



Iwade Observer

**Get Your Diaries
Ready!**

**There are lots of
events coming up -
Iwade Rock, The
Church Fun Day,
Summer Band
Concert...
See inside for more
info**

June 2012

Iwade Rocks Again!

By Keith Reynolds

Its that time of year again folks.... Following the success of Iwade Rock 2011, the team behind the event are working hard to organise an even bigger and better event. If you didn't make it last year then this year is a must!! A great day was had by all!

Imagine this..... sitting on the grass, glass of Pimms, children playing happily, burgers in one hand and great bands performing in front of you..... This is one event the whole family can enjoy and you really need to be there!!

The Date: Sat 7th July.

The Venue: Iwade Village Hall Grounds and Garden.

There will be a Licensed Bar, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and BBQ, Chocolate Fountain, Candy Floss, Ice Cream Van and lots more entertainment and stalls still yet to be confirmed. A purpose Built Stage where the acts will wow you! Why not bring the kids down and enjoy the sunshine whilst listening to some of Kent's Finest Cover and Tribute acts.

There will be something for everyone..... From Muse To Motown

The full line up and show times can be found on the new Facebook Page dedicated to the event: www.facebook.com/iwaderock

Your support for this Great Village Event would be fantastic Can we count on you?

Any local companies wishing to sponsor the event, advertise on stage, or just for more information can contact Keith Reynolds on 07921 151974 or keith@fscsltd.co.uk

Ticket Information is as follows:

On the Day:	In Advance:
Adults £4	Adults £3
11-18 £3.50	11-18 £2.50
Under 11's Free	Under 11's Free

Advance tickets can be ordered by emailing tarakent@sky.com or gl_hunt@sky.com

We look forward to seeing you there.



Print Error

We at the Iwade Observer team can only apologise for last month's printer error on behalf of Swale BC Printers who made the error.

If you received your May Iwade Observer with repeated articles and February Dates for the Diary (historical but not useful!) we are very sorry.

Swale BC Printers have promised this will not happen again and we will also do our utmost to ensure it doesn't.

Thank you to everyone who rallied around to rectify the situation as soon as we were made aware of the error.

Community Household Sale

Well, what a success Iwade's first Community Household Sale was. Well done to Emily Whittingham who organised the event - with three weeks from mentioning the idea to the event being held it wasn't easy getting things sorted (especially when 7 months pregnant). 27 households took part and people were coming from as far as Teynham to grab some bargains. Don't worry if you missed this one as I'm sure there will be another one soon!



Official Opening Of Iwade Allotments

By Nicola McKenzie

Bank Holiday Monday 7th May saw the Iwade Allotments at Elm Tree Avenue Iwade officially open. Mayor Ben Stokes and Sylvia Bennett attended the opening and cut the ribbon to declare the already thriving and fruitful allotments officially open.



The Iwade Allotments have benefited from funding from The Big Lottery Fund, the Iwade Parish Council, KCC and the Kent Police to mention a few with the recent addition of planting around the allotments and a block paved entrance.

If you are an Iwade resident and would like to put your name on the waiting list for an allotment contact Iwade Allotment Association Chair Phil Burbury on 07778 384233 or by email at philburbury@hotmail.com.

Plot holders had baked and plants were for sale including purple brussel sprout and heart-shaped tomato plants!

The atmosphere at the allotments on the day was one of real community. County Councillor Mike Whiting also attended and commented on the allotments being such a great addition to community life in Iwade.

A Sad Farewell....

...to Iwade Parish Councillor Janet Gregory. Janet has been a big part of the Parish Council since she joined in October 2008 but is unfortunately now leaving to spend more time with family. She will definitely be missed at the monthly meetings.

Due to this there is now a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to be considered for the post please send a letter telling the Council about your background and why you would like to join to iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk or post to P.O. Box 588, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 9ET

Woodpecker Workouts

By James Hunt

Have you seen anyone running around and jumping up and down in the Orchard in Woodpecker Drive? It's not people going mad but the idea of Iwade resident Jay Manning to get people fit. Jay, who's a professional paddle boarder, spent three months out in California over the winter fitness training to get ready for competitions here in the UK this summer. One of the regimes he was doing whilst there was something called 'Urban Circuits' where people use every day objects such as benches and fences as gym equipment and he really wanted to keep up his fitness whilst returning to Iwade and pass what he has learnt on to others. Starting by going out with a few friends word has got out and people are now even coming from Sittingbourne for Jay to pass on the techniques that he has learnt. The sessions that he teaches are completely relaxed and he encourages people to go at their own pace.



If people then want to take their fitness further they can then join Jay on the water and give Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP) a go. The fastest growing water sport in the UK SUP gives a complete core workout and is a great way to get fit. Jay being one of the pioneers of SUP in the UK there is no one better to have a lesson with. For more information on the workouts, land or water, then contact Jay via the 'Iwade Woodpecker Workouts' Facebook group or give him a call on 07858773706

Watch This Space!

