



Iwade Barn Events - Can you help?

Iwade Barn is going from strength to strength and the Iwade@TheBarn Trust are really pleased that the barn is used as intended, and that we have seen many new community groups forming. Residents that have hired the barn for private events will also know what a great space it is and it works well for gatherings such as birthday parties and anniversaries.

Last year the trustees held a Classic Car Show, which went well and we would like to see the barn used for more events in the future. This has always been the intention, but the current trustees have been busy working on the ensuring the barn is running as it needs to be and that funding is in place to ensure that the facility continues to be available to use at a low cost to residents and free of charge to community groups. We now need your help.

To continue the running of the barn and ensure that there is a continuous stream of income we ask whether there are residents who would like to get involved with organising and running events for the village. A cake sale, another classic car show, arts events - anything that you think would be good as a village event to bring the community together the barn can be made available for. We just need your ideas and time to make it happen.

If you would like to be involved in this or any other fundraising activities please come along to the barn on Wednesday 17th July at 8pm where there will be an informal meeting to discuss ideas and see how things can be progressed.

If you are unable to make this but would still like to be involved, please get in touch. You can email us at [iwadebarn@outlook.com](mailto:iwadebarn@outlook.com) or call James Hunt on 01795 417803

We look forward to meeting you!  
Trustees | Iwade@TheBarn

## RUN IWADE

What's going on at your favourite local running club!!

### The new couch 2 5k programme

The new couch 2 5k members are doing absolutely fantastic. They are now on the 5th week of the programme and are preparing to graduate at the Sittingbourne parkrun on the 6th July! We have had some fantastic running from a great new intake. I have been leading this programme and it has been great to see many children taking part alongside their parents too. Thank you to the runners who have supported the new group. After some time off myself, it has been great to put my trainers back on and be out there with you guys! The new runners are doing a brilliant job and I can't wait to see them all graduate. I believe this is one of Shawn's favourite events also!



determination and achieved brilliant results!

As always, we welcome runners and new beginners. Please keep your eyes peeled on the road for the pink and blue, a simple toot from your car can be that little push we need during a hard run!!

This month we are concentrating on getting the couch 2 5k to the finish line, we have some track nights and speed training also.

And finally a little message to the runners from Liz and Shawn:

"Remember when you started all that time ago, and you thought that you couldn't run a couple of minutes? Or remember when you joined and said 'I haven't run for ages'

Well this is a great way to see for yourself, how amazing you have all been and the great distances and miles you have all achieved. We appreciate Team Runs and Events take up a lot of your personal time. We want you to know that this club would not be what it is without you all. You have all been great runners, great listeners, great pacers, coaches and most importantly great friends.

We want to say a huge thank you, to all of you, for showing the commitment and support throughout your time at Run Iwade. We would also like to thank all your families for the early wake-up calls, the late dinners, the long drive to events to stand in the rain or burning sun to support you and us. Thank you for paying those entries to this lovely hobby which we all

imagined to be 'inexpensive'. But most of all, thank you for making it what it is today. Well done!

Thank you to Grovehurst cars too for supporting the Run Iwade team. Brilliant efficient first-class service as always and providing our runners with great discounts.

Thank you,

Liz Milly



### Runner of the Month

Congratulations to our very lovely Sarah Cross. Sarah has made magnificent progress in her running and also by showing others great support and team spirit! - It isn't always about the running. Team work is what makes it so great.

This month has been incredibly challenging for runners due to either the extremely hot sun or the pouring hard rain, however, they have still pounded those pavements with great

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### Allotmenteering – it's not just about the growing!

Our annual picnic took place at the end of May and what a lovely afternoon we had. Photos show our green fingered members enjoying themselves. The weather was good to us although a bit windy but that didn't stop our allotmenteers enjoying a get together, raising a glass, and exchanging tips and views on growing produce. You should try it yourselves ... why not grow your own and see, and taste, the difference. If you would like to be on our waiting list, please get in touch on 01795 421945.



Christine McQuade



### MENS BREAKFAST CLUB

"Mac McDermott"

At our May get together, we enjoyed a brief history of aviation in the U.K. by David Harris, who followed this up with a brain teaser of a quiz on the same subject. Who knew that the Red Arrows used to fly The Gnat? – a few!! Who knew that the Gnat was built by Folland? – not very many at all!

David's quiz proved almost as popular as the bacon rolls and hot dogs which preceded it!

