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Iwade Observer

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July 2011

New Village Hall Update *by James Hunt*

Neighbouring properties of the Village Hall will now have received letters about planning permission for 10 houses on the existing hall site. Every house in Iwade received a questionnaire and the general response is that Iwade is in need of a new Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee, Iwade Parish Council and Hillreed Homes are currently exploring the best way to achieve this. Getting Outline Planning Permission for the houses on the current site will ensure the best price is achieved when selling the garden and hall site to help fund the new Village

Hall. Iwade will not be without a Village Hall and whether the existing hall stays or the new houses are built on the land the current hall will not be passed over until the new hall is built and ready to move into. If you would like any more information contact James at jc_hunt@sky.com or the Parish Clerk on 477015 (office hours).



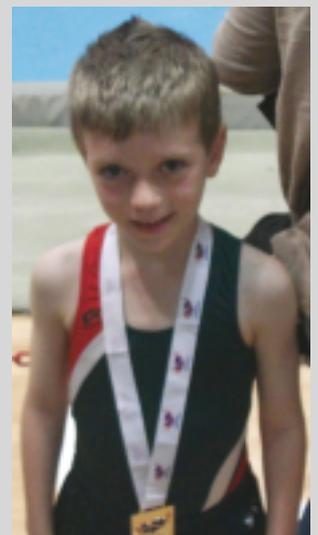
Olympic Gymnast?!

Harrison Hoad is 7 years old and has been doing gymnastics since he was 3, competing in several competitions and winning gold medals in all of them.

After becoming Kent Champion last Summer in a competition in Whitstable, Harrison has now claimed the South East Champion title in boys' Floor and Vault!

Harrison lives in Iwade and goes to Iwade School and would like to thank the Swale Youth Development Fund, a charity that helps local children in sports and arts for their assistance.

Well done Harrison!



For a full listing of events in Iwade go to www.iwadevillagehall.org.uk

Come and join in the fun

Iwade Summer Fayre
Saturday 23rd July
Iwade Village Hall
12 – 6pm



Admission:
Adult £2.50
Children Free

What's on:
Live music
BBQ & Bar
Face painting
Bouncy castle
Craft stalls
Games (for children & adults)
And much more...

Live music from:
Near Miss
Miss Charlie Monroe
Dom Wise and the Butterfly Cartel
Last Enemy Pilot
Push the Boundaries
Zorilla
The Kulpitts

Editors Note

Hi Iwade, hope you enjoy this issue packed with snippets that I hope you find useful.

We haven't forgotten our Observer survey but plan to do this in September with the results feeding into our January AGM. Watch this space.

Tara, James and I enjoy editing the newsletter but is there anyone out there who would be interested in having a go?! It would suit a mum with children at school but if that's not who you are don't let that stop you giving us a call! Call me Nicola on 439892 or email me at observer@iwadevillage.co.uk if you want to find out more. It's a great way of giving to the community and improving your cv at the same time! I await the onslaught of phone calls!

We're on holiday now until September so enjoy your summer holidays Iwade or otherwise!

Nicola



For those of you who are only familiar with Brownies and Guides Rainbows is part of the Girl Guiding movement but for girls aged 5 to 7 years old and is held at Iwade School on Mondays from 4.15pm to 5.30pm.

Iwade Rainbows are looking for helpers. Would you like to give it a try?

Contact Lisa O'Flynn by email at lisa.oflynn@btinternet.com or on 07766 314 938 if you'd like to find out more.

Go on!

Anyone ever seen a black and white rainbow!

Ed

Holiday Club



Iwade School are running a holiday club again this year at £19.95 a day.

This is open to both Iwade pupils and other children.

If you are interested in finding out more pop into Iwade School to request a leaflet or give them a call on 01795 472578.

Football Snippets

Congratulations to the Iwade Herons Football Club for being awarded the **Charter Standard by the F.A.** which shows that the club:

- Provide an organised, safe environment for children to play football
- Have FA Level 1 coaches for all teams
- Adhere to FA Child Protection Guidelines
- Maintain best practice procedures
- and ensure that the FA Respect programme is adhered to

Congratulations to all the Herons and in particular those who received awards at the **Presentations on Saturday 18th June at Iwade School**. Well done to you all.