By Revd Ron Partridge

These parting words in my letter in the April Observer were a hint of things to come. All Saints Church are looking to make the church building more family friendly as well as being of greater use to the whole village. We have been encouraged by Canterbury Diocese to 'think big'. This will include: toilet facilities (hurrah!), a serving area for refreshments, areas for children's activities, and a cafe area for just gathering together around cups of tea or

or coffee at other times besides Sundays. It could even include a new church hall for general village use!

Come to the 'Get To Know Your Church' Fun Day on Saturday 14th July, 2.00pm to 4.00 pm (find out more in the Iwade Church Fun Day article in this issue). Whilst the Fun Day is from 2.00pm the church will be open from 10.00am onwards and we plan to have displays in the church illustrating what we have in mind. Comments and suggestions welcome.

Iwade Church Fun Day

Come and join us on 14th July 2.00pm at Iwade Church Grounds for A Fun Day. We invite all ages to come along and enjoy a fun time. We will have various stalls and games including A Coconut Shy for the dads to try their hand. There will be a delicious Strawberry Tea available with fresh cream and scones. There will be a BBQ and Candy Floss stand in grounds and we hope to organise a Fancy-Dress competition with prizes for the winners and other games for the children.

Keep this date in your diary and there will be more information as it unfolds.

If you are a local group who would like to help or participate in our Fun Day please ring Sylvia on 07802 419 498.

Puddle Ducks



Puddle Ducks East Kent run by Iwade resident Angela Higginbotham offers baby and toddler swimming classes at Westlands Primary School in Sittingbourne. Angela started the classes in September and the popularity of them has meant that for the summer term, she has expanded her hours so that classes are now available on Monday afternoons between 3.45pm – 5.45pm and now Friday afternoons as well.

As an Iwade resident, Angela would like to offer any new customers from the village a chance to join for a 'mini-term' at a heavily discounted price. If you would like to join for the second half of the term at Westlands Primary School (starts Monday 11th June) you can join for just £36 for lessons all the way until the end of term (15th July)! Iwade residents and new customers only – so spread the word! If you are interested, email Angela on eastkent@puddleducks.com or call 01622 236111.

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Editor's Note

Another difficult month fitting in all the articles I received – so much is happening in the village at the moment. The community spirit we have here in Iwade always amazes me. In April we saw residents coming together and organising a very successful Easter Egg Hunt and in May we had our first Community Household Sale. With lots of events coming up this summer we definitely can't complain that we've got nothing happening.

One of the great things happening here is the Iwade Nature Park. I have heard that some residents may not even know that we will be having a Nature Park but a Nature and Conservation Group is currently being formed and it is hoped to let everyone know more about what is happening and to educate residents about the many species of wildlife we have in the village. As soon as more information is available I will make sure that everyone is aware of what's happening. For those on Facebook (you know I love it!) you can stay updated by joining the 'Iwade Nature and Conservation Group' group.

Hopefully I'll get to meet you all at some of the events!

See you soon.

James Hunt

Deputy Churchwarden's Notes By Sylvia O'Shea

Yes, that is correct - I'm now Deputy Warden and this is likely to be my last notes to you; Maria and I have both served as Churchwardens for over 20 years and feel younger folk should now take up the reins. Your new Churchwardens are: Ron Francis and Richard Lyndsell. Ron can be contacted on 01795 427777 and Richard on 01795 478755.

Have you made a note of the Annual Summer Concert on July 7th? It starts at 7pm and promises to be a thoroughly entertaining evening. Tickets are only £5 (concessions £3.50) and are available from Sylvia O'Shea on 01795 478103 or on the gate on the night. Cost includes interval refreshments too. I gather the Village Hall also has a musical evening, so you have choice.

On June 3rd at 10.30am in place of the normal Communion Service, there is to be a special service to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Do please come and join us for this one off service. It really is quite a historic event for the whole nation.

Please come along to the church also on July 14th for the Summer Fete being organised by Sylvia Francis and the social committee. A lot of effort is being put in and the hopes are to raise the funding to install a toilet and small kitchen in the church. You will have read Rev. Ron's notes on how plans are progressing to this end, **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP**. We have been raising the necessary funding for about 5 years and need this extra push to get there. Can you help by supporting our efforts?

Many thanks for all your help over the years.

It has been a privilege to serve Our Lord and you.

A thought to share...

