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Iwade Observer

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I'm dreaming of an Iwade Christmas



Iwade School's festivities

Iwade School is hosting its annual Christmas Fayre, this is on Friday 2nd December 2011 from 3.15 to 5.15. FREE Father Christmas, write a letter to Santa, sweet shop, decorate a cookie, face painting, glitter tattoos, lucky dip, sand bottles, make a gift, refreshments, raffle and more! EVERYONE WELCOME

Iwade School and Iwade Parish Church are hosting a nativity service in the church on Sunday 18th December at 10.30. The school children will be singing carols and there will be an all cast nativity play (everyone!), so a good opportunity for children and adults to dress up as their favourite Christmas story character, and enter into the Christmas spirit.

Carol Singing

Steve Plumb is looking to get together a group of carol singers (enthusiasm essential, singing voice optional!) to sing carols around the village on Monday 19th December at 7.30pm (meet outside The Woolpack). Singing around the streets for about an hour, then doing a 10-15 minute 'spot' in The Woolpack followed by Mulled wine and mince pies for all carollers and regulars in the pub.



UK Paper Band Concert

On Wednesday December 7th 2011 at the Village Hall, the UK Paper Band are back for an evening of entertaining and varied music. Tickets cost £5, concessions £3.50 (light refreshments included) and are available from Sylvia on 478103 or on the night at the door.



All Saint's Christmas Eve services

Due to the popularity of the Carol Service on Christmas Eve, there will be TWO services, one at 3.30pm and one at 6pm. HOWEVER, you will need a ticket to gain admission and these are now available. Whilst there is no charge for these tickets, it is suggested that a donation of 20p each be given for the DISASTER EMERGENCY FUND, in gratitude for all we have. This was done last year, with excellent response, which far exceeded our hopes.

Busy New Year's Eve?

The Woolpack are holding an 80's Theme Night and buffet on New Year's Eve. For more details contact them direct on 01795 472656

Did you know about Iwade Nature Park? Would you like to get involved in this project?

by James Hunt

You may have heard about the Great Crested Newts in Iwade but how much do you really know about them? I met with some ecologists from the Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group who are very interested in getting involved in Iwade and the Nature Park that is being created due to the new housing developments. We are planning at some point to survey the village ponds to see what the current population of Newts are and to look at how to make sure that the Iwade Nature Park

comes together as it should. If you have an interest in conservation and the wildlife in Iwade and would like to get involved in this exciting project, whether it be to help out with the survey or the continued work of the Nature Park, then please contact me at jc_hunt@btinternet.com or call me on 07788101228. We really do need more people to get involved in this and help out to make sure that Iwade has a Nature Park to be proud of.



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Ickle Pickles to 'shave our chef' for Children In Need

By the time you read this Ickle Pickles hoped to have raised lots of money for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. Besides having a teddy bear's picnic and a 'design a T-shirt' competition for the children, we are hoping to raise £100 to 'Shave our Chef'. If we meet our target our chef AJ will have his chest in front of everyone on the Friday. We have had lots of Halloween and Bonfire fun over the last couple of weeks, including 'trick or treating' to the kitchen and are now starting to get excited about Christmas. We are having mince pie mornings with the mummies and daddies and a Christmas Party with lots of games, finishing with a very yummy Christmas dinner with all the trimmings! We would like to wish everyone in Iwade a very Happy Christmas from everyone at Ickle Pickles Nursery.

Parish Councils unite after Core Strategy consultation

Representatives from 10 local parish councils attended two meetings in the summer to share concerns about the public consultation held earlier this year to determine future development in Swale over the next 20 years.

Following no outright public support for any one of the 4 Core Strategy options offered by Swale Borough Council there is major concern that council planners seem to be moving towards a target of 16,000 new houses without improving necessary infrastructure or providing sufficient local employment.

It was felt that many residents were unaware of the online consultation taking place, with not enough emphasis given to the possible loss of agricultural land or potential problems caused by large housing developments and extra traffic on already over crowded roads.

Parish councillors decided that an action group (Swale Residents Against Housing Madness) should be formed to try and influence the outcome by offering a sustainable solution focussing on the needs of existing Swale residents, and not on building excessive numbers of new houses which seem to appeal mainly to London commuters:

Swale RAHM is supported by the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England; the working party meet regularly and also attend Swale Borough Council Local Development Framework (20 year plan) meetings to keep abreast of developments. An information leaflet and poster is being circulated, local media campaigns are planned and more public meetings will held by Swale RAHM.