The **Under 5's Development Squad** are now registering interest for next seasons squad so if your child is starting Year R in September and is interested in playing football please contact Mark Foster on 07817 326965 for further information or to register your place. Training will be at 9am Sunday mornings at Iwade Primary School from September 2011.

Did you know **Iwade Herons have a new website?** You can find it at **IwadeHeronsFC.co.uk** or there's a link in the Quick Links section on the IwadeVillage.co.uk home page.

Facebook?

There's some love and some hate for facebook so if you're on the side of hate you can stop reading! If you love facebook or embrace it because it's everywhere (if you can't beat 'em join 'em kind of thing) then there are lots of ways to keep up with what's going on in the village.

If you've got anything to do with the Iwade Herons search on 'The Official Iwade Herons Facebook Group' and request to join, they'd be glad to have you I'm sure. You can chat about the latest match, tournament, training, post photos or even videos!

If you have an allotment then search on 'Iwade Allotment Association'. This is a page not a group but you can still post on its wall. Like it and you'll get updates direct to your News Feed.

If you just live in plain old Iwade and want to be part of it then search on 'Iwade does Facebook'. With nearly 300 members it's a place to share, moan, post photos, chat to fellow Iwade facebookers. Make it yours!

If you love the village website IwadeVillage.co.uk (I may be biased!) then search for the IwadeVillage.co.uk page. Like it and you'll get updates of the latest news to your News Feed.

Facebook - love it or hate it, but quite tricky to avoid it!

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School Places

Primary school places have now been allocated and, no surprise, Iwade Primary School is oversubscribed for its Reception Year intake in September. It is expected that Y1, Y2 and Y3 will also be full in September. However, KCC are saying that school places are still available in other years. At the time of writing, the school had vacancies in Y4, Y5 and Y6.

Mike Whiting, Iwade County Councillor and Deputy Cabinet Member for Education at KCC said, "Iwade is a popular school offering a great education for its pupils. It's no surprise to me that the Reception Year for September's intake is full. However, families moving into the area with older children may still be able to find places in years 4, 5 and 6, and I would encourage them to contact KCC and check the availability as this can change from day to day." Parents interested in getting their children into Iwade should, in the first instance, contact Kent County Council on 01622 696565 and ask for Primary Admissions.

The Kulpritts

On a Saturday night in June myself, fellow editor James and a group of friends headed into Sittingbourne to see local band The Kulpritts play. They will be headlining the Iwade Summer Fayre on 23rd July so we thought we'd better check them out. They are a five piece Indie/Rock covers band made up of lead singer Peter Ellis, Anthony Fisher on lead guitar, Dave Campell on Bass, Shane Barden on Rhythm and Keith Reynolds (an Iwade resident) on the drums. The Kulpritts have been going for 3 years but with the current line-up for 6 months. They usually gig twice a month but with the busy summer season approaching and 4

by Tara Kent

festival appearances their calendar is pretty booked. Their schedule takes them all over Kent and Essex. On the night we saw them they did covers from The Kings of Leon, Stereophonics, Radiohead, Kaiser Chiefs and even threw in a Lady Gaga number! The crowd were on their feet, dancing and singing along and everyone really enjoyed themselves. The night ended with cheers of more (to which they obliged) so I think it's safe to say that we're in for a treat at the Summer Fayre. To keep an eye on what The Kulpritts are up to (and more importantly where you can see them next!) search for them on Facebook or check out their website at www.thekulpritts.co.uk

Star Academy presents the 'Glee' Musical Theatre Summer School



Chantelle Williams, previously principal of Body and Sole Dance Academy, that ran classes in Iwade Primary school for two years, is pleased to announce that she will be running a Glee themed Musical Theatre Summer school from 22nd - 26th August, 10am - 1pm daily (venue to be announced). Throughout the week students will learn songs and dances from the popular American show, culminating in a performance to parents at the end of the week. Chantelle has formed a brand new stage school with other skilled practitioners to create Star Academy, which will be launched through exciting opportunities for talented performers across Kent, including West End performances and talent competitions.

Places for the summer school are strictly limited, so apply early to avoid disappointment. Workshops will be split in to age group categories to cater for all abilities and to suitably challenge each performer; Little Stars ages 4-6, Rising Stars ages 7-11 and Shinning Stars ages 12 - 16. We are offering excellent affordable prices from £60 - £75 for the week, that include a snack with discount rates for siblings, payable in instalments between now and course. Take a look at our new website at www.staracademy.org.uk for further details and booking forms, or alternatively email us at enquiries@staracademy.org.uk or call on 07590 375 204. We look forward to a fun-filled week and hope to see some old familiar faces that have been missed!