When you feel the tension mounting,
And across the busy day,
Only gloomy clouds are drifting,
As you start to worry - pray.
(Anon)

On June the 10th Iwade Residents Dave Wastall and Nick Clark will be cycling 60 miles in aid of a cancer charity

If you would like to sponsor them for this worthy cause please take a look at their site www.justgiving.com/Daves-Great-Kent-Ride-2012

Dates for the Diary

Iwade Village Market Sunday 3rd June 2012 10 am to 1pm at Iwade Village Hall - stalls and refreshments, telephone 07990 767893 or 07904 610298 for more info

Special Jubilee Service Sunday 3rd June 2012 10.30am Special Service celebrating a historic event for the whole nation.

Mobile Library Thursday 7th June 2012 11.15 to 11.25am Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of id to join.

Church Open Day Saturday 9th June 2012 10 to 2pm refreshments and produce for sale

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 13th June 2012 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall 7.30pm. Public are welcome, time allowed

WI Meeting Wednesday 20th June 2012 7.30pm Talk on "Book and Paper Conservation, Cleaning and Repair"

Mobile Library Thursday 21st June 2012 11.15 to 11.25am Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of id to join.

Art Exhibition 10am-4pm 23rd June Iwade Village Hall See www.thearttrain.com for more info

Church Family Service Sunday 24th June 2012 10.30am - 60 minutes of contemporary, interactive and creative worship for all ages.

Parish Council Finance Meeting Wednesday 27th June 2012 7.30pm Iwade Village Hall.

Iwade Village Market Sunday 1st July 2012 10 am to 1pm at Iwade Village Hall.

Iwade Rock Saturday 7th July 2012 12pm Tickets available from Tara Kent at tarakent@sky.com or Gemma Hunt at gl_hunt@sky.com

Summer Band Concert Sunday 7th July 7pm All Saint's Church with the UK Paper Band. Tickets on the door or from Sylvia on 478103

Iwade Summer Fun Day Sunday 8th July 11am-4pm Iwade Community Primary School

Church Fun Day Saturday 14th July 2012 2pm-4pm

Potential Flood Risk!!

The Iwade Stream has seen an increase in the amount of rubbish being thrown in to it lately and there is an increased risk of flooding especially with all the recent rain we have had. One of the main concerns of the Environment Agency is around the Sheerstone area of the stream. The EA closely monitor the stream but with a sudden increase in water and something blocking the way properties are at serious threat of flooding. If you see anything in the stream that you may be concerned about call our local EA team on 01795 844035 or 07768 111913.



Our PCSO, Aaron Harris will be holding his first community engagement on the 6th June between 11am and 12pm in Budgens Car Park.

Please come along if you would like to raise any issues or just simply to meet your new PCSO.

Iwade W.I

By Hilary Foulds

As part of our celebrations for our 80th birthday year, Members have been treated to a Designer Day at the WI's Denman College in May thanks to fund raising efforts and generous grants from the Parish and Borough Councils. Denman College www.denman.org.uk is the WI's centre for learning – imparting knowledge and practical experience in the fields of cookery, art, craft, wellbeing and lifestyle. The college offers a wealth of opportunities to learn new skills on one day schools and short courses. Everyone is welcome – men and women, members and non-members. They can even cater for groups of friends or hen parties that are looking for something a bit different. The college is set in the picturesque village of Marcham near Oxford. The Georgian mansion and 17 acres of grounds provide a relaxing environment for learning and the suite of rooms that make up the Studios provide comprehensive facilities for courses.

The East Kent Federation of WI's is taking over Denman College for 5 days in late May for East Kent WI's offering a range of topics to learn about. Some members from Iwade are participating in this Denman holiday, each of us having chosen a different course to follow from those offered.

Our Designer Day was a taster really. After coffee on arrival, we were treated to Magic of the Musicals when James

Mitchell took us through the history of the musical. He rounded up the 2 hour session with a medley of songs, sung to us live, straw hat and all. We then had lunch in our own separate dining room with the opportunity to visit the Denman gift shop before the afternoon session with chef Peter Lien. Peter demonstrated how to cook 5 easy suppers, my favourite of which was Breast of Chicken with Oloroso, Dates and Almonds. Gorgoeus! As each dish was completed it was served up for us to taste. We were treated to afternoon tea and cake before the coach collected us and got us home soon after 6pm. I have to say Denman was extremely well organised, a very slick operation in a homely and stately setting. A lot was fitted into a short day.

Our monthly WI meeting in May at the village hall was about discussing and voting on whether the National Federation of WI's should pursue as a campaign a Resolution calling on the government to increase investment in the training, employment and retention of midwives to ensure services are adequately resourced and are able to deliver a high standard of care. There are chronic shortages of midwives and it is hoped that together WI members can use their collective voice to highlight the issue which touches the lives of many women and their families.

Our next meeting, 20 June, sees us welcoming Elizabeth Fagg-Shuttlewood to



the village hall with her talk about Book and Paper Conservation, Cleaning and Repair. Elizabeth has been recommended to us from another WI who went so far to say she was one of the best and most entertaining speakers they had ever had. We will be asking her to judge our competition for a favourite old book/document.

