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Iwade Observer

Our front cover this month is dedicated to all things Christmas. As always in Iwade there's a lot going on....

December 2012

Happy Days Christmas Fair. 1st December noon - 4pm. Father Christmas in the Grotto, Christmas activities, Toy Stall, Cakes, various stalls plus the Christmas story by Mother Christmas. Finishing with the switching on of the Christmas lights. Open to all families in Iwade with young children of nursery age.

Connie Kilby is holding a Christmas Fair for the Church on Saturday 8th December 2012 from 2pm to 4pm at Iwade Village Hall

Christmas Eve Carol Services
As in recent years, there will be two carol services on Monday 24th December, one at 3.30pm and one at 6pm. Admission will be by ticket only. These may be obtained from Sylvia Francis, 38 The Street Iwade telephone 01795 427777.

All Saint's Church Iwade present their Annual Christmas Concert by the UK Paper Band in Iwade Village Hall on Wednesday 5th December 2012 at 7.30pm
Features Seasonal Music and Carols
Tickets £5 (Concessions £3.50)
Includes Refreshments
Tickets available on the door or ring 01795 478103 to reserve your seat

Fancy doing some Carol Singing? Steve Plumb from All Saint's Church Iwade is looking for Carol singers (enthusiasm essential, singing voice a bonus!) to join him in singing carols around the village on Thursday 20th December 7.30 -9.00pm. Meet outside the Village Hall. For further details give Steve a call 07905040119.

Tinkerbells Christmas Fayre, Tuesday 11th December 3pm at Iwade Village Hall. Plenty of stalls, hot and cold drinks and pony rides (weather permitting)

For those who have expressed interest on Iwade Does Facebook in a 24th December booking, your booking doesn't become official until you have completed a form at Iwade Pharmacy and dropped off an unwrapped package.

Unwrapped packages can be dropped off between Monday 19th November and 10th December inclusive at which point you will need to complete a form.

Limited places so it's advisable to drop off packages as soon as possible if you haven't already.

To contact outside of facebook please email santa@fireflyuk.net

Iwade's Biggest Halloween Yet!



With every year, Halloween in Iwade gets bigger and bigger, this year being the biggest yet.

This year, along with the usual friendly trick or treating for those that put out a lit pumpkin, Iwade Village Hall was host to a fun-filled Halloween afternoon organised by Sally Coe and Hayley Freeman-Brown, Kevin Friend and Simon Killick and co put on a fantastic Frankie's Lab and Andy and Emma Jennings organised a charity event for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of their very good friend Dave Coomber who sadly passed away before Halloween. The community spirit was amazing and the different events managed to raise nearly a thousand pounds on the day which went to the Iwade Herons Football Club and Macmillan Cancer Support. We were lucky enough at the Iwade Observer to find a gap in the busy schedules of Mr Friend and Mr Jennings to catch up over a beer and get the low-down. Kevin professed to just being one of a pair of Dads wanting to have a laugh, the fundraising becoming a bonus once they realised it was an option. This year Iwade Herons Parents and Managers were fantastic in managing the crowds and Mark Foster did a great job of warming up the crowd! Frankie's Lab started back in 2008 and has got bigger every year. Apparently Kevin's yard in Sheerness is full of Frankie's Lab and has to be transported to Iwade in a 3 and a half ton trailer now! In 2008 Kevin came out of a tomb as a mummy and Simon came out of a grave as a zombie dancing to Thriller to entertain a couple of dozen people and it's grown from there. People came from as far as Canterbury this year to celebrate Halloween in Iwade which is now famous locally for its shows with Frankie's Lab being more technically advanced than ever, complete with snow machine and Father Christmas!!! Kevin would like to thank Lauren Nethercoat, the Frankie's Lab Sound and Lighting Engineer who works at Central Theatre Chatham and provides sound and lighting equipment courtesy of Central Theatre. Weeks of rehearsals go into Frankie's Lab and for that in Iwade we are grateful. I was there this year and it was fantastic, you'd pay to see it so well done to all involved. The Macmillan Fundraiser blinder was the Scare Tent, so scary only adults and older children were allowed in but there was also Apple Bobbing for prizes, Cupcakes by Jesson Cupcakes, Helium Balloons, a Fire Engine and a Bouncy Castle and I'm sure that's not all! The Scare Tent had a 32" LCD telly on the wall, compressed air and smoke machines, sound effects and footage was shown of the scared participants, no spoilers though so you couldn't see what was scaring them! Andy would like to thank Iwade Pharmacy who donated £50 cash (£25 to Iwade Herons and £25 to Macmillan) and put a 4 foot banner in their window advertising the event, Kelly Peters who tirelessly sought out donations from companies for prizes. In other Halloween News Adi Escritt always does Halloween big in Iwade and reportedly had over 500 children come through this year, not all from Iwade. 500!