Chantelle Williams



Iwade Summer Fayre complete with live music, barbeque, bar and family fun promises to be a fantastic event headlined by the Kulpritts. Saturday 23rd July midday to 6pm in the grounds of Iwade Village Hall. Hope to see you there! Ed

Dates for the Diary

Summer Concert Saturday 2nd July 7pm - tickets from Sylvia on 478103 or just go along on the evening

Iwade Village Market Sunday 3rd July 10am to 1pm Iwade Village Hall

Iwade School Fete - Gloriously British! Sunday 3rd July 12pm to 3pm

Mobile Library Thursday 7th July 11:15-11.25am end of Sheerstone

Church Open Day Saturday 9th July 10am to 2pm

Strawberry Tea Saturday 9th July 2pm 21 Sheerstone in aid of All Saint's Church. Table tops £5 to raise funds for your charity / club. Call 471932 to book a table.

IwadeVillage.co.uk Launch Party Tuesday 12th July 7.30pm Woolpack restaurant. Telephone Nicola on 439892 to reserve your place. All welcome.

Iwade Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 13th July 7.30pm

Songs of Praise Sunday 17th July Iwade Village Hall 3pm

W.I. July Meeting Wednesday 20th July 7.30pm

Last Day of Term at Iwade School Thursday 21st July

Iwade Village Walk Thursday 21st July 10:30am - no need to book if you are a regular HealthWalker otherwise book through Explore Kent Walking Festival

Mobile Library Thursday 21st July 11:15-11.25am end of Sheerstone

Gardening and Allotments Club Thursday 21st July 7.30pm Woolpack. For more information call Ann on 599755

Iwade Summer Fayre Saturday 23rd July 12am to 6pm with Live Music, Barbeque, Bar, Family Fun, Face Painting, Craft Stalls. Adults £2.50, children free.

Swale's Big Activity Challenge Sunday 24th July 10am to 4pm. Telephone 417109 or 844258 for more information.

Family Service Sunday 24th July 10:30am

AGM for School Lane Property Management Wednesday 27th July 7pm Iwade Village Hall

Pavements, Parks and Footpaths Walk Friday 29th July 9:30am - places must be booked through Explore Kent.

NO Benefice Service Sunday 31st July

The Iwade Village Market is on Sunday 3rd July from 10am to 1pm with food, crafts and refreshments, a lovely way to spend a Sunday morning in Iwade. Why not give it a try if you've not been before?



Iwade School Summer Fete is this year on Sunday 3rd July from midday to 3pm and after all our excitement at the Royal Wedding it's going to be Gloriously British. I can't wait!

There'll be lots of stalls to browse and spend your pennies. Also the popular

Hook a Duck, the very popular Face Painting, a Coconut Shy and a Barbeque.

Even if your children don't go to Iwade School why not go along and enjoy the fun.

Hope to see you there!

Strawberry Tea



Saturday 9th July from 2pm to 4pm at 21 Sheerstone in aid of All Saint's Church
Homemade jams,

Strawberries and Cherries, Refreshments, Stalls

If you would like a stall for £5 call Connie or Gordon on 471932
Help also needed on the day to transport tables

If you're a Matthews Home owner in Iwade and are under GEM Management remember the AGM is on Wednesday 27th July at 7pm Iwade Village Hall. You should have been invited by GEM directly this is just a little reminder!

Kingsferry Place Work Begins

As you can see from this photo courtesy of resident Diane Underhill who overlooks the new Kingsferry Place development work has begun on the 98 houses that Ward homes were due to build behind Saxon View, Helen Thompson Close and Woodpecker Drive.



Iwade W.I *7.30pm every third Wednesday of the month*

July is full of events for Iwade WI members. Our main monthly meeting is in the village hall at 7.30 on Wednesday 20 July when we welcome the President from Minster in Sheppey WI Joan Ingleton who is giving us a talk about entitled "My Unusual Occupation". The unusual occupation happens to be that of a gravedigger so I'm sure she'll have some stories to tell us. In keeping with the graveyard theme we have chosen, as our monthly competition, "my favourite epitaph" We're not really obsessed by death, honest! We like to have a good laugh really and, knowing Joan, I'm sure that's what we are in for. Also in July we have a card making workshop, a session of Bowling, a game of Rummikub and a Knit and Natter afternoon. We have been knitting lots of outfits and blankets for

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premature babies at the Oliver Fisher Unit at Medway Hospital. Some of these items are used in the unit and some are sold to parents with the proceeds going to the unit. We've recently turned our attention to dog blankets and have been using up our bits of wool by knitting squares which we will crochet together to make colourful blankets for our canine friends at the Dogs' Trust.