It appears that Swale Council's announcement of the new plan has been delayed until February or March next year, but comprehensive information is available on the Group's website www.swalerahm.org.uk or write to SwaleRAHM at c/o Iwade Parish Council, P.O. Box 588, Sittingbourne ME10 9ET to get involved.

Possible closure of Children's Heart Unit, Royal Brompton Hospital, London

Gordon Henderson MP recently visited a youngster from Iwade whilst he was receiving treatment at the world class Royal Brompton Hospital in London.

Royal Brompton are currently fighting the planned closure of their children's heart unit. The closure was announced at the end of a consultation process by the Joint Committee of the Primary Care Trusts of England as part of a national review aimed at streamlining paediatric congenital cardiac surgery services around the country.

Seven year old, Jacob Pridmore, suffers from a rare lung disorder that affects just one child in every four million. Jacob's consultant, Dr Claire Hogg, explained to Mr Henderson how the loss of children's heart services will have devastating knock-on effects for respiratory services and children like Jacob who rely on access to paediatric intensivists and anaesthetists.

Jacob's mum, Collette Pridmore, has been campaigning with other patients and their families against the unit's closure:

"Jacob has received outstanding care from the Royal Brompton, in particular, from Jacob's consultant Dr Claire Hogg, over the last five years. The unit's closure would have a massive effect on our family.

"As Jacob's parents we were delighted when Gordon Henderson agreed to visit the Royal Brompton Hospital. Few MP's have taken the time out of their busy schedule to visit the unit and to see firsthand the wonderful work this hospital is doing for young children."

Mr Henderson said,

"I found my visit to the Royal Brompton Hospital very informative and it was an honour to meet the hard-working and highly skilled staff on the PICU and Children's Ward. Collette spoke very highly of the excellent treatment her son, Jacob, received.

"I also enjoyed meeting Jacob and I look forward to visiting him at St Peter's Catholic Primary School when he is better."



An emergency or not? Which number you need to use Kent Police, will be introducing 101, as the non-emergency contact number from, next Monday, 14th November.

Callers, will NOT be put through to a national call centre. Call handlers, in the Force Control Room, will connect callers to their local neighbourhood officer, team or relevant department, to deal with incidents, as required.

Each call to 101, will never cost more than 15 pence, no matter how long the call, what time of day it is, or whether they are calling from a landline or mobile.

Editor's Note

Let me introduce myself to you. I am Gemma Coleman and this is my first attempt at editing the newsletter (with guidance of Nicola McKenzie). I hope I have captured the spirit of Christmas and the festive season with some nice pictures and informative articles. If there is anything you feel that was missed, could be changed, included, not included feel free to email me

gemma@coleman-family.co.uk. A huge thank you to Val Pugh our newsletter distributor and all the newsletter paper delivery boys and girls. Without their efforts the villagers would not be reading this now. Wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year

Gemma Coleman (with the assistance of Nicola)

Ooh, don't forget your tickets for the Christmas Eve services at All Saint's Church. Contact Sylvia on 01795 478103.

Dates for the Diary

Information Session at Iwade School for Reception intake 2012 2nd December at 2pm
Iwade Village Market Sunday 4th December Village Hall 10am - 1pm
Holy Communion Sunday 4th December All Saint's Church 10.30am
Annual Band Concert in Village Hall by UK Paper Band Wednesday 7th December 7.30pm
Mobile Library Thursday 8th December 11.15am to 11.25am end of Sheerstone
All Saint's Church open for visitors Saturday 10th December 10am – 2pm
Family Communion service Sunday 11th December All Saint's Church 10.30am
Iwade Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 14th December Iwade Village Hall 7.30pm
Family Service/POSADA starts Sunday 18th December All Saint's Church 10.30am
Mobile Library Thursday 22nd December 11.15am to 11.25am end of Sheerstone
Carol Service –Saturday 24th December 3.30pm All Saint's Church TICKET ONLY
Saturday 24th December 6pm All Saint's Church TICKET ONLY
Christmas Day Communion Sunday 24th December All Saint's Church 10.30am
New Year's Eve 80's theme night and buffet at the Woolpack, contact the Woolpack for details
Holy Communion Sunday 1st January 2012 All Saint's Church 10.30am
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Holy Communion Sunday 15th January 2012 All Saint's Church 10.30am
Mobile Library Thursday 19th January 2012 11.15am to 11.25am end of Sheerstone
Family Service Sunday 22nd January 2012 All Saint's Church 10.30am

