plus garage as per KCC standards and 10 visitor spaces. Cllr. Dollimore thought one parking space per bedroom was more appropriate; County Cllr. Whiting agreed and advised KCC and Swale Borough Council are re-visiting their parking standards. BH advised that KCC do not want the land for a future expansion of the School, but BH have to provide S.106 contribution towards education. The Parish Council thanked BH for attending and feeding back some information.

Planning

KCC/SW/0506/2018: Application for planning permission for the change of use of land from storage and parking of HGVs to a small-scale waste management facility: Units 1 & 2 Marshbank Industrial Estate, Old Ferry Road, Iwade, Kent ME9 8SW – Members agreed to raise the following comments:

- The Parish Council supports recycling and as such would not wish to object to the application, particularly as the applicant appears to be trying to improve their particular area.

- The road down to the main road is unfit for purpose; debris from this road is washed down onto the main road and thus we would, if planning is approved, push for

wheel washing facilities on site as a necessity.

- If approved would like a condition that HGV movements are limited to the proposed 22 and that this is not allowed to increase in the future.

- If approved there needs to be a condition that HGVs are not permitted to use Iwade Village as a route.

However, as a result of some of my Councillors visiting the site the Council does have real concerns regarding the dreadful state of the industrial estate as a whole:

- Concerns that contaminated water/materials from the site are being washed onto the SSSI/Ramsar Site.

- There are several skip hire operators on the industrial and we understand that there are skips that have waste left in them and have been there for some time.

- We would question whether the industrial estate and its various units is/are regulated and regularly inspected, particularly in view of the sensitive SSSI/Ramsar Site.

Finally, the Parish Council appreciates that KCC has to look at this application on an individual basis, but we would urge County to consider the whole Industrial Estate and our very real concerns.

Correspondence

Kent Minerals & Waste Local Plan 2013-30; Mineral Sites Plan & Early Partial Review – Agreed to respond:

- Concerns relating to the transport of waste and minerals impacting on already congested roads (one such example is Brick earth extraction, Hartlip, which will operate for 20 years) in Swale;
- Air pollution (perhaps question quality of HGVs used and that they meet clean standards), areas such as Newington already exceed legal limits, and
- The need to encourage transport of waste and minerals by rail.

Safeguarding Best Practice for Local Councils

Cllr. Clark attended, whilst the content was good he was disappointed to find that a certificate of qualification was not forthcoming.

Speeding and Zebra Crossing, School Lane Cllr. B. Whiting advised he had been approached by a resident, she and her

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MINUTES CONTINUED

child narrowly missed being hit by a vehicle as they crossed the road from the corner of School Lane over to the Village Centre, she asked if a Zebra Crossing could be installed in this area. Members discussed the possibility and agreed it was difficult to take some action; KCC would most probably not agreed to a crossing in this area and because of the road layout it would be difficult to place one nearby. Members agreed to look at reinstating Speed Watch and to ask the PCSO/Community Warden to attend during School drop off/picking up times.

Projects/Project Updates

Suggestions for Projects 2019/20 – Agreed to look at the following:

- Clerk investigating extending the festive lights from the Christmas tree to Grovehurst Road gateway. Action: Clerk

- Bollards in The Street, to look at this again due to parking in between the existing ones, making it impossible for traffic to pass. Clerk obtaining quotes. Action: Clerk

- Organise a Village running event – Cllr. Mills investigating.

Any Other Matters Arising

Clerk to ask KCC to look at damage to a shrub bed in Kingfisher Drive. Action: Clerk

The Parish council have asked us to make the following known:

“The Woolpack does not as yet have a Defibrillator; before it is donated it needs to be refurbished first.”

Monday Friendship Group (at The Barn)

We had a “full house” at our first March get together, and needed to find some extra chairs from storage, but there are always plenty of hot drinks, biscuits and friendly chatter to go around. We then had fun in teams with a music quiz (“sing the answers”!!) and a picture quiz (guess the herbs). A St Patrick’s Day themed quiz entertained us at our second March meeting.

There are plenty of books to choose from along the shelf, and some jigsaw puzzles, which are freely available to exchange at any time. We are also happy to accept donations of non-perishable food and toiletries etc for Sittingbourne Food Bank.

We look forward to seeing everyone again on **1st, 15th and 29th April** at The Barn 10 30 – 12 15 with many exciting new features to look forward to including talks about the history of our local light railway and May Day traditions, and an Easter craft competition.

Thursday Friendship Garden Club (at The Barn)

An exciting new Friendship venture based at The Barn is our Thursday morning Garden Club which begun on 28th March, and will be fortnightly at 10 45 a.m. on 11th, 25th April, 9th May. Just pop in for a £1 cuppa and chat, and potter on our nearby raised beds.

Volunteers Needed !!

Iwade Patient Participation Group are looking for an additional 2 volunteers to strengthen their existing team of 4.

Persons interested should be registered patients at Iwade Health Centre and be able to attend daytime meetings at the Centre.

The Clinical Commissioning Group also host local meetings which Iwade PPG members attend to enhance their knowledge of regional NHS improvements.

Any persons interested should forward their details to.

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Swale Community Link Coordinator

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