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# Iwade Observer

**All of the Iwade  
Observer team would  
like to wish our  
readers a Merry  
Christmas and a Happy  
New Year!!**

**See you in 2011!**

**December 2010**

## No Airport says Cameron

According to MP Gordon Henderson Prime Minister David Cameron gave the assurance during Prime Minister's Questions that the Government would not build a new airport in the Thames Estuary or any part of Medway or Kent. Plans for an airport in the Thames Estuary were proposed by the Mayor of London Boris Johnson as a replacement for Heathrow Airport.

Congratulations to Iwade's young kart racer Jack Evans in finishing 5th in the National Super Ones Karting Championship 2010. Jack is now a seeded driver so is able to race

with the No. 5 upon his kart across the country for one year. Jack is now looking forward to racing in the Rotax Mini Max class next year. Jack would like to thank the Swale Youth Development Fund, Project

## Iwade's Jack Evans is No.5



One and RPM for all their support during 2010.

## Your Borough Councillor Update *By Ben Stokes*

Because of the strong smell that Iwade suffers from, mainly in the summer months, I organised another meeting at Countrystyle Recycling and Compost. At this meeting were two officers from the Environment Agency, two contractors, the Swale Borough Council environment officer, two local residents, Andy Sibley – Countrystyle Organics manager and myself. As a result of this meeting the Environment Agency issued the fact sheet that was shown in last months Iwade Observer and that can be found on iwadevillage.co.uk. Although not mentioned on the fact sheet, it will also cover sludge from the sewage works and the fact that the contractors would try to stockpile or spread compost on

days when the wind is blowing away from the village.

I also had a recent site meeting at the paper mill in regard to any smell from their waste water pond. At the time there was only a very slight smell but it could possibly get stronger in the hot summer months.

A number of residents have contacted me about the pinch point in Grovehurst Road and suggested a white arrow sign. On Tuesday 26th October I had a meeting with the KCC Highways Officer to discuss having a sign and the words 'SLOW' painted on the road on both sides of the pinch point. He said that he would have consultations with his department and let me know.



Litter is an ongoing problem in our county's roads and I believe that a lot of it is thrown from cars. Fly tipping is also a problem and it costs the council a lot of money to pick up the litter and clear the rubbish of fly tippers. Perhaps if these people realised that they are paying for this service in their rates they may stop desecrating the countryside.

## Editor's Note

Well, I'm writing this just as Halloween and Guy Fawkes night has past and now everybody is going to be getting ready for Christmas. Doesn't time go so quick? What's great at these times of year are the way that the village community really comes together. Halloween seems to get bigger every year in Iwade and the organisers of the show in Chetney view did a great job at keeping the, what seemed like hundreds, of people entertained.

I have included a couple of photos taken by residents. Have a great Christmas!

*James Hunt*



## When Speedway Meets Grasstrack

As the speedway year winds down at Sittingbourne speedway and the club settle down to do the various maintenance tasks they have to get done to ensure the track runs next year there was just one event left which was a little bit different and to our knowledge had not been tried before.

The club has always taken a firm interest in grass track racing which is, in basic terms speedway on grass, although the technique, machinery involved and format is slightly different. In the 1970's grass track racing was an enormously popular spectator sport, with a meeting held somewhere in Kent every weekend. Although its popularity is perhaps not as great now there is still a thriving grass track scene with at least one meeting every month in the Kent area and because a lot of the riders combine speedway with grass track the club thought it would be interesting to get a team of speedway riders to race against a team of grass track riders. The first leg was held at a local grass track meeting some months ago with the speedway riders winning in convincing fashion with Iwade hosting the second leg back in November.