CREDITS

Mark Foster - Warm Up
Kevin Friend - Dr Frankenstein
Simon Killick - Frankie
Luke and Josh - Egor and Fritz
Molly - Mini Me
Richard Stockwell - Gordon Ramsay coming out of tomb
Father Christmas - Father Christmas

Iwade Parent and Toddler Group Something for the little ones *by Sarah Cotta*

The Iwade Parent and Toddler group runs every Tuesday morning from 9-11am, term time only. The group is in the Village Hall and is for pre-school children. Why not come along and join this friendly group so your little ones can play, while you can have a natter and a cup of tea. The cost is free for your first visit, then £2 per week for your first child, and only 50p for any additional children. For this year your children can use a variety of toys and crafts within the hall. They also get a drink and a biscuit at snack time. There is a baby corner to protect them from the toddlers, this has a padded floor area, with soft toys and lots of seats for those sleep deprived parents and carers. We have a kitchen corner, dressing up outfits, and many other toys to keep your child entertained. There are always puzzles, books or colouring books available as well. We also every week have a designated Craft Table. Here your child can make something different each time and take it home to show the family.

The Village hall for The Toddler Halloween Party



The group also has a few parties each year for a small additional charge. We recently in October had our Halloween Party. As we know Iwade does Halloween in true style, and the little ones are no different. The hall was decorated in a spooky way with a bouncy castle and party food. Many of the children also dressed up, and it was lovely to see the hall packed with little witches, spiders, skeletons and other scary things. All children had the opportunity to decorate biscuits, Halloween masks and foam pumpkins. The only time the children were still was for a brief time while they were eating their food. Our next party will be for Christmas on Tuesday 18th December. Please note there will be no Toddler Group on Tuesday 4th December due to a Teacher Training Day at the school, so the older ones will not be at school.



Children decorating their Halloween masks.

The group is run by volunteers and is reliant on their help to keep it running for everybody to enjoy. We are always in need of extra hands to help us and would welcome more people coming forward. Please come along and have a chat with us if you would like to help or e-mail me at

mrscoffa@sky.com; you can also contact us via Facebook. Please join our "Iwade Parent & Toddler Group". Here we post information about forthcoming events and discuss any ideas or concerns members might have. We also have local businesses visit us from time to time to show us their products or services. If you would like to visit the Toddler group please contact us to arrange a date. We hope to see some new faces very soon.

Lastly special thanks goes to **Lisa Woodfine** who without her there would be no group! Thank You for all you do we all appreciate it.

Iwade Church would like to thank all the villagers and local businesses who supported the Barn Dance on Saturday 20th October. It was a great evening enjoyed by adults and kids alike. Dancing was to local folk Band Abbey Capers an excellent folk Group that had us all up and dancing in no time at all. All profits from this event will be used to help with the upkeep of our beautiful old Church.



Churchwardens Notes

by Richard Lyndsell

There were lots of smiles at the Barn Dance held in October, it was one of those events where, I expect some young ones might have been brought along by their mums and dads under sufferance but actually really enjoyed the evening. A big thank you to all who attended and to the organisers.

