

Iwade Village Hall Community Events
presents

THE BIG QUIZ

**Saturday 30th March
7pm**

Bring your own
food and drink

Teams of up to 6

Raising funds for not-for-profit
groups who use the hall
(Rainbows, Kingsquad etc)

Booking details coming soon!

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

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Ed's Note

Looking through this month's issue should remind us all of what a great place Iwade is to live in.

We have news from, The Village Hall, Parish Council, Herons Football Club, Friendship Group, Breakfast Club, Village Panto,

Memory/Dementia Cafe, Cycling Club, Parent/Toddler Group, Reading Group, Guiding/Scouting, Nurseries, Baby Group, and more besides. One common thread?? They all need you to use them, and would probably welcome your help in some way! Why not give it a try??

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Men's Breakfast Club

Ron Francis

The Men's Breakfast Club held its first 2019 meeting on January 8th with a regular member giving an inspiring, and hugely entertaining, talk on his experiences of working in the Middle East. Keith Barden dressed as an authentic Arab and recounted his adventures from Bahrain through to the Yemen where he worked. Keith kept us all spellbound telling his wonderful anecdotes, and leaving us wanting more! Perhaps a reprise Keith??

It never fails to surprise us at these meetings how diverse our collective experiences, knowledge and enthusiasm seem to be. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, in the Barn, from about 09:30. We enjoy bacon and sausage butties, a cuppa or two and a chat. Next meeting date is the 5th February and we always look forward to meeting new members. Why not come along.



Happy New Year from all at The Iwade Herons Football Club

Keith Reynolds

As we reach the half way point in our 2018/19 season we can report that all teams competing in both the Medway Messenger League and the North Kent Youth League are having great seasons so far!! Some teams chalking up some impressive wins both home and away. The Herons continue to grow in the community and all clubs/teams that visit the Herons FC facilities in School Lane always comment on the friendliness of the staff, managers/coaches and the children. They also are very impressed with the facilities we offer to all on training and match days.

As we look towards the summer and tournament season some teams are getting excited as to what lies ahead ... we wish all teams, managers/coaches and supporters the very best of luck for 2019.

Looking to get involved why not drop us a line? Looking for a place in a team for your child? Why not send us a message to see if our squads have space ...

Development Squad Enquires: Keith@iwadeheronsfc.com
Club Secretary: Justin@iwadeheronsfc.com
Club Website: www.iwadeheronsfc.com

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Monday Friendship Group

Janet Phillips Gregory

What fun we had in December celebrating Christmas with a festive quiz, carol singing and eating and drinking in our beautiful Barn. Huge thanks to those who gave their time to plan and decorate the area, as well as helped in the kitchen etc.

We were all pleased to be back in our lovely warm Barn in January after our first long break, and were at full capacity to hear Roy from GoCruise telling us all about some wonderful holidays on offer and to catch up with friends over coffee. Kent Air Ambulance are also planned this month.



Our fortnightly meetings at The Barn are on 4th and 18th of February, then 4th March and fortnightly thereafter, from 10.30am until 12.15 pm and we look forward to welcoming all new and not so new Iwadians to a friendly get together, hot drink and maybe a quiz or talk for just £1.



Panto Sneak preview!!

ICE – Iwade Community Entertainers, by the time this reaches you, will have put on their first ever panto – Robin of Bobbin' – four performances at The Criterion Theatre in Bluetown.

The Observer managed to get some 'long lens spy-shots' of a recent rehearsal (so apologies for the fuzzy quality!), and have been promised a full report for our next issue.

Iwade Village Hall Update
A Happy New Year to all!

December we held a Christmas Disco with an 80's theme which was a very well attended evening of the best decade of music! Certainly, took me back to my mis-spent youth. The adults' fancy dress was won by Darron Hart and Matt Dawson, who in a nod to Police Academy managed to make it all the way from the Blue Oyster Bar. The children's winners were Leo (Mario) and Luke (Luigi). Thank you to everyone who helped and to everyone that attended.

