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MERRY CHRISTMAS IWADE

Iwade Observer

December 2013

IWADE CHRISTMAS TREE



This Christmas Iwade will be having its own Christmas Tree! We are having a 'Switch On' at 5pm on Sunday 1st December where Santa will be switching on the lights with the help of his Elves. Everyone is welcome to come along to the corner of Grovehurst Road and Ferry Road to join in with the celebrations.

Once the lights have been switched on there will be carol singing for a while before we all walk along to the Woolpack to get back in to the warm, maybe stopping along the way to let other residents hear the sounds of Carols.

Iwade School Consultation

Some residents will already have heard that KCC is currently running a consultation on the expansion of Iwade Community Primary School and the Parish Council would like to ensure that residents know that this is a consultation open to ALL residents of Iwade. Expanding the school could affect any resident in the village, not just in the case of getting children in to the school but also things such as an increase in traffic and additional parking in the village.

It is important that residents give their views during this consultation period and attend any meetings being held if possible. The Parish Council have been asked to comment on the consultation and need to know the views of residents so that can be taken forward. The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 11th December at 7.30pm where residents can let their views be known during the public time or you can email iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk.

You can view the consultation online on KCC's consultation website and I urge anyone with concerns to please comment on there and let the Parish Council know.

James Hunt
Chairman Iwade Parish Council

Note that the deadline for the consultation is 16th December at 11am according to the KCC website. You can simply email school.consultations@kent.gov.uk with your comments or send your comments in writing to Marisa White, Area Education Officer, East Kent Education Office, Brook House, Reeves Way, Whitstable, CT5 3SS. Note there is also a form on the back of the consultation document which you can find online or I'm sure the school would be happy to provide you with a copy if you call in to the office. Ed

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa does Iwade is back for 2013. This years deliveries will take place between 10am and 6pm, with an option to opt out of deliveries during the Iwade church service. We delivered 220 presents in 2012, and we are planning for around 500 deliveries this year. Santa will come to your house with his elf and spend approx 15 minutes with your children, where they may tell a story, or talk to the children about their hobbies or favourite things, Santa will entertain the children and adults alike to bring that special Christmas magic to your house. If you wish to book a personal Santa visit, then please visit www.santa2u.co.uk or have a look at our Facebook page "Santa does Iwade" to see the magic we brought to Iwade last year. Santa does Iwade is a non profit service to Iwade only, all proceeds from Santa does Iwade are donated to charity.



Eve Fitchett Climbs Kilimanjaro

After suffering the loss of my wonderful and amazing cousin, I felt I had to do something to try and fight the awful disease that took him from us. Cancer. A world free from cancer would help so many, so I decided to raise funds by climbing Kilimanjaro. I have to date raised over £8500 and this is still climbing, there is still time to donate at www.justgiving.com/eve-fitchett2.
Well Done Eve!



Email your caption to iwadeturkey@iwadevillage.co.uk! The best ones will be published so keep an eye on IwadeVillage.co.uk!



Iwade's Halloween success

On behalf of the village, the TIO team would like to thank Kevin Friend, Simon Killick, Andy Jennings and the entire cast and behind the scenes crew involved in one of the biggest Halloween events to date - Frankie's Lab and the Haunted Hallows! They in turn have asked us to thank all of Iwade for supporting the whole thing and would like to assure you that next year will be a ticketed event to ensure everyone who wants to can attend. The "What's Wrong With Frankie?" stage show was a huge success, seen by just over 1200 people and an estimate of just over 1500 people attended the whole event. After months of preparation and hard work by an amazing 50+ people working tirelessly behind the scenes, donating their time for free, I think we can all agree that their hard work paid off and we all



appreciate their efforts made in the name of charity. A massive £1300 was raised on the night which is to be donated the ever deserving MacMillan Nurses. Let's hope Frankie's love life improves this year, but you never know, he or his friends may need Iwade to help them in 2014?