May I thank all of you who prepared and presented shoeboxes filled with goodies for the Blythswood appeal. The contents may, to many of us

seem to be basics, but to the recipients who live in deprived parts of the world, they will be luxuries. It just goes to serve as a reminder as to how fortunate most of us are.

December, as you might expect, is a busy month at the Church, we have our usual sequence of services, all at 10.30am of Holy Communion on 2nd and 16th December and family Communion on the 9th.

Then on Sunday 23rd December at 4.00pm, we have the Christingle and Crib service, the collection at this service will go to the charity 'Childrens Society'.

On Christmas Eve we will hold, as is the custom, our Carol Services at 3.30pm and 6.00pm, there will be a Nativity play and a good selection of Carols. These services will be busy as usual and free admission tickets will be available from Sylvia on 427777. The collections at these services will go towards the drugs trials into Sanfilippo disease being held at Manchester Children's Hospital, we send it on behalf of local girl Lily Brooker who has this disease. New medicines are being tested which need funding to the tune of £580,000.

Christmas day will see a Christmas service of Holy Communion at 10.30am.

The last service of the year, on 30th, will be the Benefice Holy Communion, marked by a special event, the retirement of Reverend Ron Partridge, our old colonial friend who has served Iwade and All Saints Church well over the years. We have so very much to thank him for. Ron will still be available for services such as weddings, baptisms and funerals, should he be particularly requested. With Ron's retirement brings a different range of services as below for January:

Sunday 6th at 10.45 am - All Age Service

Sunday 13th at 8.00 am - Holy Communion, 10.45 am - All Age Service

Sunday 20th at 8.00 am - Holy Communion, 10.45 am - All Age Service.

Sunday 27th at 10.45 am - All Age Service.

That's all for now, do have a very peaceful Christmas and prosperous new year.

Happy Days

interactive white board. Here children can start to learn the concept of computer programmes, including education games, drawing and letter and number recognition. It's amazing how quickly children learn to use new ICT equipment.

We are proud of our "Outstanding Ofsted" and the provision we provide for the children in Iwade and the surrounding area. We are currently full at the top end of the nursery but have a few places left in our baby room. If you would like to visit the nursery you would be very welcome. We have an open door policy. Please contact us on 01795 424348 or visit www.happydaysuk.co.uk

CAROL SERVICE - DONATIONS TO LILY BROOKER

This year donations at All Saints Christmas Carol Service will be go to Lily Brooker's Cause as seen on Shareagift. Lily suffers from a genetic disorder called Sanfilippo Syndrome. Lily and her family are trying to raise money to fund drug trials at Manchester Children's Hospital. These trials will help to make treatment available in the UK which could improve the quality of life for the hundreds of children who suffer from this disease. Please come along and be prepared to give generously to help this Iwade family and many others.

Here is the Shareagift web page for Lily -

<http://www.shareagift.com/pages/giftpage.aspx?giftid=1914>.

Information on Sanfilippo Syndrome:

<http://www.sanfilippo-syndrome.org/>

Editors Note

A very warm welcome to the last edition of 2012. Christmas seems to have approached very quickly this year and with all the fantastic events happening in Iwade this month I'm sure December will fly by too! We dedicated our front page this month to Christmas events in Iwade so be sure to get tickets and dates in your diaries. For next year we will be trialling a letters page. If you have something you'd like us to publish please forward your letters to to letters@iwadevillage.co.uk or drop in to The Editor c/o P.O. Box 588 Sittingbourne ME10 9ET. We will do our best to publish as many letters as we can but any that we don't publish we will respond to or pass onto the relevant body. From all us of here we'd like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Tara Kent

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 1st December 12.00 - 16.00 Happy Days Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 5 December 19:30 Christmas Concert with the UK Paper Band at Iwade Village Hall (Admission is £5.00 at the door (concessions £3.50), or ring 01795 478103 to reserve seats. Children under 12 are free, if accompanied by an adult.)