Lastly the Club would like to wish all their friends from Iwade a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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## Winter in the Garden By Ann Menzies

Many people think there isn't much to do in December and January, and in some ways they are right, but there are things you can do now that will make life easier in the summer months. If you grow fruit as bushes, trees or vines there is a winter wash available that is totally organic which dissolves overwintering eggs of pests. It can be used on other dormant bushes and trees too. I used it last year on my garden, and I think it helped, although maybe the very cold winter had something to do with it too. Vegetable growers may still have time to get garlic in, it needs a period of cold to split the bulb into the cloves we are used to seeing. There are a lot of varieties available, it is best to buy some for growing as they will be more suitable for our climate. The ones to eat from the supermarket are probably grown in a much warmer climate. Broad



beans can be sown in a greenhouse or cold frame for planting out in February. Don't keep them on the kitchen windowsill, it is far too warm for them. Some people swear by growing onions from seed. If you want to give it a try, the tradition is to sow them on Boxing Day. They will need a bit of protection to germinate, but again a cold greenhouse will probably be fine. On the last note, don't be in too much of a hurry to cut down old stems or prune bushes etc. the stems protect the crowns from the cold. Have a good Christmas, and resist ordering too much from the glossy catalogues that abound at this time of year.

## Michelle's SCHOOL OF DANCING



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## Village Stream By James Hunt

The Environment Agency who are based at Cambray Farm in Stickfast Lane, Bobbing regularly inspect our village stream to check for blockages.

Within the last month they have de-weeded the stream so that the water can flow freely and to make it easier for them to inspect. They may have also remove a tree growing by the inlet in Ferry Road which if uprooted by large volumes of water could block the culver under the road and cause

flooding. To help them in their work they would be grateful if villagers could report any blockages they see in the stream. Our village contact at the Environment Agency is Debbie McNamara (pictured) and if you have any concerns or would like to report a blockage she can be contacted on 07768 111913 or [debbie.mcnamara@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.mcnamara@environment-agency.gov.uk) or you can call in to the office at Cambray farm.





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## Dates for the Diary

**Iwade Farmers Market** Sunday 5th December 10am to 1pm Iwade Village Hall

**Communion Service** Sunday 5th December 11am All Saints Church Iwade

**Parish Council Meeting** Wednesday 8th December 7.30pm (Please check Parish Notice Boards for confirmation and venue)

**Mobile Library** Thursday 9th December 11.15am to 11.25am Sheerstone (Springvale end)

**Christmas Concert by U.K Paper Band** Wednesday 8th December 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall (Tickets £5)

**Gardening Club** Thursday 9th December contact Ann Menzies on 599755 for venue

**Tinkerbells Christmas Fair** Friday 10th December 4pm to 6pm Iwade Village Hall

**Happy Days Nursery Christingle** Friday 10th December 2pm

**Family Communion** Sunday 12th December 11am All Saint's Church Iwade

**W.I. Christmas Party** Wednesday 15th December Contact Hilary on 474686 to join

**Family Crib Service** Sunday 19th December 10.30am All Saints Church Iwade

**Mobile Library** Thursday 23rd December 11.15am to 11.25am Sheerstone (Springvale end)

**Carol Services** Friday 24th December 3.30pm and 6.00pm All Saints Iwade (Ticket admission only)

**Holy Communion** Sunday 26th December 10.30am Hartlip Church (no service at Iwade on this day)

**Communion Service** Sunday 2nd January 11am All Saints Church Iwade



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# Churchwarden's Notes by Sylvia O'Shea

Hello there!! As I sit and type this I'm being 'entertained' by the explosions and sparkles from fireworks being let off nearby, and it isn't the 5th yet. Much as I enjoy a firework display I do not appreciate the unexpected explosions – nor do the cats and dogs. They can't be kept in all the time. Hey Ho, such is life. Guess you are all busy now in the run up to Christmas and all the extra work involved. It is one of the busy times at All Saints too, but a lovely busyness. We enjoy seeing the children's faces when they come to the crib service and prepare the stable for Christmas. This is where the mobile stable helps to promote the real meaning of Christmas. Hope you have got your name on the list of 'host' homes, and enjoyed the overnight visit.

On December 24th the two Carol Services will again take place in the church. One at 3.30pm mainly for the children,

the other at 6pm. This year we are putting a small charge on the tickets of 20p. It is felt that we have so much to be thankful for in Iwade that we would like to send a donation to the Disaster Emergency Committee who rapidly respond with donations when a tragedy occurs anywhere in the world, such as the recent tsunami and volcano eruption in Indonesia, the terrible floods still affecting Pakistan and the situation in Haiti. Hope you agree. The tickets will be available early December from Wynn Webb on 01795 424502 or Sylvia O'Shea on 01795 478103. Please ask for yours early as it is always over booked.

