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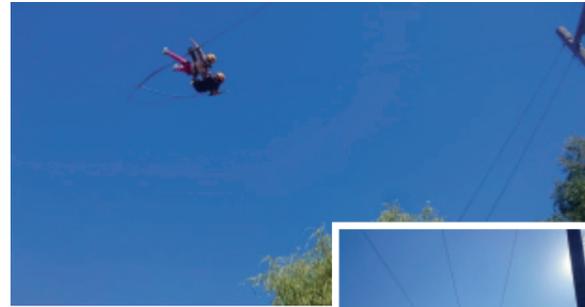
Kerry Holman

So, I had hoped the Brownies would write our news this edition, as we have just returned from our Summer holiday, where we had lots of outdoor adventure! However, the Brownies were so busy during the holiday that you have to make do with me!



We took 16 Brownies to a PGL activity centre, where they took part in lots of activities including canoeing, trapeze, zip wiring and enjoying (some of them!) a giant swing.

Lots of them were nervous about taking part in some of the activities, but they made us so proud because they all gave everything a go, overcoming personal hurdles! As you can see, some were scary activities!



We had lovely weather and lots of very tired Brownies were safely returned to their parents. We look forward to seeing the Brownies again in September after a much needed Summer break!



The Iwade Observer

August 2018

Iwade once again held its amazing music festival Iwade Rock on Saturday 21st July.



This year the venue showcased talented bands including The A-Tees, U2 Tribe, Big River, The Rash, Mo & The Back Line Ferrets, Fat Badger, Marylebone Jelly, More than Human, Shaken Albert and Four Star Fire.

It was a brilliant day had by all that went. The festival boasted a wide range of food and drink stalls, with an impressive kids zone to keep all the family entertained.



Iwade Rock is a charity event, this year raising money for Sateda, a charity who provide direct access to support, advocacy and advice for victims/survivors of domestic abuse. For more information about Sateda, visit their website www.sateda.org

A massive thank you to the organisers, Team Tango and supporters that made Iwade Rock happen.

Iwade Rock is back again in July 2020 – get the date in your diary!

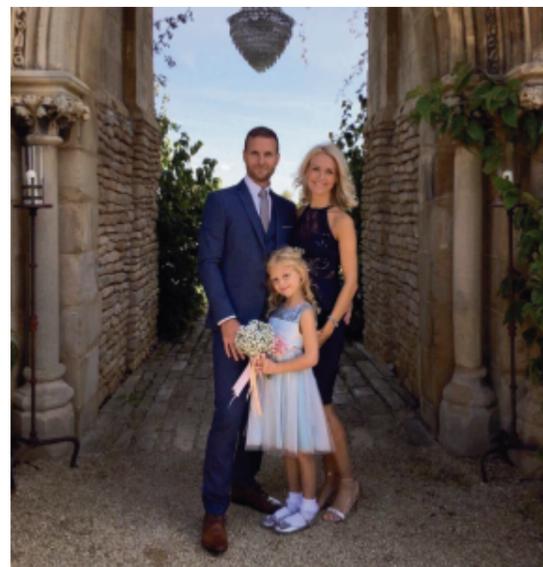
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Classic Cars & Coffee



FREE ENTRY - 16 / 09 / 18 @ Iwade Barn - From 11 a.m.

Young Photographer



Above: Runner up Patrick Regan, aged 8



Below: Runners up Fraiser & Harley Pearson, aged 8



Well done again to our winner Zach Holroyd (above). Zach won himself a bug hotel, photography book and a canvas of his photo.