Thursday 6 December 11:15 - 11.25 Mobile Library at the end of Sheerstone

Saturday 8 December 10:00 - 14.00 All Saint's Church Open Day

Saturday 8 December 14:00 - 16.00 Church Christmas Fayre at Iwade Village Hall

Sunday 9 December 10:00 - 13.00 Iwade Village Market at Iwade Village Hall

Tuesday 11 December 15:00 - 17.30 Tinkerbells Christmas Fair at Iwade Village Hall

Wednesday 12 December 19:30 Iwade Parish Council Meeting at Iwade Village Hall

Saturday 15 December 20:00 Karoke at The Woolpack

Thursday 20 December 11:15 - 11.25 Mobile Library at the end of Sheerstone

Friday 21 December 20:00 Live Music with Rox Stox at The Woolpack

Sunday 23 December 16:00 Christingle and Crib Service at All Saints Church

Monday 24 December 15:30 & 18.00 Christmas Eve Carol Service (Tickets to the Christmas Eve Carol Services can be obtained from Sylvia Francis, telephone 01795 427777 or 07802 419498)

Tuesday 25 December 10:30 Christmas Holy Communion All Saints Church

Monday 31st December NYE 60s 70s and 80s night at The Woolpack (tickets £6 a head to include buffet - telephone the woolpack on 01795 472656 or pop in to get your tickets)

From Mike Whiting Kent County Councillor serving Iwade.

Iwade Health Centre

After failing to turn up at a previous public meeting, health bosses will discuss the Iwade Health Centre situation at the Sittingbourne Local Engagement meeting at 7pm, December 11, at The Pavillion, Borden Grammar School. All welcome. Come along and engage!

Village Hall

Congratulations to those who organised the public meeting about the new village hall. It was good to see so many turn out for a very informative evening. As promised, I'm meeting the borough council and the developers to raise residents' concerns about the size of the proposed playing fields.

Contact me

If there is anything you think I can help with, then please get in touch. See the contact panel on the back page.

Season's greetings!

Finally, can I wish everyone in Iwade a very merry Christmas and hope that the New Year delivers all you hope for.

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Parish Council Notes *taken from the meeting of 12th September*

Prior to the monthly meeting, three candidates had applied for the Parish Council position. Each candidate was invited to introduce themselves to Members, give a brief outline of their experience and how they felt this could aid the work of the Council and benefit the Village. Candidates were then asked to retired to another room whilst Members took a paper vote; the outcome of which was that Matt Gale and Hannah Williams were co-opted onto Iwade Parish Council. The new Members duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Parish Councillor and from thereon took part in the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Trees
Having looked at the site again; it was finally agreed that six trees will be planted in the meadow side of the Village Park, just behind the fencing fronting onto The Street; the remaining 3 trees can then be kept in reserve.

Replacement of Old Parish Lighting

At the August meeting Members agreed to replace the old parish lighting on a rolling programme. Clerk now instructed to contact PFL, the contractor who maintains the current lighting, requesting costings for replacing the existing columns with the same style as those in the new parts of the village.

Speed Watch

Cllr. Rook advised that the team has decided to opt for equipment supplied by Unipar Services, and that the cost for a Genesis radar unit and 2 digit display is £1465, plus V.A.T; this to be paid for by a

grant offered by Cllr. Willicombe. It was agreed that the Council will cover these costs before the grant money becomes available.
Pond Clearing Day Update
Cllr. Hunt advised that this brilliant initiative, started by the Environment Agency, had been very successful and it was great to see so many people come forward from within the village to help. It was a huge task which could not be completed in one day, so when their work schedule allows the E.A. are still working on it as they are keen to try and finish the job. The Clerk has written a letter of thanks to Debbie and all her team.

Visitors, Public Time Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO

He mentioned the need for a dog waste bin in Fans Lane; Clerk reported that this had now been installed. He visited on the Pond Clearing Day and commented that it seemed very successful. There's been an increase in cars being sold in the pub car park; this might be a Trading Standards problem.