We are a group of guys who regularly turn up on the first Tuesday of each month. These meetings cost £1.50 for bacon or sausage rolls and coffee and any men in the village are very welcome to join us at the Barn between 9.30 and 11.30 in the morning.

The aim of the group is simply to get together and chat about anything and everything, with an occasional light hearted quiz or speaker thrown in.



*Our forthcoming meetings are on July 2nd and on August 6th we are looking forward to meeting up with Paul Heller again as he gives us a tour of the Iwade Speedway base in Raspberry Hill Lane -We look forward to seeing you there.*



## IWADE BROWNIES SWIMMING, JUMPING AND FOOTGOLF!!

Kerry Holman

Iwade Brownies have had a busy few weeks! We have welcomed new Brownies as others have left us for pastures new and Guides. We had great fun on our Brownie Holiday in East Grinstead - swimming, jumping from trees, crafts and birthday parties aplenty. Needless to say, we all slept very well once we were home...the leaders are still recovering! We are still swapping various bits and bobs that we ended up taking home accidentally, and trying to keep our new potted plants alive!

We have done a scavenger hunt around the park which also involved us collecting bits of rubbish and seeing who could find the most interesting natural things - lots of pretty coloured, unusual plants. We've finally completed our first badge of the new programme (hurrah!) and will spend the rest of the summer term having lots of fun! We also have a Brownie event coming up with lots of other Brownies and to celebrate the end of term, we'll be off to play Footgolf.



## Iwade Reading Group

The group met on Tuesday 11th June and discussed this month's choice, which was "Turning Point" by Freya North. We were down to 6 members but it was thought to be the best book for a while. It was really well written and was one you really had to finish.

Basically, a love story, but like no other you have read. It took you on a journey with beautiful scenery and emotions from euphoria, love and friendship, to deep sadness, and showed you whatever the outcome, it is worth taking chances. Heart-wrenching yet heart-warming.

Our meeting next month is 9th July when we will be discussing "Pied Piper" by Neville Shute, and for 13th August "The Little World of Don Camillo" by Giovannino Guareschi.

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at The Barn from 10:30 – why not come along?

Glenn Walters



## Parent/Toddler Group

Louise Wade



This month the children made key rings and cards for Father's Day. There were some great drawings, so Dads, we hope you liked them!

Toddler group runs weekly during term time only, so there's only a few more weeks left before the summer holidays. We run on Tuesdays from 9:00 -11:00 in the Village Hall. Your first visit is free, thereafter it is £2 for the first child then 50p for each additional child. The entrance is through the white door round to the side.

There are plenty of toys for the children plus a craft table, adults can help themselves to tea/coffee, and there is biscuit and squash time for the children at 10.

Hope to see you there soon!!



# SUPER SUMMER FAIR

**SATURDAY 27TH JULY**

**12 - 3 PM**

**SUPPORTING ALL SAINTS CHURCH TOILET FUND**



Stalls, attractions and games in the Church grounds and Barn Car Park

Ball in a Jar  
Face Painting  
Wet Sponge  
Hook a Duck  
Craft STalls  
Treasure Hunt  
Crockery Smashing  
Fancy Dress Prizes  
Sweets in a Jar  
Cake Stall  
Bouncy Castle  
Candy Floss  
Popcorn  
Ice Cones  
Drinks  
Refreshments

John Edy from Redy2Drive has sent us in this information which may save you a lot of embarrassment. It's certainly worth taking a minute or two to check. Thanks John.



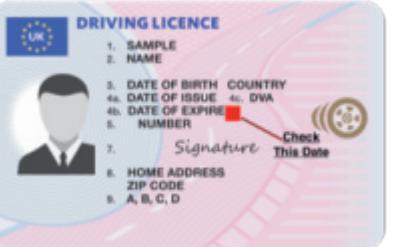
### When did you last check your driving licence?

Check the photo-card driving licence expiry date.

Photo-card licences replaced paper licences in 1998, and must be renewed every 10 years.

The DVLA says a whopping 2.3 million photo-cards are out of date.

If your Photo Driving Licence has expired, you can be fined up to £1,000.



## FAMILY RACE NIGHT

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**7:30pm**  
**Iwade Village Hall**  
**Ferry Road. ME9 8RG**

**Entry £1 (Under 16's free)**  
**Cash prizes with tote betting**  
**Bring your own food and drink**  
**Book and pay for a table of 6 in advance and receive a free bet**  
**All profits split between 5 charities**

**To book, please call 01795 437372 or email events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk**

**Tommy's**



With our sincere thanks to Iwade Garage for their generous support

Your photo licence must be renewed every 10 years; if you fail to renew it at that point, your driving licence will be invalid.