Right: Another entry by Aeliega Mackness, aged 12

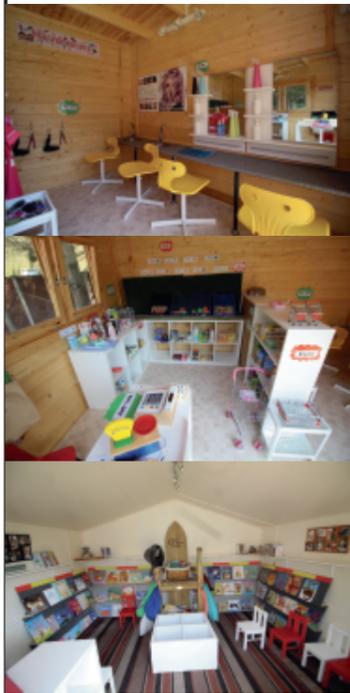


Happy Days

Our garden has finally dried out after our "Muddy Puddle Charity Event" and the children are enjoying the sunshine and the flowers and vegetables they have grown.

Lots of water-play is keeping the children cool.

The children love having our new, four, feathered friends. Great delight is taken every morning collecting eggs. Even if there are only three!! We are not sure which one is not laying but the children love them all.



On July 17th our new role-play grocery shop and hair dressers were officially opened by Jackie Kemp along with the children's very own library, where parents can come and borrow books to read to their children.

We are preparing 48 children to make their next big step to primary school and as they reach the end of their time with us with look forward to our day out with them and celebrating the end of an era with their parents. We will miss them all and look forward to them

coming to show off their new uniform.

We welcome our new families in September and although we have very limited space you are welcome to come to Happy Days for a visit. We are all very proud of our nursery and all that is available for the children.

We hope you enjoy our photos ...

Sue McGoldrick

ANDREA'S ART Art Classes @ The Barn - Iwade!!
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Join us!!

Paint & Picnic Day
14th September 2018
At The Iwade Barn

Tel: 07590223175

Come join us for a **Summer's Day 'Paint & Picnic' @ The Iwade Barn.** Coffee and Teas available.

Bookings please to be made in advance: Tickets £20 (Inclusive of eats. Orders to be placed a week in advance of date of picnic. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.)

Please phone/email to book in advance so we can cater accordingly.

Contact person: Andrea

Iwade Reading and Book Group

At our meeting on 10 July the group reviewed "Don't Wake Up" by Liz Lawler. A psychological thriller, well written and a real page turner. Once started hard to put down.

The story was about a successful woman doctor who lived through every woman's nightmare, being strapped down and helpless, with no-one believing her ordeal. There were a few red herrings, but it was gripping, with several dead bodies along the way!

This is Chatham born Liz Lawler's first novel and the story is set in the UK.



Our next meeting will be on 14 August 2018, at 10:30, at the Barn when we will be reviewing "The Black House" by Peter May. We are a friendly group and the meetings always revolve around cake and natter. Check us out on FB – look for Iwade Reading and Book Group.

Christine Freshwater

Iwade Village Hall Update

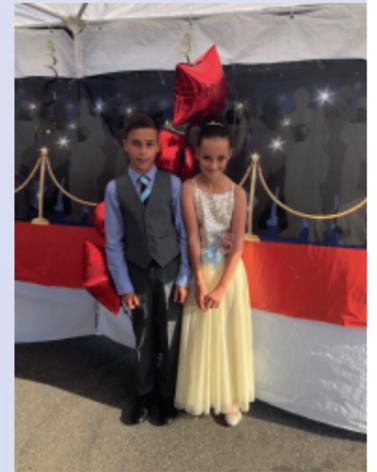
We launched the new PA equipment with a free disco and karaoke event on 7th July. We had a few teething problems, which is to be expected and the reason why we offered this as a free event to give us the opportunity to iron out any issues in a 'live' situation. But the evening was a great success, with the hall at almost capacity. Everyone had a great time, apologies for anyone that had to listen to my attempts on the karaoke! My thanks to Kevin Elwin who was DJ for the evening and who put in a great deal of work to make the evening a success.

The hall played host to the Iwade Primary Year 6 leavers' prom on 14th July. An incredible amount of work was put in by a small group of parents to transform the hall into a "Greatest Showman" theme for the evening, and I think you'll agree from the photo it looked absolutely fantastic!