Our next event is a Valentine's disco on 16th February, which may well already have happened by the time you receive this copy, but don't worry we're planning another disco in May so keep a look out in the next issue for details, and on Facebook. Our next event is a quiz night on 30th March. I am hoping that our new website will be up and running for ticket sales, so again please keep an eye on our Facebook page for details. Why not head over to the events page on the hall website

www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk where you can find out when our Murder Mystery night will be taking place? Along with the return of the very popular 50's and 60's band Quiff & the Shades.

The next market is on Sunday 17th February 10am-1pm, and then 17th March, with a variety of stalls selling handmade goods, gifts, cakes, pies, preserves, fruit and vegetables and much more. New stalls are always welcome, to book or for any other information please contact fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk

Would you like to join other volunteers in making a contribution to all the great things that happen in Iwade? We currently have space for a clerk. Please contact chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk if you feel you have some time to spare and would like to get involved or would like more information.

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.



Iwade Parent and Toddler Group *Brooke Acott*

Iwade Parent and Toddler Group meet every Tuesday morning in term-time from 9am to 11am in the Village Hall. It's run by volunteers and is an excellent playgroup. There's a baby area to protect the little ones from the toddlers, a range of toys to play with, and different tables for crafts, books and puzzles for more quiet activities. The children sit down for a drink and a biscuit at around 10 (that's the only quiet time!) and parents can help themselves to tea or coffee. £2 for the first child and 50p for each additional child.

It's nice to see so many new faces joining us in 2019! We have Usborne Books joining us on the 22nd January and Scentsy on the 29th January

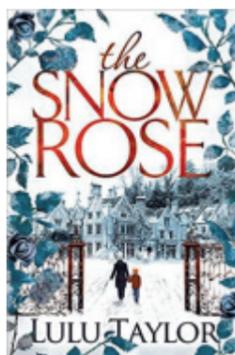
Iwade Reading and Book Group

Jackie Kemp

At our first session in 2019, on 8th January made us realise we had probably chosen the wrong book for the Christmas period, but with the best of intentions. It is a long and complex story, and many of us didn't finish, or even start it, with so much else going on!

The book we chose was 'And the Mountains Echoed' by Khaled Hussein. Two previous books written by him, 'The Kite Runner' and 'A Thousand Splendid Suns' had been read and very well received by a number of us, but the book chosen for December was quite different and didn't appeal so much. However, we agreed this is what book and reading groups are about - trying books that are perhaps outside of our 'comfort zone'

Our February meeting takes us back to The Barn on 12th February, and we will be reviewing 'The Snow Rose' by Lulu Taylor. We welcome new members and also online comments from people who aren't able to make daytime meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at about 10.30 until around 12 noon. The only cost (apart from books of course) is a small donation to The Barn to cover coffee/tea.



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Memory / Dementia Café

The Barn, Iwade
 on
Friday 8th February 10.00am – 1.00pm

also on

Friday 8th March 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.

For more information call:
 Jeannette – 01795 428364 / 07930 187737



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Contact: quickrcc@icloud.com
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QUICK RELEASE CYCLING CLUB

Join us as Leader and give girls the experiences of a lifetime

Rainbows For girls aged 5-7 (or 7+ in Scotland, Ireland)
 Exciting and full of giggles, take your first brave steps with the Rainbows.

Brownies For girls aged 8-10
 New skills, new thrills, new friends, being a Brownie is one big adventure, so go for it.

Guides For girls aged 10-14
 Guides help make a difference in their communities...not forgetting the camps, trips, festivals and zip wires.

The Senior Section For young women 14-25
 Find your voice, push boundaries and travel the world in The Senior Section, inspiring those around you.

Join us today
 Go online to get involved at www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or call 0800 169 5901

Can you help us? We are looking for dedicated ladies willing to train as Leaders to keep our Brownie & Rainbow units running



HELP NEEDED TO KEEP RAINBOWS SHINING!

Iwade Rainbows are in desperate need of people that are willing to join or re-join Girlguiding as a leader to give girls aged between 5 & 7 years old the opportunities, excitement and adventure that being a Rainbow can offer.