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF VACANCIES

NOTICE is hereby given that two vacancies have occurred in the membership of the above Parish Council.

Under the Local Government Act 1972, ten electors can petition for an election by writing to the Proper Officer at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT within 14 working days of the date of this Notice.

If no petition is received within that time period, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-opting a person onto the parish council.

Persons wishing to be considered for this appointment should apply in writing to the Clerk to the Parish Council as soon as possible but no later than:-

27 July 2019

Written applications should be made to the Clerk at the following address:-

Iwade Parish Council  
53 Springvale  
Iwade  
Sittingbourne,  
Kent, ME9 8RX.

Or by e-mail: [iwadepo@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:iwadepo@blueyonder.co.uk)

Dated this 21 June 2019

Signed: Lynda Fisher  
Parish of Iwade

If you have anything you would like to share with the village, send us an email  
[the.iwade.observer@gmail.com](mailto:the.iwade.observer@gmail.com)

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### Anyone for Tennis??

We are a small group of people who enjoy playing social tennis for fun and fitness. We have the use of the tennis courts on the recreation ground at Vicarage Road, Milton (next to Swale indoor bowls centre).

We would like to increase the usage of these courts and welcome new players of all ages and any ability level. Some group coaching is available if desired.

Come and play tennis in the sunshine. Make some new friends, develop your skills and have fun. Join us now for FREE!

Contact David Croft on 01795 473422 for further details.

### Ed's Note

The longest day's nearly upon us and summer has so far failed to put in much of an appearance yet. However the Observer team have still got a warm fuzzy feeling when we see the great response for distributors that we appealed for last month. Thank you hugely to everybody who responded. For the first time in a while we have a full set of distributors. And they get to deliver this issue and then have a month off as we don't return until the September issue. Talking of which why don't YOU resolve to put something in the Observer for September - lots of notice so no excuses! Copy date will be Friday 16th August. Have a great summer!

### Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre

Our craft fayre is looking for some new food and craft stalls.

The fayre is held in our village hall every 2nd Sunday of the month.  
(However no fayre August, and for December & January the fayre is the 3rd Sunday).

For more information contact:  
[fayre@iwadevillage.co.uk](mailto:fayre@iwadevillage.co.uk)



### Hello from The BrewHouse

Mandy Reeves

It's been a little while since you last heard from us, but we are gearing up for a lovely summer to come (fingers crossed)

Our New local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Lee Fennell held his first Contact Clinic with us on the 13th June, to discuss any local policing issues or any villagers' queries

Lee has arranged that this will be a monthly event so the next clinic will be held at the Brewhouse on Thursday 11th July at 10am until 11am, so if you have any policing concerns or just want to come and meet Lee why not pop along.

Calling all Paper or Mixed Media Crafters...

Fancy getting together to start a New Craft Club at the Brewhouse to have a natter & a drink or two to discuss what crafts you're interested in???

We know there are an assortment of crafts out there, but to start with we will aim this club for people who love to make cards, homewares, Junk Journals or any Mixed Media projects.

Our first club meet up will be Wednesday 24th July at 7.30pm – 9.30pm

As our first project why not bring along items to make some Christmas cards or projects (as Christmas won't be long now!) and we can all have a chat and laugh while the glitter flows.

Last but not at all least, on Thursday 26th July at 10.30am – 12.30pm is our first "Smile Again Meet Up."

Losing a loved one can turn your world upside down & make you feel lost. We feel that talking about how you feel can help. Everyone experiences grief in a unique way.

The intention of Smile Again Meet Up is an informal, welcoming group for anyone who is Bereaved or Caring for a loved one, to come together and have chat over a cuppa and cake or even a buttery to meet others who have had similar experiences to your own.

It can be a place where you can speak freely and share stories with others coping with the loss of losing a loved one.

We hope that in talking about your pain you may also find courage and strength in knowing that you are not alone, and it is ok to cry or laugh or get angry

We are not trained counsellors, but just like-minded people who find themselves in a similar situation and will listen to your stories & will not judge if you cry.