Smile Malawi



The bin collection of Friday 27th December (green bin) will take place on Saturday 28th December.

Iwade is now (unofficially) linked to the tiny village of Khumbanyiwa in Malawi, Central Africa. You may wonder how this can be - well, the founder of the registered UK charity Smile Malawi, which owns and runs an orphanage in the African village, has recently settled in Iwade, after many years in Upchurch and Bobbing.

Elspeth Baecke, an engineer and teacher, built the orphanage after watching Comic Relief in 2003 and being horrified at the plight of orphans and street children in Africa. She now has 33 children who are growing up with education, good food and a lovely home. They are looked after by a wonderful Malawian lady called Miriam and Elspeth employs 20 local villagers to help with the cooking, cleaning and farming.

Before Smile Malawi arrived in their village, these people had very primitive lives with no access to electricity, fresh water or work. They could not even afford to send their children to school at a cost of just 50p per year. The charity has not only given them an income but has provided a 40 metre deep borehole with unlimited clean water, assistance to the local school, access to medical aid and an electricity supply so they can charge their mobile phones. Small things that make a huge difference to their lives.

Keep an eye out for Elspeth at the Iwade Village Market :-)

Jane Orford, of "The Only Estate Agent In The Village" otherwise known as J's Lettings, is delighted to be the official sponsor of The Iwade Herons



DATES FOR THE DIARY

* **Sunday 1st December 5pm**
Iwade Christmas Tree Lights switch on
Corner of Grovehurst Road and Ferry Road, see front page for details.

* **Monday 2nd December 8pm**
Patient Participation Group AGM

* **Thursday 5th December 11:15am**
Mobile Library

* **Sunday 8th December 10am**
Iwade Christmas Market

* **Sunday 8th December**
Santa and his Sleigh

We have it on good information that Santa will be visiting these parts this afternoon, aiming to be with us by 4pm and would love to see everyone.

* **Wednesday 11th December 7:30pm**
Iwade Parish Council Meeting

* **Saturday 14th December 12 pm**
Iwade Police Contact Point

Head to Sheerstone Iwade between midday and 1pm and collect a free anti-burglary pack including infra-red battery operated alarms, UV pens to mark property, timer switches to help make empty homes appear occupied and personal attack alarms. You can also raise your concerns and get crime prevention advice. Help to keep your home safe this Christmas.

* **Saturday 14th December 4pm & 6.30pm**
Dick Whittington Family Pantomime

Iwade School will be hosting a pantomime for the community this Christmas. Tickets on sale from the School Office at a flat rate of £5 each.

A small company of professional actors from Pyramid Productions will be performing their version of Dick Whittington, with lots of audience participation and traditional family entertainment - right on your doorstep!

Open to all so even if your children don't go to Iwade School you can contact the school to order your tickets.

* **Saturday 14th December 7pm**
Christmas Brass Band Concert

Sing your favourite carols with the UK Paper Band at All Saints Church. Always a great event to get you into the spirit of Christmas, tickets £5 and £3.50 concessions, available from Sylvia on 01795 478103 or Pamela on 01795 437026 or indeed on the door.

* **Monday 16th December**
Deadline for Iwade School Expansion Consultation
See front page for full details.

* **Thursday 19th December 11:15am**
Mobile Library

* **Sunday 22nd December 4pm**
Christingle and Crib Service

A service particularly for families with young children All Saints Church captures the atmosphere of Christmas. Iwade School Choir will be singing. This will be a very popular service and remember the church seats only 135 people!

* **Tuesday 24 December 10am**
Santa Does Iwade

Book a home visit with Santa and his elf at santa2u.co.uk. Visits in allocated 2 hour time slots between 10am and 6pm. Proceeds to Macmillan

* **Tuesday 24th December 5pm**
Christmas Eve Carol Service

Free tickets available from church on Sunday mornings.