Finance

Village Clean Up Day

It was agreed that the event will take place on Saturday 20th October, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon. It was agreed that the sum of £100 be used to provide refreshments for the volunteers and purchase any other equipment needed for the day.

New Weed-screens for Iwade Stream

The Environment Agency propose to install these screens on the culvert next to 33 Sheerstone and on the one located by the footpath to the rear of properties in Springvale; the Agency has the

support of adjacent residents. The Agency also hope to install CCTV cameras to monitor these two areas so that they can take action in the event of the screens becoming blocked and impeding the flow of the water.

Other Matters Arising Village Hall Update

Cllr. Hunt advised that the meeting with the Solicitor had gone ahead to discuss the covenants placed on the land by G.H. Dean and Wards. Additionally, a meeting has been arranged with Oliver Doubleday on Friday 14th September to discuss the Village Hall and the Questionnaire that was sent to all residents. He will report back at the next meeting.

Village Pond

Cllr. Hunt advised that a couple of residents mention the 'sewage' like smell coming from the pond. This is being investigated by the Environment Agency and the outcome is awaited. More bins have also been requested in this area due to an increase in rubbish.

Iwade Health Centre – Lack of updates

- Although promised by the PCT the Parish Council has not received any updates. A letter of complaint to Gordon Henderson M.P. will be sent.

If you would like to read the full version of the Council Notes, please visit the Council Section of iwadevillage.co.uk

Tinkerbells Early Years *by Claire Stock.*

A fun and exciting term is underway and being enjoyed by all. The children have been very busy this term with the run up to Christmas and have been taking part in Winter and Christmas activities. They have been creating their own snowflakes, decorating chocolate yule logs, making Christmas table decorations and much more besides.

The Children have also been really busy practising for our up and coming Christmas nativity and Christmas carol concert, which we're sure is going to be a great success.

We would like to remind everyone that our annual fundraising Christmas fair will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 3pm - 5:30pm. There will be plenty of stalls, including Jewellery, Bric 'a' Brac, Cards, Cuddly toys, Parents presents and face painting. Hot and cold drinks, sausage rolls and mince pies and cream will also be available, along with Pony rides (weather permitting) and not forgetting Santa's Grotto. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you all there

If you would like a stall, please contact Donna on 07966 762239.

Tinkerbells would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vandalism of bus shelter

The bus stop in Ferry Road has seen quite a bit of vandalism lately and the Parish Council are having to keep spending money on having it repaired. The money for the bus shelter was given to the Parish Council by County Councillor Mike Whiting out of his Highways budget but any additional money that is being spent on repairs is your money. The Parish Council get money from the precept each year which is part of your council tax and it's not fair if this money is being spent due to people not looking after things in the village. We are lucky in Iwade that we don't have much vandalism but the bus shelter seems to be a particular target.

If you see anyone damaging the bus shelter please call the police on 101 and report it. If the Parish Council catches anyone doing it then further action will be taken. It is your bus shelter and your money being spent so please look after it!

Village Clean-up

Thank you to all those residents that attended the Village Clean-up in October. A lot of bags of rubbish were collected once again along with kitchen cupboard doors, gate posts, traffic cones, lorry tyres and the now famous CO2 gas canisters that the Parish Council were finally able to dispose of – they gave Lynda, the Parish Clerk, a bit of a headache but she used her charm and they were soon picked up.

Big thanks to Tim at GGS Services for the loan of the trailer and getting rid of all of the rubbish for us at the end of the day. If you need any guttering, fencing and tree surgery work then give Tim a call on 01795 475294 or 07738 678567.

Will see you all next year at the next clean-up!

A big thank you to Olivia who wrote in in response to the Kids Observer section. We didn't manage to squeeze in a wordsearch this month Olivia but look forward to including one in the February issue which is our next Observer after December.

If there is anything else you'd like to see in your Observer, please let us know. We always like to hear from you. You can contact us using the details on the back page or through iwadevillage.co.uk

Be sure to keep an eye on the Iwade Does Facebook page too!