The Food and Craft Fayre takes a break in August, but returns on Sunday 9th September 10am-1pm with a variety of stalls selling handmade goods, gifts, cakes, pies, preserves, fruit and veg and much more. New stalls are always welcome. To book or for any other information please contact: fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk

The next table top sale is 29th September. Please contact: bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk for more information and to book your space.

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 Facebook page.

Wishing you all a happy, sunny Summer.

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PS. I have a couple of spaces left in the next issue of Iwade Advertiser due out at the end of July. If you would like this please let me know ASAP.

SWALE CATS PROTECTION

Photo: From L to R – Roscoe, Rolo, Lulu and Lolly.



Monday Friendship Group

Last month's Kent Fire & Rescue presentation was both interesting and thought provoking, with realistic video film showing how quickly minor incidents can escalate out of control in the home. We were also surprised to learn that some of our long standing emergency home solutions have now been updated.

A picture quiz was the highlight of our first July meeting, along with the usual chatter over tea/coffee and biscuits. Our Iwade Community Warden Nick Mayatt will be popping in next time to meet us all and chat about Scamming. (*Ed's note – presumably a warning and not an instructional talk!!*)

If you haven't been along to The Barn yet, you are welcome to join us for some friendly company on 6th and 20th August at 10.30 am. and then 3rd and 17th September and 1st October. It is just a minimum donation of 50p and a chance to meet other Iwadians in our beautiful community Barn.

Janet Gregory

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Anyone can contribute.. so send your piece to
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Iwade Allotments

Wanted!!!

Is there a Mr. Phillip Botting out there ?? He wanted an allotment plot and his details have been lost. Please get in touch!!

Joan Exley

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Swale Cats Protection

Who would abandon a litter of 5 week old kittens? It's a question we've asked ourselves many times in the past few weeks after a 5 very poorly little ones were found dumped in carrier bags and cardboard boxes at Milton Creek Park in Sittingbourne.

Very kind people who happened upon them brought them to our attention and, although we had zero space and ever dwindling funds, we secured vet space for them and are now covering their treatment costs.

One of the kittens unfortunately died, but the remaining 4 (*see photo on page opposite*) spent a week in the vets with cat flu, eye problems, ear mites, worms and fleas before going into emergency foster care to continue their treatment. A week on from their arrival in foster care, the two boys (Rolo and Roscoe) are doing well although Rolo will need his left eye removed at some point as it has ruptured.

The two girls (Lolly and Lulu) are quite small still and Lulu especially is having to fight hard against the cat flu as she's not that strong.

All of them receive 3 different medications twice a day, with Rolo having a fourth med for his bad eye. The cost

of this is only met through your very kind donations, so please, if you feel able to help us with this large vet bill, we'd very much appreciate it.

The easiest way is to sign up to our weekly lottery and choose Swale CP as your recipient. We would then receive all of your £1 every week (it soon adds up!), but any winnings would be paid directly into your bank account (if you sign up to direct debit). You don't even need to check your numbers as we'll do that for you.

If you prefer help in other ways, please visit our website where we have a whole page (supporting/volunteering) on ways you could help us - www.cats.org.uk/swale

To help us with our fundraising, we'll be having a stall at the Art in the Park event held at Milton Creek Country Park, Sittingbourne on Saturday 11th August. It's a fantastic event with free entry and has loads of stalls, music, dancing, live bands, a climbing wall, bouncy castles and so much more! Come along from 11am – entry for cars is opposite Tool Station just before Asda.

That's it for now – time for the kittens to be fed again. Thank you for your support, we and the cats/kittens really appreciate it.

Publicity@swale.cats.org.uk

Ed's Note

Not everybody uses Facebook!! - That hardly comes as a big surprise to most people; but consider this:- Recent statistics show that 90% of the population of England have internet access, and of those, 21% do NOT use Facebook at all (possibly even more now due to recent controversies). Using those figures to (possibly not very accurately) look at Facebook useage in Iwade shows the following. Putting Iwade's population at say 4000, that means that 90% = 3600 have internet access and 400 do not. Of those 3600, 21% do NOT use Facebook = 756. Added to the 400 who do not have access to the internet that means over 1100 residents in Iwade do not use Facebook!!