* **Tuesday 24th December 11:30 pm**
Christmas Eve Communion Service

For the first time in many years there is going to be a Christmas Eve Communion Service for villagers who would like to welcome in Christmas day with others in their local church.

* **Wednesday 25th December 10:45am**
Christmas Day All Age Service
Celebrate Christmas at All Saints Church.

Happy Christmas!

* **2nd January 11:15am**
Mobile Library

* **Thursday 8th January 7:30pm**
Iwade Parish Council Meeting

* **Sunday 12th January 10am**
Iwade Village Market



Here at Child's Play our day starts at 7:30am with a selection of healthy breakfasts. The children start their day playing with their friends and enjoying the activities on offer, such as; role play, jigsaws and craft activities. Our children are then taken to their classrooms and our Bobbing children are escorted to School via our federation mini-bus. Our day then continues on from 3:15pm until 6pm where our children are provided with a variety of healthy snacks and range of activities, indoor and outdoor; arts and crafts, sports, cooking and a wide selection of toys.

CHILD'S PLAY

In the last term the children have enjoyed celebrating Halloween including making meringue ghosts and jelly brains as well as dressing up in their scariest costumes. This term we have lots of exciting Christmas activities for every child, with lots of arts and crafts planned, Christmas delicacies to tempt their taste buds and our annual Christmas raffle to help raise funds to expand our ever growing collection of toys, games and sports equipment.

Harrison Hoad Gymnast Update

Harrison Hoad of Iwade School attended the GMAC Birmingham on the 1st of November where he took part in club development grade National Finals. Harrison placed individually 22nd out of 60 children in Grade 2. The South East as a team had a collective score which earned them a silver medal in the team presentation. It was a great experience for Harrison and his family and we hope he makes it again next year. **Well done Harrison, keep up the good work!**

Breakfast club is £3:50. After school: 3:15pm – 4:45pm is £6.50 3:15pm – 6pm is £8.50

At Child's Play we also run a holiday club which operates on staff development days and most school holidays, which is also open for children who do not attend Iwade or Bobbing Schools. It runs from 7:30am until 6pm, with breakfast and a light afternoon snack provided. If attending all day a packed lunch is required.

Holiday Club £10 for half day (12.30pm start/finish for half day). £20 for full day. Half price for siblings.

If you would like further information please contact the School Office or Lorraine on 01795 412310 or basc@iwade.kent.sch.uk

Holiday club won't be open during the school holidays, so the staff can have a well earned Christmas break. But will be available for the staff training day on the 2nd December.

Well done to Iwade's Bill Brinkley who had a great day at the Ashford Horse Show on Sunday 10th November coming 1st in his 1st class, 2nd in the 2nd class and 1st in the 3rd class, hope we got our facts straight Bill!



ALEX, 11, WINS HER CLASS A FREE COACH TRIP

An imaginative drawing by an 11 year old pupil at Iwade Community Primary School will have pride of place on a themed desk calendar which will be distributed throughout Kent and beyond. Out of more than 300 entries, the drawing of a Chalkwell red coach won Sittingbourne-based Chalkwell's schools competition as the best entry for the firm's 2014 calendar. As a result Alex Coleman has won Iwade's Dover class a free trip on a Chalkwell coach. Her

drawing will be on the cover of the desktop calendar as well as depicting the month of March. Said Gemma Cullen on behalf of Iwade Community Primary School – motto 'Together everyone achieves more' -: "We are delighted for Alex that her efforts have been rewarded in being chosen as the winning entry for the month of March and the overall winner in Chalkwell's calendar competition". Alex will soon be presented with her certificate and prize of an art set in a wooden box. Competition organiser Karen Lockyer, Chalkwell Coach Hire & Tours Sales Manager, said it was hoped to sell a quantity of the desk calendars in support of the Mayor's charities Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes. Anyone interested in purchasing a calendar should contact Chalkwell on 01795 423982 or email coachhire@chalkwell.co.uk