We have been really pleased to welcome some new members in the last few months. There are quite a few of us in Iwade WI now. There is still room for you though so why not come along to our next meeting to see how you like us. And we don't all knit or make jam either. We are all individuals with different interests but we do enjoy getting together to listen to an interesting talk or to enjoy a meal together.

Resident's Comment

"What I think is madness though is if you look at the plans on the planning website; is that there is still going to be a fence that divides the new estate from our existing one, meaning that although the houses will be facing each other they won't become one road?!! The only way through is going to be the cycle path???" Perhaps if Ward Homes are reading this they could drop us a line at news@iwadevillage.co.uk. Thank you!

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It's the month of the IwadeVillage.co.uk launch party! The new IwadeVillage.co.uk went live on 1st June and we've had great feedback so far. The launch party will be a chance to celebrate the new IwadeVillage.co.uk, showcase its advertisers, survey guests to find out what you think of the new site (so we can make it even better) and draw the £50 cash prize draw! Thank you to the Woolpack who have let us have the restaurant for the evening of Tuesday 12th July 7.30pm start. And thanks to Reflexology by Claire who have donated a prize.

Everyone welcome to the IwadeVillage.co.uk party but if you could rsvp I'll make sure there's enough cake to go round!

Telephone me Nicola on 439892, text 07738 828 308 or email rsvp@iwadevillage.co.uk with your name and the number of people coming in your party. Nicola

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You may not tweet but do you follow on Twitter? Why not follow @IwadeVillage to get Iwade updates direct to your timeline from IwadeVillage.co.uk. We'd love more followers!

Please Take your Litter Home!

In its sixth year this year's Iwade Village Clean-up saw the best turnout yet with community spirit and cake to-boot. A big thank you to all the residents who gave up their Saturday morning on 11th June to concentrate on a big litter collection through the village.

A special thank you to the new residents at Saxon Mews that came along and to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Parish Councillors, Parish Clerk Lynda, KCC Councillor Mike Whiting, MP Gordon Henderson, our SBC Councillor and Mayor Ben Stokes. Thank you to Debbie McNamara from

the Environment Agency who came along with colleagues Gary Enever and John Osskooe, kitted out in waders to clean-up the Iwade stream and were reportedly looking for a gate in the stream! The Environment Agency chatted to us about water voles and bats and are going to compile some information for residents that we will share with you as soon as we have it.

Thank you to Tim at GGS who supplied a trailer for the day. GGS do guttering, fencing and tree surgery.

A lot of general rubbish was collected (we found a tyre, a whole glass and a metal spoon on the green next to Sheerstone along with the usual wrappers and cans) and areas that need more work have been noted for later this year. The weather was unsuitable for painting posts and fences so will now be done in September in conjunction with the Environment Agency and with the help of Cubs and Beavers.



Churchwarden's Notes *By Sylvia O'Shea*

Hello there! Trust you are all keeping well and enjoying this Summer.

As you read this we will be recovering from a busy weekend over June 25th/16th/27th when the Church held its Flower Festival. Did you find a few moments to walk up The Street and spend a little time enjoying the exhibits? Do hope so. An awful lot of time and energy goes into these events. On Monday 27th a party of members of Age Concern, Sittingbourne, are expected to visit and view the exhibits. Rev. Canon Alan Amos has promised to play a selection of popular music for them on the organ. You'd be very welcome to join them at 2pm. It includes a cup of tea and cake too. On July 2nd another popular event is the return of the U.K. Paper Band for the Summer Concert held



Why not visit our beautiful old church on Open Day and enjoy tea and cake? Ed

in the Church grounds at 7pm. If weather turns damp we simply go inside Church. Do come and have a lovely entertaining evening. Tickets are only £5 (£3.50 for seniors and under 16). Under 5 yrs are free. This includes light refreshments during interval. You are requested to bring a garden seat or rug.