I am often asked why The Observer did not advertise such and such a thing or why we did not report on something else. Your event or activity may have been successful by dint of being publicised on Facebook but did you realise that over 1100 people may have been excluded from knowing about it!

We can only publish what we know about or are told about and then that information goes to every household in Iwade. We thank all of our contributors, but hope that the above statistics may encourage others to let EVERYBODY in the village know what's going on here!!

Ladies First at Speedway

As most people will agree Speedway is very much a male dominated sport, however Sittingbourne Speedway recently had an interesting weekend where the tracks and facilities were very much female dominated.

On Saturday 14th July the Club held its annual Ladies' Day where the Club's two tracks were made available to any ladies willing to jump on a bike and have a go. Some 20 ladies and a few of the Club's juniors took to the track for a chance to try Speedway first hand. Expert instruction was given on the Club's mini-track before moving to the main track and the very popular sidecar "taxi" rides were available for any lady brave enough to get on a speedway sidecar outfit and act as a passenger for a few laps. The appeal of this event is surprising for as well as the usual local riders a lady from Glasgow interrupted her summer holiday to come and take part and other ladies travelled from as far as Nottingham and from Southampton

The day itself was very hot and sunny and by the close there were lots of exhausted but happy smiling faces from the ladies who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The following day on Sunday 15th July in complete contrast to the day before and without a motor bike in sight the Club were hosts to various groups of young ladies from the All Kent Carnival Association (AKCA). As part of the Club's desire to improve and increase its social image members of the various carnival courts from the Kent area enjoyed a fun day at the track, with cricket, minigolf, jenga and bat and trap competitions all closely fought out followed by a barbeque. The afternoon was supported by the Sheppey FM Roadshow and all proceeds from the day are to go to Macmillan Nurses.

Everybody had a lot of fun on an enjoyable afternoon, so much so the carnival organisers would like to come back next year.



Table Top Sale

Sunday 9 September
11 - 2

In the Village Square outside the Mews
Brewhouse

Meet us and hear about the Iwade Village Pantomime

- Are you interested in treading the boards?
- Would you like to get involved behind the scenes?
- Let us know how you'd like to help!

"Supporting Our Village"

Men's Breakfast Club

Tuesday 3rd July saw another successful meeting of the Breakfast Club. We were equally enthralled and fascinated with a talk from Simon Killick who works as a prison officer at HMP Swaleside. His talk gave us an insight into prison life and the risks faced by officers in dealing with some of the offenders. Simon showed us an intriguing arsenal of home-made weapons found on site and confiscated by prison officers. Thank you very much Simon!

As ever we enjoyed bacon and sausage butties with tea and coffee and lively banter. If you would like to come along to the next meeting you will be warmly welcomed.

Meetings start at 09:30
in The Barn, and the
next meetings are
August 7th and
September 4th.



Summer – summing up Iwade Health Walks

The Iwade Health Walks group ends the year hot and sweaty (me anyway) having staggered through wind, rain, snow and ice as well as enjoying the good weather. This last year we had a barbecue, a Christmas nosh, and another during May at the Woolpack. We used the Barn on occasion and appreciate the facility, admired the new adornments in Woodpecker plus admired the wild flowers.

We have gained a few new walkers to the group and some have moved on but in all the group is still a formidable, chatty mob of people enjoying a stomp around the outskirts of Iwade.

At times we have resorted to huddling in the village against the weather, and during the heavy rains we have slogged through the “oggin” on wet and slippery pathways.

But are we downhearted?

Not a bit of it.