OM Property Management

Gordon Henderson MP is taking up issues with OM Property Management on behalf of the residents living in Sanderling Way, Dunlin Walk and Mallard Crescent. His office have asked us to bring this to the attention of other residents of Iwade, as they would be happy to take up any Property Management concerns also. All enquiries should be made to Jess McMahon, Constituency Office Manager, Telephone: 01795 423199

Website: www.gordonhendersonmp.org.uk
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VOTE

Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

Helpline 01795 417316

email csc@swale.gov.uk

Police Contact Point

Iwade

- Discuss any policing issues with a neighbourhood officer
- Expert crime prevention advice
- Have your say on policing in Kent by taking part in our survey
- Free property marking kits available

Available fortnightly on **Saturdays**
Sheerstone, Iwade, ME9 8RN
12pm - 1pm

Dates in 2013:

• 7 September	• 2 November
• 21 September	• 16 November
• 5 October	• 30 November
• 19 October	• 14 December

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- Find us on Facebook
- Call 999 in an emergency
- If you are deaf or speech-impaired, text Police and your message to 60066
- Call 101 to report a non-urgent crime or contact your local officer

Beverley Adams-Reynolds of Exquisite Vintage Teas would like to offer a 10% discount for bookings for January if made in Dec. Visit www.exquisitevintageteas.co.uk or call 07897402909

10% discount for Dec & Jan bookings for dry carpet cleaning from SparkleGleam Cleaning. Contacts 07920 445540 or go to [Facebook.com/SparkleGleam](https://www.facebook.com/SparkleGleam) Cleaning.

Rachael Hughes at Children's Parties R Us in Iwade would like to offer Iwade residents a 20% discount on Christmas or New Year balloons. Contact Rachael on 01795 427910 or 07955 310 434. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lexie Rose Boutique would like to offer residents of Iwade the opportunity to have a home party with the hostess getting a free gift and 10% discount on our range of lovely scarves and accessories. If anyone is interested in booking a party they can email us at lexierose@btinternet.com. You can also find us on Facebook.

Dobby's Dog Supplies are kindly offering free delivery on all pet products in Iwade for December and a free treat with the first food order. Happy Christmas! Contact Dobby's on 07713 350 883 or 07715 653 883 or by email at dobbydogsupplies@btinternet.com

An opportunity to help others this Christmas/winter.

by Steve Plumb-Iwade Parish Church

With the cold weather and increasing fuel costs, we are all looking at ways to keep warm. For those who find themselves without a home and sleep rough on the streets, this time of year can be particularly difficult. This year the Quays, a referral hostel in Sittingbourne is offering emergency beds in their gymnasium when the temperature reaches zero. To enable them to do this they are asking for help from residents and community groups.

The areas that they are looking for others to help provide severe weather emergency provision during the night is;

Providing volunteer time to provide hot drinks and serve basic food (e.g. soup, rolls)

Provide a volunteer monitoring service throughout the night or even short bursts of time

Provide day to day requirements such as milk, bread, donate polystyrene cups, wash bags, gloves scarves, hats, socks, warm clothing

Bedding/sleeping bags

Laundry support in the morning during the day

Money donations through either The Church Housing Trust Charity No; 802801 or Winter Warmers Charity No; 1055602.

If you would like to help in any way contact Donna Lee or Sharon Jordan at the Quays 01795471376 or 07726900780

Thanks for reading this article.

New Lamp Columns

As I write it's November and I am informed by Iwade Parish Council (IPC) that they are aware of a street light not working in Coleshall Cottages. New lamp columns are due to be installed in both Sheerstone and Coleshall Cottages at the beginning of December and the IPC decided to wait on these rather than replacing the lamp at a cost of around £500. The IPC would like to thank residents for their patience.

Thanks to Iwade Parish Council for keeping us informed so we can inform residents.