The unit is currently full to bursting with only one leader running it with a couple of parents. They meet at the village hall on a Monday from 4:30 to 5:40 pm.

If you think you can be inspiring please consider being part of something great!

If you wish to chat further, please contact me: lorna.girlguiding@gmail.com or look at our website <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/> and register your interest.

If we don't find additional leaders this unit may need to close, an option that we really don't want to have to take. I look forward to hearing from you!

Lorna Castle

USEFUL CONTACTS

Swale Borough Council	01795 417850 csc@swale.gov.uk
KCC 24hr Helpline	08458 247247 county.hall@kent.gov.uk
KCC General Enquiries	03000 41 41 41
KCC Waste & Recycling	03000 41 73 73
KCC Highways	03000 41 81 81
Iwade Kent Warden	07969 584184 nick.mayatt@kent.gov.uk (Nick Mayatt)
PCSO	jason.wilde@kent.pnn.police.uk (Jason Wilde)
Anti-Social Behaviour Team	01795 417575
Flytipping Line	01795 417193
Citizens Advice Swale	0344 499 4124
Swale Health Visitors	0300 123 4014
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Happy Days Nursery	01795 424348
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Neighbourhood Watch	(Terry Wiles) Facebook search: "Neighbourhood Watch Iwade Village"
The Observer	01795 436027 (Rynn) the.iwade.observer@gmail.com



News from The BrewHouse
Mandy Reeves

Just a quick News from the Brewhouse for the first edition for 2019, Mandy and her team would like to say a big thank you to our loyal customers for all your support in 2018.

As you may have seen, our Weekend opening times have now changed: -

Monday – Friday 9am to 4.30pm
Saturday 9am to 3pm
Sunday 8.30am to 2pm
But we are closed all Bank Holidays

We offer not only amazing coffee and artisan teas, but you can also find Breakfast, light lunches and delicious ice creams and sundaes, and don't forget our choice of cakes and cream teas. If you want something special, why not book an Afternoon Tea, Baby Shower, Special Birthday Parties or even a 'Pawty' for your dog. Please call Mandy on 01795 426520 to discuss your requirements

Also, we hold various events and groups every week:-

Every Monday morning between 10am – 12pm we run **The BrewHouse Woolly Natters**, a knitting and crochet group where you can bring along your current project and get inspiration or learn something new and meet new people and have a chat over a slice of cake and cup of coffee

Wednesday mornings (during School Term Time Only) between 10.30am – 11am, come and join our **Baby Musical Rhyme Time**, it is a musical mayhem for all Pre-School age group children. Come and sing-along to well-known nursery rhymes and songs & have some fun with our musical instruments and puppets. This is very popular, so we do recommend coming from 10am. Then why not stay and catch up over lunch with all the other Mums, Dads, and Grandparents or family members

Run a group that is looking for a venue? Give us a call on 01795 426520, or pop in & arrange a suitable date

You can be kept up to date on all our antics, Special Offers and Events on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/mewsbrewhouse. We look forward to seeing you all very soon

A message from the Parish Council

There was an incident in the fields around the village culminating in Woodpecker Park at approximately 9.00 p.m. on the 8 January 2019; many comments regarding this appeared on village Facebook pages.

Please don't just comment on Facebook; if anything like this occurs again villagers must:-

Telephone: Kent Police on 101
Report online at :-
<https://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/>
There is also the option to dial 999.

A belated Happy New Year to everyone in Iwade

It was a busy year last year, with people coming to me for help with a range of issues from school transport, potholes, social services and education. I don't imagine 2019 will be any quieter!

I am battling hard with Highways England to get the A249 to Stockbury resurfaced. The dangerous potholes have been there too long and something needs to be done.

Also, I am hopeful that we will get Government funding for a new junction at Grovehurst this year to ease congestion and allow work to start on new primary and high schools just the other side of the junction on the land between Kemsley Station and the A249. I have been fighting for new local schools for a long time, and will continue to do so. And, of course, the battle to get the Stockbury roundabout upgraded with a flyover continues.