But rest assured, you will receive a warm welcome & hug (if you need one)  
Also don't forget 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 or help make items for various charities and meet new people and have a chat over a slice of cake and cup of coffee

Wednesday mornings (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. 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

If you 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](http://www.facebook.com/mewsbrewhouse)

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

## TINKERBELLS

### Kebabs-a-plenty!

We are having a very busy term 6 at Tinkerbells, the children have been taking part in activities relating to keeping themselves fit and healthy. So far this term the children have made their own delicious fruit kebabs, hopefully our next cooking activity will be able to include the vegetables the children are growing in the garden. We have had our Annual Sports Day which was an excellent opportunity for all involved to get some exercise whilst having fun.

July brings us to the end of another academic year. We have been preparing our school leavers for their transition to big school and we are looking forward to our annual outing to celebrate this exciting step in their lives. We will be finishing off the term with a graduation ceremony where we will celebrate their journey at Tinkerbells with their families. We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of the children lots of luck in their new schools. We will miss them all very much but we know they will all be little stars and hope they have lots of fun in their new adventure.

Whilst that brings us to a close this year, we are very excited to meet the new children and their families who will be joining us in September. We hope you all have a lovely summer holidays and look forward to catching up with you all in September.

We have no availability at our setting at the Clock Tower Hall and have only limited availability at our Iwade setting for September; sessions are filling fast therefore if you require a place for your child please call in alternatively you can email

[enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk)

### Police Crime Stats

Reported April 2019

Anti social behaviour 2

Criminal damage arson 1

Vehicle Crime 1

For more info, see [kent.police.uk](http://kent.police.uk)

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8 May 2019

#### Present:

Cllr. S. Cheeseman – Chair  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. T. Trower  
Cllr. R. Langham  
Cllr. A. Dollimore  
Cllr. S. Lancashire

Lynda Fisher, Clerk  
Borough Cllr. C. Woodford  
Lee Fennell, PCSO  
3 Parishioners

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllrs. B. Whiting, Dicker, Mills and Clark, County Cllr. Whiting and Nick Mayatt Community Warden.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Members present completed the Declarations of Interest form, for submission to Swale Borough Council.

#### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10 April 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

#### 4. Visitors/Public Time

1. **Visitors** – Clerk to see if Raspberry Hill can be litter picked whilst the road is closed. Action: Clerk

2. **County and Borough Councillors** – Borough Cllr. Corrie Woodford introduced herself, she is the newly elected Independent Representative for Iwade, Bobbing and Lower Halstow.

3. **Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden written report: Reported fly tipping incidents in Raspberry Hill Lane to Swale Borough Council. Dealt with an ASB issue in Woodpecker Park.

**The PCSO** – dealt with problems with youths at the take-away, youths firing guns in the field; young people on garage roofs; scooter stolen from The Street. Dealt with vehicles racing up and down Ferry Road. This is an ongoing problem and he will talk to the Specials, who might take some action. Report of a group of people in Sheerstone carrying knives – could not find anyone. Reports of two young people on a scooter checking out cars. Reports of youths firing at Rabbits with catapults.

#### 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. **Speeding and Speed Watch** – Still ongoing. Councillors have completed the theory examinations and now need to train on the equipment. Bring back to next meeting. Action: Clerk

6. **Planning** – no applications.

#### 7. Correspondence

1. **Drains, School Lane** – still awaiting feedback, Clerk to chase again. Action: Clerk

#### 8. Finance

1. **Grass Cutting 2019/20** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Trower; agreed the cost of grass cutting and

shrub maintenance of £6761.62, excluding VAT. The Parish Council will receive a grant of £2818.55 from KCC to offset this cost. Action: Clerk

2. **Daffodil Bulbs for Verges** – Clerk to obtain quotes. Action: Clerk

3. **Insurance Subscription Renewal 2019/20** – Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Trower, agreed to pay the premium of 1262.57p. Action: Clerk

4. **Year Ended 31 March 2019 Accounts** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore; these accounts agreed and accepted.