Food Bank in Iwade

The economic climate is making life particularly tough for some people, in running their homes, covering all the bills and feeding themselves and their families. Chris Norman, who is the Family Food Bank Co-ordinator for all of Kent, and is based at Seashells is working with Steve Plumb to establish a donation and distribution point here in Iwade. The details are yet to be finalised, but the Food Bank should be ready to start after Christmas. Look out for further details on Iwade Village website and IDF.

Church

by Revd Ron Partridge

Dear Friends

Faith – we may think about it often or not give it a second thought. We may live by it, live for it, or think we can live without it. But faith is at the heart of human life. I don't mean simply holding a belief 'by faith', and I certainly don't mean what people criticize as 'blind faith'. Because in the fabric of human life, faith is the thread running throughout that tells us, yes, after all, it is worthwhile carrying on. In our relationships, faith binds us together in a weave of trust, acceptance and forgiveness that also says, yes, this person, these people are worthwhile, and even precious to us.

Beyond all that, in the broad sweep of the universe and of the history of this planet, faith is the assurance again, that this too is all worthwhile, worth all the struggle and danger, worth all the risk and disappointment. It is all still filled with glory, grandeur, triumph and hope. Faith is ultimately the assurance we feel, that within, around, beyond all of us and of all that we can see or know, that there is meaning and purpose to all that there is. And faith ultimately means trusting the One who can finally justify all the faith we put in life, the universe, our relationships, our efforts, and our very selves. This is the faith by which we live.

Iwade W.I

by Glenn Walters

Our Credit Crunch Lunch at the end of October was a great success. Members from the Newington Group, with friends, attended an extremely enjoyable meal, which our exhausted members enjoyed a taste of after all the visitors had left.

November's meeting was the AGM and games evening. The new officers of Iwade WI were elected and these are: - Val Pugh - President, Glenn Walters – Secretary, Mary Foreman – Treasurer, Committee Members – Sue Wall, Tricia Ebelthite, Sandra Wilkinson, Sue Davison and Christine Freshwater. A vote of thanks and a token of appreciation was given to Hilary Foulds the retiring Secretary for her hard

work over the years she has served. The evening was rounded off with several board games for members to enjoy and of course the usual refreshments!

Also as I write, I am looking forward to another visit to the Brick Lane Theatre to have a Christmas Lunch and Show, these are always excellent.

Our Group Carol Service this year is hosted by Iwade WI at our Parish Church and this is always a very special occasion. We will be providing mince pies along with the tea, coffee and hot chocolate so this will be a very good start to the Christmas festivities.

All at Iwade WI wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 2013

•School Lane Playing Field and Search for new Temporary Field . It seems the land in Dunlin Walk will be used for the expansion of the school. The PC has been chasing Wards re this site but has had no response from them. The Chairman has had correspondence from Gordon Henderson, M.P. regarding the School Lane site; he has a meeting arranged with Persimmon and will be pushing to open up the playing field.

•Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr. Jennings has spoken to the PCSO and has the details and forms. The Watch can be village wide using Iwade Does Facebook; if it is big a Co-ordinator will be brought in to work with us.

•PCSO Attendance – Members felt disappointed that the PCSO had only attended two meetings. Inspector Jones said he is happy for the PCSO to attend when he is on duty and that he hopes to better support Parishes when all PCSOs have finally passed out from the training school in the New year.

•ROSPA –The Village Handyman has been asked to deal with infilling holes and will be submitting a quote for replacing/repairing the gate and fencing. The Chairman has been seeking advice regarding the fungi in the tree, a crown reduction should be carried out and the PTS has to be in attendance to see if the Noble Chaffer Beetles are present. Meanwhile it will be fenced off.

•Village Clean Up Day, 4th May, 2014 The 'Litter Angels' are coming to take care of the litter side of things.

•Parishioners – Residents raised problems re. the hire of the Village Hall for the Halloween event. The PC were minded to support the occasion by way of a donation towards hire of the hall and insurance, although this would need to be formally agreed.