Churchwarden's Notes By Sylvia O'Shea

Thanks to everyone who contributed to make the Harvest Supper a success. The chef really excelled himself. We all went home happy and nicely fed. PLEASE put December 7th aside to come along to the Village Hall at 7.30pm for a great evening of varied music played by the UK Paper Band at the Annual Christmas Concert. Tickets are only £5, concessions £3.50 and include light refreshments. They can be obtained from Sylvia on 478103 or come along on the night and purchase on the door. The POSADA, the mobile stable, starts its journey around the village after the

Family Service on 27th November. Have you put your name down to host it for an evening? Give Sylvia a ring for details and to see photos from past years. It really is a lovely way to help young (and old) understand the meaning of Christmas. As in recent years, due to the popularity of the Carol Service on Christmas Eve, there will be TWO services, one at 3.30pm and one at 6pm. HOWEVER, you will need a ticket to gain admission and these are now available. Whilst there is no charge for these tickets, it is suggested that a donation of 20p each be given for the DISASTER EMERGENCY FUND, in gratitude for all we have. This was done last year, with excellent response, which far exceeded our hopes.



1st Iwade Rainbows need your help?

Iwade Rainbows are a unit full of keen girls but they need a leader. Can you help? Have you been a guider and would like to return to the movement or do you have spare time on a Monday and are willing to train as a leader. You would need to have a guiding CRB check, have time to prepare activities and attend Rainbows on Monday between 4.15 and 5.30. If you could like more information please telephone 01795 422810.

Contacts

Useful Contacts

Swale Borough Council 01795 417850 csc@swale.gov.uk | Anti-Social Behaviour Team 01795 417575
Fly Tipping/Graffiti/Noise Nuisance / Dog control and Abandoned Vehicles 01795 417850 | Kent Highways
- 0845 8247800 | Kent Police new non-emergency number 101 whilst 999 remains the emergency
number.

Additionally to contact PCSO Melanie Platt you can use the following numbers or email:
01795 419119 for non-urgent local matters 01622 690690 for urgent non emergency matters
sittingbourne.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk | Kent Community Warden Nick Mayatt 07872 378 220 |
Gas Emergency 0800 111 999

Church

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Ickle Pickles 01795 474551 | KAR Services (Iwade Garage) 01795 438988 | Lloyds Pharmacy 01795
439368 | Woolpack 01795 472656

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Tuesdays termtime 9am to 11am Iwade Village Hall. Newcomers welcome | Scottish County Dancing,
Fridays 8pm to 10pm Iwade Village Hall. New members welcome | Speedway 07875 849551 (Enquiries)
01795 430 014 theoldgunsite@gmail.com | War games Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at
Iwade Village Hall 6.30pm to 10pm age 16 and over miltonhundredwargamesclub@googlemail.co.uk |
Weightwatchers every Tuesday evening at Iwade CP School with 2 sessions starting at 5.30pm and 7pm
W.I. 01795 474686 hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk | Youth Club every first and third Tuesday of the month at
Iwade Village Hall 7.30pm to 9.30pm for ages 11 to 15 years, 01795 427354 carolgalvin@live.co.uk |
Zumba Fridays 6pm to 7pm Iwade Village Hall £5

Parish Council Notes

Taken from the meeting held on the 14th September and 12th October 2011

Matters Arising from the minutes
Bus Shelter – Cllr. Whiting confirmed funding for this has been agreed and KCC are sourcing a contractor to install the new shelter.

Yellow Lines – School Lane – Cllr. Whiting confirmed that yellow lines have been recommended on both sides of School Lane, adjacent to the Village Centre – double on the South side and single opposite with parking restrictions between 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Consultation on KCC's Countryside Access Improvement Plan – Review 2012 – Cllr. Hyde reported on countryside access. The Byway Officer is to look at the Byway in School Lane. He requested that pathways be kept open when developments were under way – will receive a report in January.