One little point though; we have very limited space in the aisles to accommodate prams and pushchairs safely, so if you do need to bring one can you please fold it and leave it in the Lady Chapel (behind the organ) so the aisles are not blocked in case of emergency? MANY THANKS.

The crib service will be on December 19th at 10.30am. Do come along with the children and help get the stable ready.

Don't forget the Annual Christmas Band Concert on Wednesday 8th December in the village hall at 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door are only £5 which includes refreshments.

If you need to enquire about a Baptism or Wedding, will you please contact Rev. Ron Partridge on 01795 842007. He is safely back from his extended stay in the U.S.A. looking after their grandchildren and is now the Focal Minister for Iwade.

Everyone at All Saints wish you all a peaceful and healthy time over Christmas and the coming months. Spend time with family and friends, and remember Jesus came to help everyone share in God's love. Best Wishes.

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## Farmers' Market By Amanda Hurrell

In October I concentrated on advertising and sourcing new stalls to give our customers variety and more choice. The advertising is paying off, even more visitors came through the door in November. I was very pleased to welcome back Canterbury Cheesemakers and a new stall; Artisan drinks. People that attended in November expressed that the market has a lovely atmosphere, a good choice of products and nice to be able

to have samples of food & drink before you bought them. I talk to our current stall holders each month for their valuable input; and make a point of chatting to them at each market to hear their ideas.

I have just worked out the amount raised since July 2010, it is £712! This includes £155 taken for Nov 2010 which is up on the previous month due to new stall holders. Next year I aim to raise £1650 between Feb-Dec just for the farmers market. The village hall

management committee will be looking at ways to put this money to good use, possibly adding to the car park funding.

The farmers market will be back again on the 5 Dec so don't forget to pop along to order your turkey, pick up a Christmas cake and try the Kentish Mulled Berry Punch! See you there. Amanda

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# Ministers' Letter By Rev. Jacky Davis

I have recently returned from a once in a lifetime pilgrimage to Israel. I cannot describe the sense of excitement at fulfilling a lifetime's dream, yet along with the fulfilment came the realisation that there are so many things there that are simply so wrong. There is so much tension between the Arabs and the Jews and whilst I am sure that the Jews feel under great threat, it has resulted in Arabs being treated as second class citizens and as potential terrorists. Yet the Israeli Arabs were born and bred in Israel and many are committed Christians just longing to be allowed to live their lives in peace. Israel is indeed the land promised to the Jews way back in the Old Testament, but between then and now, Jesus came with His teaching on loving one another. (which includes Arabs and Jews!) and that teaching needs to be fulfilled first! We were met with kindness and politeness from the

Arabs, but unfortunately, in Jerusalem in particular, the majority of the Jews are Orthodox Jews, of the strictest order and do not associate with non Jews – us included, so we had no chance to hear the other side of the story.

There are however some rural communities being formed where both Arab and Jew have jointly formed their own 'village' and are living alongside one another. One Arab told us, 'it works well and it makes us keenly aware of our own identities, of which we are both proud.' We also met Messianic Jews – those who have become Christians whilst remaining Jewish, and the difference in attitude to us was remarkable for they treated us on equal footing with themselves as fellow Christians. Yet the Arab Christian Church leaders whom we met, had just one message – "DON'T TAKE SIDES! The Holy Lands need bridges between all the different sides. Jerusalem is the heritage of every Christian – it is the gate of

peace and also the gate of war. Every Christian should come at least once in their lifetime, don't leave us alone! When you go home, pray for us all in the Holy Land, for peace. These lands belong to all who believe, they're not just our responsibility." On the positive side, the sites are unforgettable like Galilee in the north so tranquil, and in Jerusalem the intensely moving walk of the Via Dolorosa - Jesus' last agonizing walk to the Cross. Would I go back? Absolutely yes! Permanently, if that was ever possible!