•County Councillor and Borough Councillors – Borough Cllr. Stokes has been chasing Steve Mellor of Wards Homes to try and get the remedial work carried out on the Barn.

•Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO Nick's report has been circulated to Members and contents noted. He has dealt with such issues as dog fouling, graffiti at Sheerstone and speeding down Helen Thompson Drive.

•WWI Commemorative Trees, 2014-2018 – It

was agreed to try and get the trees planted before the actual day; perhaps March 2014? Seven trees are needed; Parks and Open Spaces Committee to decide on location.

•Bus Shelter Glazing, Woodpecker Park – Quote for re-glazing noted; further quote using acrylic sheet and only for the two back panels to be replaced.

•Christmas tree – Waiting to hear back from an Electrician re. connection work. It was agreed to approve a maximum sum of £750 for this project. It will be sited on the 'mound' at the junction of Ferry/Grovehurst Roads. Should this not be forthcoming the owner of the garage is happy to supply electricity and for the tree to be sited on the grassed verge to the front of his property in Ferry Road.

•Annual Return 2012/13 –This has been signed off by the External Auditor and she has posted the necessary notice advising of the completion. The Auditors made a comment about the Fixed Assets valuation not being amended each year in line with insurance valuations. Clerk to contact Littlejohns advising that the insurance valuation had to be used back in 2009 when the Fixed Asset Register needed to be re-created due to the fraud, but these figures have not been adjusted since then; the only adjustments being due to items being added or removed from the Register.

•Openness and Transparency on Personal Interests: A guide for Councillors – Letter from the Monitoring Officer noted by Members. Clerk reminded Members that they needed to advise her or the Monitoring Officer of any changes in their circumstances that would affect their Declaration of Interests form.

•Iwade Localism Project (Swale B C) 10 Point Plan – The Chairman referred to the meeting a couple of weeks ago, which discussed the top three items on the '10 Point Plan' – housing; the old Barn and the new Village Hall. It was agreed to ask Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes to call another meeting in January, 2014.

•The Barn – A site meeting took place on the 19th September and all present were very excited at being able to see inside the Barn and came away with future plans in mind for the building. Borough Cllrs. Mike Whiting and Ben Stokes are looking into the S.106 agreement and the agreed use of this building. The PCC

and the PC hope to work together on this project, the first stage being the creation of a joint Committee with representatives from these two bodies and Parishioners.

•Village Hall - Persimmon have agreed in principle to using the land next to the Medical Centre and Swale Borough Council have said yes, but on the proviso that it does not take up too much green space. This means that the whole decision will be down to the position and size of the new hall. New plans will need to be submitted to Persimmon for their consideration and the New Hall Committee needs to meet to discuss having these drawn up. Cllr. Plumb suggested writing to Persimmon asking what their timescales are for the plans to be sorted, etc..

•20 MPH Speed Limit. County Cllr. Truelove has forwarded a response from David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment, re. this and it looks as though there are various criteria that need to be met: a) Implement 20mph schemes where there is clear justification in terms of achieving casualty reduction as part of the on-going programme of Casualty Reduction Schemes. b) Identify locations for 20mph schemes which would assist with delivering targets set out in Kent's Joint Health and Well Being Strategy. Enable any schemes that cannot be justified in terms of road safety or public health benefits but are locally important to be funded via the local County Councillors Member Highway Fund. All schemes must meet implementation criteria as set out in DfT Circular 01/2013. Members were not sure if Iwade meets any of these criteria; if not perhaps the Council could try and get the speed limit reduced to 20 mph outside the school.

•Exercise Equipment; Clerk to check with Graeme Tuff as to how this is progressing. £180,000 has been secured for the public open space. Also to check with Graeme regarding the £225,000 for recreation purposes and the things the Parish Council has requested.

•Council to contact the PCSO to have a look at the junction at the top of School Lane, following concern expressed by a resident that the majority of vehicles ignore the give way sign and there is concern for children's safety.

The meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.