Visitors/Public Time
County Cllr. Whiting, stated that both SITA's planning applications at Ridham Dock have been approved by KCC; the permission restricts movement of lorries.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – The Warden's report was circulated and noted by Members. There have been problems between allotment holders and residents; one incident was serious enough for him to advise the victim to report the matter to the Police. He has also spoken to the Gypsy Liaison Officer concerning an illegally camped caravan and transit lorry near the Sheppey Crossing.

ROSPA Report – School Lane Playing Field – The report and Risk Assessment have now

been received. Two areas highlighted as 'medium' risk; a tree needs taking out and low overhanging branches need to be cut back. The Clerk has instructed the Handyman to carry out the work as soon as possible. Cllr. Phillips proposed purchasing vandal proof fixings to have as a 'standby' to replace bolts that have deliberately been removed.

Finance

Village Newsletter – It has been recommended that advertising cease in the newsletter, this will reduce administration. She also proposed that the Parish Council obtain three estimates for printing a basic newsletter, to be submitted to the next meeting; seconded by Cllr. Harris. Cllr. Jones agreed to obtain the estimates.

Village Hall Updates - Cllr. Hunt reported that the flood risk assessment is now with Planning so things should start to move forward.

Correspondence - Land to the South East of Iwade (SHLAA site SW183) – Crest Nicholson – Proposed by Cllr. Gregory and seconded by Cllr. White that a letter be sent to the company stating that the Parish Council does not wish to engage in discussing the potential of this site for development and refer to the Planning Inspector's report, when he upheld the decision not to include the area of land for housing in the current Swale Plan.

Iwade Mobile Phone Reception By James Hunt - Iwade Parish Council are looking into the problems of mobile phone reception in Iwade and need your help. We really need to know what problems residents are having. It is known that some residents have a bad

signal, text messages that don't get delivered and poor internet access but we need to get a bigger picture if things are to be done to solve these. If you have any mobile problems then please let us know your phone provider, problems you have and what area of the village you have the problems in. You can contact the Parish Clerk on iwadepc@btinternet.com or phone Lynda on 01795 477015 (Mon-Sat before 8pm). The only way that we can make a difference is if we have enough residents coming forward with problems so please let us know.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 14th December 2011 at 7.30pm

Photo courtesy of Lynda Fisher



New Year Fitness

New to Iwade Village is Zumba, the calorie burning dance sensation that is taking the country by storm. Classes are on Friday evening, 6pm to 7pm at the Village Hall, £5 a session.

Email sarahjohnson@sarahjohnsonzumba@hotmail.co.uk

A monster well done to Kevin Friend and Company for their Frankenstein's Laboratory that they performed over Halloween evening. Turn out was excellent and everyone had a brilliant time, with more than £400 being raised for Demelza House

Credit Crunch WI Lunch *by Hilary Foulds, Secretary Iwade WI*

A team from Iwade WI catered for about 60 members from the other 7 WI's in our Group (called the Newington Group), including many ladies from Sheppey. We had live background music and a raffle followed by a singalong at the end. We all had a super time welcoming so many fellow members and were over the moon it seemed to go so well.

The ladies in aprons sitting in line on the stage are the team who did the catering. Our President Val Pugh is the lady standing at the far end.



Happy Day's Harvest Festival

Happy Days pre-school children would like to thank Rev Partridge for making us and our parents so welcome in church for our Harvest Festival Service. We brought into Happy Days food from our homes for the children less fortunate than ourselves and took them to church for Rev Partridge to distribute with the church's own offering from their service. Before going to church we listened to the story "Little Red Hen" and learnt about how important it is to share with others. We hope you like our photographs, and look forward to our Christingle Service in December. If you would like to visit our nursery, you would be very welcome, we have an open door policy. For availability please ring 01795 424348 or visit our website www.happydaysuk.co.uk



Iwade Heron's New Kit and more Referees

Iwade Allotments are famous!

Iwade Allotment's Kent Village of the Year award will be featured in the January edition of the national magazine *Grow Your Own*, out in December

I think you will agree that the new Iwade Heron's kit looks very smart, also congratulations to Iwade Herons Jack Bailey and Nathan Jarrett who at just 14 years old have achieved their Referee badges. Well done lads, a brilliant achievement and two more referees for the Iwade Herons to boot!

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