Instead we are looking forward to more walks, having found another route to use and revived some alternatives. On the whole the year has been a success. Success is measured in the cheerful greetings and the ability to have a bit of a grump and get it resolved, and also the fun when we have a lunch or Christmas meal together.

Oh, and also the fact that nobody has lynched me yet or suggested the old tar and feathers. I suppose you could also say, that with Steff organising things properly, the back markers doing their bit and our walk leaders willingly helping out, we have a good group.

Thank you all.

Why not join us for a friendly ramble around the village? Every Thursday at the Village Square 10:30 for 10:45.

James Apps.



Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre



Sunday 9th September 2018

10:00am to 1:00pm

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

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

Handmade greetings cards, jewellery, hair bows and accessories, framed gifts, wax melts and candles, hand sewn / knitted and crocheted crafts, books and book folding along with craft supplies to make your own.

Brunch and drinks always available

New Stalls always Welcome

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Memory / Dementia Café

The Barn, Iwade
on

Friday 10th August 10.00am – 1.00pm

also on

Friday 14th Sept 10.00am – 1.00pm

Anyone is welcome to attend.
There is no charge.

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.

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Food for Thought: “All for one and one for all”

As I write on the Thursday morning after the night before, when for a moment the dream of “it’s coming home” seemed within the England team’s grasp after Trippier’s confident curling free-kick (eat your heart out David Beckham!), the reality of our World Cup campaign’s end is slowly sinking in. So close, and yet so far ...for now. For, as the newspaper headlines shriek, there is a quiet sense of pride at the team’s unexpected achievement in finally laying to rest the ghost of failed penalty shoot-outs and in reaching the semi-finals. Yet even more than the sense of thwarted achievement, is the sense of pride in how they played with confidence and in how the hubris of the past was replaced by a measured humility in the team’s behaviour as epitomised by the unassuming yet determined manner of Gareth Southgate.

The build-up to this game over the week of course coincided with one other nail-biting event in the world. Not Wimbledon, but rather the unfolding drama of the rescue of 12 boys and their young coach trapped in underground caves in Thailand. There were deep agonising questions. Would they be able to get these young people out of the cave in time before the waters rose? Would it even be possible to get them out in time? As the Thai diving commander said, there was a glimpse of hope, which they were able to turn into reality so that these young people were able to emerge almost Lazarus-like from their watery tomb just in time.

It seems to me that these seemingly unrelated events have something important in common. When I talked about this in a school assembly this week, I asked the children what they thought this might be. “Team-work” one young girl said. “Spot on” I said. Team work; working together; recognising how much is possible when we pull together as one, despite important and valuable differences that

exist. These two different teams, brought people together with different skills, talents and characters from different backgrounds, different parts of the country, different parts of the world in pursuit of a common cause. They realised, as they gave themselves to that common cause, how much better they were together, how much was possible together.

It is a truth that lies at the heart of human life. It is a truth that is deeply rooted in the Christian faith. For Jesus gathered a group of the most unlikely people as his disciples. He prayed before his final arrest “may they be as one...” as his body, the Church. A body, where each has a part to play, where no-one can say to another “I don’t need you” or “you don’t matter”. A body of people called to those who embody the Lord’s grace and love in this world.

It is a deeply attractive, yet profoundly counter-cultural instinctive truth that runs against our deep human tendency to want to do our own thing, to separate and divide, a tendency that is rife in life at this time. May it be, that through our pride in the England team’s ethos and in the selfless courage of the divers in Thailand, that the Lord reminds us how much better we are as people when we come together for the sake of love for others around us? We don’t have to travel to a tournament or be involved in a dramatic event to do so. We can do so where we are, right here in the midst of our communities, coming together to show how much we are better together. Oh, and roll on Euro 2020!.....

Every blessing
Julian

Rev Julian Staniforth, Rector of The Six benefice



Iwade Baby group keeps on running!!

The Iwade Baby Group will carry on running through the school summer holidays.

Every Monday 1-2:30 at The Barn, join the group (find us on FB – Iwade Baby Group) for more information.

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