I have got KCC to agree a programme of clearing pavements. Too many are overgrown or covered in mud and weeds, making them impassable for those with pushchairs, wheelchairs or mobility scooters. You may have noticed some have already been cleared in Keycol Hill and Sheppey Way at Bobbing. If you have any bad examples, then please let me know.

If you have any issues relating to the services KCC provides, or just simply need some advice, then please let me know:-

mike.whiting@kent.gov.uk.
Or feel free to follow me at <https://www.facebook.com/CllrMikeWhiting/>.

Cllr Mike Whiting
Kent County Council member serving Iwade



New deliverers required!!

We are looking for a volunteer to deliver The Observer to Peach Blossom Drive, White Satin Close, Nutmeg Crescent, Green Oak Crescent and Grass Emerald Crescent.

Can you help?? Exercise with a purpose!!

Get in touch at :-
the.iwade.observer@gmail.com



Hello from Iwade Brownies!
Kerry Holman

Our term began by welcoming new Brownies which is wonderful; we are at full capacity currently! We are starting a new Brownie programme this term, so have spent some time getting our heads around it and thinking about what we'd like to do first. We are going to be busy this term!

Some of us attended the cinema with many other Girlguiding groups to see the new Mary Poppins too! It was great fun and lovely to see the cinema so full of other excited Brownies too!

(Sorry - No photos this time as we've only been back a week! Next time we'll have some)

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 12 December 2018

1. Councillor Vacancies and Committee Membership

The Chair formally welcomed Tony Trower onto the Parish Council; Tony signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and duly took up his seat.

Four candidates have come forward for the two advertised vacant positions, left by the resignations of former Councillors Gale and Mitchell. It was agreed to interview on either the 7 or 8 January, 2019. Clerk to contact candidates inviting them to attend for interview. Action: Clerk

Cllr. Dollimore agreed to join the Finance Committee; Members now comprise of Councillors Cheeseman, Langham, Dollimore and the Clerk.

2. Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors – No comments.

2. County and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting acknowledged an email from the Clerk regarding issues with the junction School Lane/Chetney View and the request for double yellow lines. He commented that, as KCC had not been advised of any incidents, it would be difficult to justify spending money on lines. The Clerk advised that there had been accidents at the junction according to Facebook; Cllr. Whiting advised accidents should be reported to the Police, this will then build up evidence of a need for yellow lines.

3. Community Warden/PCSO – Written report – checked fly tipping, there were incidents at Raspberry Hill Lane, Sheppey Way and two in Old Ferry Road, all were reported to Swale Borough Council. Delivered the Iwade Observer to outlying areas. Dealt with a criminal damage/nuisance youths case, advised resident to call 999 or 101

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes – None.

4. Planning

1. 18/505828/FULL: Car Fragmentation Yard Ridham Dock Road Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8SR: Site remediation on former recycling facility – Members agreed to respond that providing the Environment Agency's conditions are adhered to, Iwade Parish Council will raise no objections to this application.

5. Correspondence

1. Dark Nights = Double the Dog Poo – Members felt that these signs would not stop dog fouling. Agreed to approach the Dog Warden to see if he can assist. Action: Clerk

2. Questionnaire - Rural Sustainable Settlement Study 2018 – With Members' assistance the Questionnaire was completed, Clerk to submit to Swale Borough Council. Action: Clerk

3. Swale Borough Council corporate plan 2019-2022 –

Noted.

4. Election Costs – Noted.

6. Finance

1. Request for Donation – Iwade Community Entertainers (ICE) – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore, seconded by Cllr. Langham, agreed to donate £200.

2. Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Clark agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 30 November 2018:

Clerk's Expenses Telephone, Office Use November £18.66p

H.M. Revenue & Customs Tax due December £299.81p

Steve Wakeling Work carried out in November £407.41p

Littlethorpe of Leicester Ltd Surrey Bus Shelter (S.106 money received for this) £9546.00p

Aylesford Electrical Contractors Ltd. Isolators, Infrastructure, install/uninstall (one year) £6300.00p

Iwade Community Entertainers Donation £200.00p

Six cheques in total

7. Projects/Project Updates

1. Christmas Lights Project – Clerk updated on the various issues faced regarding the lights, she has been working with the contractor and KCC and hopefully all have been resolved. Due to extra work needed to comply with KCC regulations, the total cost of lights, Double Isolators, Infrastructure and install/uninstall/store (for one year) has risen to £11235, plus VAT (reclaimable). If a three-year contract with the contractor is vetoed by KCC, there will be a small additional sum payable in respect of this year's install/uninstall/store.

On top of this, the Clerk is expecting an invoice from KCC for administration costs and the Loading Report. It was proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Clark, agreed the cost to date of £11235.

2. Suggestions for Projects 2019/20 – Agreed Councillors to forward any suggestions to the Clerk in order that these can be included in next year's budget. Action: All Councillors

8. Reports from Representatives

3. Hall – Disco on the 22 December, tickets all sold. Panto on the 12 January, tickets selling well. Christmas Market was very successful.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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4. KALC – nothing to report.

9. Any Other Matters Arising

1. Clerk has received a letter of thanks from Carers' Support for the donation.

2. Cllr. Dollimore agreed to look view and judge the best display of Christmas Lights on 20 December. He will also purchase the bottle of Champagne for the prizewinner. Action: Cllr. Dollimore

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13TH AT 19:30 VILLAGE HALL

Dear Friends
Ron Partridge

We're now well into the New Year, a year which had already promised to be a momentous one for this country, and for many others. By now, we may see the shape of things, for ourselves and for everyone. Hopes and fears are always with us, some real and some only thoughts. Mark Twain once said, "I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but most of them have never happened."

Of course, some of them do happen, but other things happen that lift us up again, restore our sense of meaning, and give a new shape to our lives. And sometimes we find that even the most difficult of our trials can be met with grace and hope.

I've been very blessed with the family, the friends, the villages and towns, and the vocations I've been led to serve over the years. The one reality that emerges again and again through all of it is the One, who is at the same time beyond it all, who is within everything, and who is beside us, wherever we are and whatever we meet. Life may be easy or hard, may be filled with joy or pain, but we always belong to that One whose will it is that we are here, living through these times, going on to whatever is next in store, with One who will never let go of us. May God be with you all.

Sincerely

Ron Partridge, curate (retired), hospital chaplain

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Tinkerbells Early Years
Donna Barker

We would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year; we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the festive holidays. Last term at Tinkerbells was extremely busy, we all enjoyed celebrating the festivities in many ways, from making things to singing songs. We held our carol concert at the village church which was lovely, the children sang beautifully and we are so proud of them for taking part. The children were fantastic at our annual nativity performance, we had so many wonderful compliments from parents regarding how well the children did.

This term we are learning about 'People who help us' and 'keeping safe'. We are looking forward to exploring this topic with the children and taking part in activities celebrating the various people who help us such as nurses, doctors, police, fire brigade ... the list is endless! We think it will be another busy term.

Both of our settings are currently full until September 2019 and our waiting list is building rapidly, therefore if you are interested in a place for your child please call in for a parent information pack. Alternatively you can email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk

Iwade Baby Group needs YOU!

Iwade Baby Group is in need of a volunteer/volunteers to run the group. Without volunteers then the group will unfortunately not be able to continue.

The group is aimed at under 1s/pre-walkers and is a great way of meeting other new parents.

As the group is for under 1s, volunteers only need to commit to a few months, and the more volunteers then the less work!

If you think you would be able to help keep the group going then please see the Facebook page (Iwade Baby Group) for more details, or alternatively pop along to the group (Mondays at The Barn, 1.00 -2:30).

How to access the Barn defibrillator



Iwade Barn now has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), thanks to Kent Fire and Rescue Service who have donated it to the village.

It is now registered with South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust and located within the barn.

Access is available 24/7 if needed by calling 999 and obtaining the code. The AED gives full instructions for use but the operator will assist any users.