5. **Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 30 April 2019:

#### Details & Amount

Clerk's Expenses - Telephone, Office Use, 50% cost Foxit Phantom Pdf Software (Bobbing P.C. paying 50%); parking fee - April £81.22p H.M. Revenue & Customs Tax due for March £302.77p

McCabe Ford Williams - Quarterly Payroll Preparation £39.00p

GDPR - Info Limited Data Protection Officer Service 19/20 £420.00p

Came & Company - Insurance Premium 2019/20 £1262.57p

Steve Wakeling - Handyman Fee and materials April £343.00p  
(Six cheques in total)

#### 9. Projects/Project Updates

1. **Bollards, The Street** – Councillors met with the resident; agreed to look at the cost of a drop-down bollard (resident to pay for the equipment and installation). Clerk to investigate. Action: Clerk

2. **Festive Lights** – Cllr. Dollimore and the Clerk met with a new Maidstone contractor, who has promised some costings. Bring back to next meeting. Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Clerk

3. **Community Flood Plan** – Nothing to report as the planned meeting was cancelled. Because of concerns, Cllr. Trower to advise the Flood Protection Agency of a proposed new Reservoir at the top of School Lane. Keep on Agenda. Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Trower

#### 10. Reports from Representatives

1. **Hall** – events planned - charity Quiz Night (this Saturday – sold out) Quiff and the Shades 6 July, another race night and looking at other events.

2. **KALC** – nothing to report.

#### 11. Any Other Matters Arising – None.

#### 12. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday 12 June 2019, commencing at 7.30 pm in Iwade Village Hall.

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8 May, 2019

#### Presnt:

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#### 1. Election of Chair, and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office

Simon Cheeseman elected as Chair and duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

#### 2. Election of the Vice-Chairman and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office

Al Dollimore elected as Vice-chair and duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

#### 3. Election of Members of Committees and Other Bodies

Membership of Parish Council Committees and other bodies agreed as follows:

##### 1. Finance Committee:

Cllrs. Cheeseman, Langham, Dollimore and the Clerk

##### 2. Planning Committee:

Cllrs. Cheeseman, Dollimore, Langham, Trower, Lancashire and the Clerk

##### 3. Recreation, Arts and Cultural Committee:

Cllrs. Hyde, Trower and the Clerk.

##### 4. Kent Association of Local Councils:

Cllr. Clark

##### 5. Village Hall:

Cllr. Langham

##### 6. The Barn:

Cllr. Trower

#### 4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th May, 2018

Minutes agreed at the monthly meeting held on the 13 June 2018.

#### 5. Dates of Meetings 2019/20

Members agreed to meet on the second Wednesday of each month, with meetings commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 7.50 p.m.

## Iwade Parish Council - Chairman's Report -

### given to the Parish Meeting on

8th May 2019

Over the past year the Parish Council has worked hard on several projects to improve the village –

The first meeting with ARC, the company that designed the Cairn took place at the end of February 2017. After 21 months of liaison between ARC, Swale Borough Council and the Parish Council, the Cairn project was finalised. On the 11 November 2018, following a service at Iwade Church, the congregation proceeded to Woodpecker Park, where the Vicar dedicated the Cairn to the memory of the seven men from Iwade who fell during WW1. Many attended and admired the bronze plaque, which gives names of the men, their rank and their service. At last Iwade has a War Memorial to be truly proud of and which honours those brave villagers.

For the second year running, the Parish Council has taken over the grass cutting contract from Kent County Council, as a result of KCC reducing their cutting regime to only six times per year. The grass is now cut to a strict standard and far more frequently; I am sure residents are proud of the neatness and general appearance of the village.

Finally, after much hard work from those associated with the project and volunteers who gave their time freely, the Barn was completed at the beginning of the year. To assist with funding, just over £16,000 came from a Broadband Grant and just over £10,000 donated by the Parish Council. The Barn is now a very popular, successful venue, used by various residents' groups.

A new bus shelter was erected to the front of Woodpecker Park, making two in total in that area. KCC and the Parish Council felt that there was a need for this due to the growth in the village and an increase of people (in particular school children) waiting for the bus in the morning in at times inclement weather. The funding for this came from S.106 money.

Our most successful (and talked about) project this year was the festive lights. It took quite a bit of paperwork, discussions, etc., to meet all the rules and regulations necessary for the lights; did exceed the projected costs because of extra equipment insisted on by KCC but in the end all was finalised. The lights brought a magic to the village, enjoyed by many children and also adults. Our Christmas tree lighting up ceremony on the 25 November was made more magical with the appearance of snow (courtesy of the snow machine) and our magnificent Father Christmas, who enchanted all the children. Finally, the Iwade Can Sing Choir entertained us all with Carols. There was a huge turn-out for the switch on and the atmosphere was tremendous.

Members of the Parish Council are all volunteers, giving freely of their time and working with a strong commitment to enhance/fight on behalf of our community; here is hoping that in 2019/20, the Parish Council can achieve even more.