July 9th you are invited to a Strawberry Tea at 21 Sheerstone at 2pm. You will be able to sample some of Connie's famous home-made jams and preserves which will be on sale, plus a cake stall. If you wish to raise funds for your club, why not hire a table top for £5. Full details by ringing 01795-471932 and speak to Connie. Are you new to the village? Perhaps you haven't discovered the beautiful church of All Saint's in the village. We are open for visits on 2nd Saturday of each month for folk like you, from 10am to 2pm. Come and have a cup of tea/coffee with us – no charge. Most months we have home baking for sale too. If you want any information, please ring Sylvia on 01795-478103. I'm in church most days too. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Parish Council Notes

Taken from the meeting held on the 13th April 2011

Prior to the main meeting, Members met with reps from the Village Hall Committee, Peter Lovelock and Mark Pugh, to discuss the progress made regarding the proposed new hall. A meeting had already taken place with Hillreed Homes to look at the possibilities and discussions have taken place with the Charity Commission.

The Chairman, Cllr. Plumb, reaffirmed that Parish Council Members fully support this proposal and are happy to continue with the process. Members of the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council representatives already form part of the autonomous New Hall Committee.

Outline planning permission is required for the existing site, to include the garden area, and if the Parish Council applies for this the fees are reduced by 50% - a cost of £335. It was proposed by Cllr. Exley and seconded by Cllr. Gregory that the Council submits the application and pays the fees – agreed the expenditure of £335.

A Valuer will need to be appointed to undertake the required valuations and adjustment for the Charity Commission. Parish Council agreed to pay the Valuer's fee of £750 plus V.A.T.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council appoints a Solicitor to assist with the legalities.

Skateboard Park – Clerk passed information onto Swale, who have proposed School Lane Playing Field.

The Chairman visited Skateboard Parks in Cliffe and Maidstone and noted that both were located in open spaces areas away from housing; there was also a reasonable amount of

noise generated by users of these areas. In view of this Members felt that School Lane Field was not viable proposal due to the existing and the proposed new housing development.

Bus Shelter/Yellow 'No Parking' Lines – Mike Knowles, Highways officer at Swale Borough Council, is contacting utilities to ascertain services underneath the existing shelter and will report back to the Clerk.

The same Officer will also be putting forward the Parish Council's request that yellow lines be located at the bottom of School Lane (Members requested Clerk to ask for lines to be on both sides of the road), in order to solve the current parking problems.

Insurance - Clerk will be meeting with a Claims Handler next week regarding the insurance claim for costs associated with employing an Accountant as a result of the fraud.

Core Strategy – Clerk reported that so far she has received replies from 10 Parish Council regarding a meeting to discuss the Strategy Options.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – Cllr. Stokes reported that Swale's Legal Department are about the issue the transfer papers in connection with the allotments. He also spoke up at the Planning meeting about the emissions from chimneys and increase in traffic relating to the proposed Kemsley Incinerator. He is continuing his visits to Knauf in connection with the 'white dust' and Countrystyle regarding the 'odour'.

Temp. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – During the past month he has dealt with the removal of wooden pallets blocking the stream and fly-tipping in School Lane's Bridleway, amongst other things.

Feedback from Planning Meetings at Swale Borough Council and K.C.C. - SW/10/TEMP/0016 – Sustainable Energy Plant, Land to the East of Kemsley Paper Mill, Kemsley - Cllr. Exley attended the Swale Borough Council Planning Meeting and addressed the Committee. She raised concern at the emissions from the proposed plant, particularly when coupled with the other incinerators (possibly 4) in the very near vicinity. She also spoke regarding the increased traffic generated by this new proposal. Cllr. Ben Stokes spoke out at the meeting against the proposal, but Councillors Mike Whiting, Alan Willicombe and our M.P. Gordon Henderson did not comment on the proposal, nor did K.C.C. receive any response from them.

Cllr. Plumb attended the K.C.C. Planning meeting and spoke for five minutes, putting forward the Parish Council's objections to the proposal. At this meeting Cllrs. Willicombe and Whiting voted for the proposal; the only comments made were concerning a number of transport issues and the possibility of looking at rail as an alternative.

Both meetings were reported in the local newspapers, Meridian News and Cllr. Exley was asked to appear on B.B.C. Radio Kent. At both meetings the proposals for the Sustainable Energy Plant were agreed.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 13th July 2011, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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