This Christmas, please pray for our Holy Lands and especially for Bethlehem, where the people are really struggling with both the political and the financial side of life. Pray for the wonder of that first Christmas to permeate through even the hardest hearts and for Jesus to be allowed to enter in. Have a blessed Christmas and a New Year of hope and happiness.

## Iwade Parish Council By James Hunt

Since I have been a member of the Parish Council I have had a number of people ask me what the council actually does. Well, here's the basics - Iwade Parish Council works towards improving community well-being and providing better services at a local level. We are the tier of local government below the borough council and are the tier of local government closest to the people.

Our work falls into three main categories:

- representing your local community
- delivering services to meet local needs
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We provide, maintain and contribute to many services including cycle paths, leisure facilities, local youth projects, planning, street lighting and we work with Swale Borough Council to

ensure the effective delivery of services to Iwade.

At each Parish Council meeting time is set aside for residents to come along and have their say about anything in the village. Why not come along?

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From all of us at Iwade Parish Council - Merry Christmas!!

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# Parish Council Notes Taken from the meeting held on the 13th October 2010

New Allotments - Residents opposed to the siting of allotments to the rear of their properties expressed concern that they had received no notification prior to receipt of the letter dated 6th October and therefore had no opportunity to put forward their views. They were worried about the amount of traffic; possible blocking of driveways; vandalism/crime and financial implications to the properties. It appears that most of the plots have now been allocated; 25% have been requested by residents in the two roads closest to the allotments; residents present at the meeting who had applied for a plot were more than happy to walk to the area and not use their cars. The Allotment Committee are keen to work with residents to ensure this project is successful and problem free.

Visitors/Public Time - Parishioners – asked what is happening to School Lane Playing Field – response – at the present time, with the knowledge of the owner’s Solicitors, this is still being used by villagers. County Councillors and Borough Councillor – apologies received from County Councillors. Cllr. Ben Stokes referred to the foul smell within the village and stated that a meeting had been held with Countrystyle, the Environment Agency, Swale Borough Councillor and two contractors. Most of the smell comes from the

processing of food waste. They hope to reduce the amount of food waste, which in turn will reduce the smell.

Finance - Audit – 2008/09 and 2009/10 Accounts – Clerk confirmed a letter has been received from the bank advising that it will be reimbursing the shortfall in the money sought from the previous Clerk as part of the Proceeds of Crime Act Hearing.

Bollards – Woodpecker Drive/Monins Road – Agreed to install bollards on the corner of Woodpecker Drive (the grassed area containing the village plan), to stop vehicles parking on this land. Installing bollards in Monins Road could create a problem an access problem if vehicles are poorly parked.

Trees - Clerk to contact Graham Tuff at Swale Borough Council asking for mature trees to be planted in the Village Park when replacing damaged ones. Furthermore to also point out that when contractors strim around the base of trees they are causing damage to the bark. ROSPA Report – School Lane Playing Field – Due to the current situation with the lease, Clerk to obtain temporary laminated signs for various locations in this area, as suggested in the ROSPA Report.

Victim Support – Request for Donation – Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will

benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure – proposed by Cllr. Wilks and seconded by Cllr. White, a donation of £100 to Victim Support.

Broadband – Agreed Iwade residents wishing to claim back the installation fee (for fibre optic broadband only), up to £75, including V.A.T., must write to the Parish Council and include the following documentation: Council Tax bill for current year, Invoice and receipt showing installation charge and address of installation and Stamped addressed envelope for return of documents.

Parking at School Lane Junction – bungalows are finding their driveways blocked by cars – Clerk instructed to write to K.C.C. Highways about installing bollards to prevent this.

Planning - SW/10/1122EE - Replacement of existing mobile home with a two storey detached dwelling -2 Swaysdown Game Farm, School Lane, Iwade – Agreed to object on the grounds that it is outside the area designated for housing; in a Local Landscape Area and contrary to PlanningPolicyEC6.1 SW/10/TEMP/0023 – Biomass Power Plant Ridham Ltd., Biomass Combined Heat and Power Plant, Ridham Dock, Iwade – agreed to postpone this item until the next meeting.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday 10th November

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