Meetings of Iwade WI are held at 7.30pm every third Wednesday of the month. For more information about Iwade WI please refer to the village noticeboards, contact Hilary, our Secretary 01795 474686 or email hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk We love welcoming new members. How about coming along to one of our meetings to see how you like us? If you are nervous about walking through the door on your own just give Hilary a ring and she'll arrange for one of us to walk in with you. 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.

Parish Council Notes

Taken from the meeting held on the 11th April 2012

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Village Park/Pond – Cllr. Hunt advised that a survey is being carried out on the pond to see what wildlife it contains. The new Iwade Nature Conservation Group has been set up and has seven members. It is hoped that at the time when KRAG carries out its Great Crested Newt survey in April these members will be trained in managing the Newts' environment. He also mentioned the possibility that a Villager will be donating £50 to help with this.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Trees/Celebration – The planting of the commemorative trees will be deferred until October, following advice received from the Nursery that owing to the drought the trees will not survive

Iwade Medical Centre – The Clerk has written to the PCT and the Medical Centre's Practice Manager, looking to set up a meeting to discuss some of the concerns raised by Parishioners.

Clerk added that she has now received notification from the PCT that a letter has been sent to all patients advising that a walk in session has been arranged at the medical centre on the 19th April, from 5.30 to 7.00 p.m. This session will allow patients to put forward their concerns and for the PCT to update them on the current position regarding the centre.

Replacement of old Parish Lighting – Agreed Cllr. Phillips to inspect all 26 columns and report back with his findings to the next meeting.

D.S. Smith Paper Limited – Following this company's offer of financial assistance/help with community projects at last month's meeting, Members' were asked to formulate ideas to put forward. One idea is ask the company to purchase a pond dipping station and to help with the nature trail; it was agreed that Cllrs. Phillips and Hunt put together a presentation involving these suggestions for submission to the company.

Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – Steve Theobald, who has taken over the running of the Village Market, sought clarification on restrictions for cooking in the Village Hall garden area; he would like to bring in more products which might require cooking on site. Members agreed to this proposal providing that risk assessments are carried out on each stall holder who wishes to take up this option and a copy of the assessment given to the Parish Council; stall holders have up to date Public Liability Insurance and adequate fire extinguishers are located around the site.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – Borough Cllr. Alan Willicombe thought the grant he had offered of £1000 was going through; Clerk confirmed she had submitted the forms to KCC and the Parish Council hopes to purchase a picnic table/seating and a bench for the Village Park, plus a bench for the green adjacent to Sheerstone.

County Cllr. Mike Whiting has arranged for bollards to be installed on the footway in the Village Centre's access road, to stop vehicles parking on the pavement. He is also pushing KCC for a 20 m.p.h. speed limit in Iwade. He informed that at a recent meeting of the L.E.F. teenagers had asked for a Skateboard Park in Sittingbourne. Swale Borough Council is looking for a site and the Clerk will write to the owner of the Speedway Track at Raspberry Hill to ascertain whether it is possible to use some of his land.

Finance

Seed of Hope Upkeep – The Chairman advised that during a recent discussion with Hillreed Homes it had been discovered that no-one has responsibility for maintenance of this work of art, which is now showing signs of wear and tear. Clerk instructed to contact the Sculptor, Will Glanfield, to gain his advice on the repairs.

Picnic Table and Benches (KCC Grant) – Clerk advised that she has pursued Borough Councillor Alan Willicombe's offer of a KCC grant. The total cost of the extended picnic table and two benches, excluding V.A.T., is £857. On top of this there is a possible £2,000 for concrete bases for each piece of equipment; this amount is a very quick 'guestimate' supplied by the Handyman, as there was insufficient time to obtain an accurate figure because of the short closing date for submission of applications.

Swale RAHM (Core Strategy)

Cllr. Gregory and Cllr. Phillips attended a meeting at Bobbing Village Hall on the 25th March, which was held to raise awareness around the new 20 year plan, which was offered for consultation. CPRE raised serious concerns around sustainability; there is a lack of schools, hospitals and highways to support the planned new housing. The Parish Council also needs to respond to the consultation, which includes Gypsy and Traveller pitch number options, the Council's 2010/11 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and The Core Strategy Sustainability Appraisal.

Village Hall Updates

Peter Lovelock, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, was invited to update the Council on this item. Peter attended the meeting of Swale Borough Council's Planning Committee on the 29th March, to hear the debate on the outline planning application for the Village Hall site. All fourteen Members present voted unanimously to agree the permission. However, after the meeting an e-mail was received from the Planning Officer advising that permission was subject to the view of Sports England, which was still awaited, and that they had until the 21st April to respond.

Provisions For Teenagers

Youth Parish Council – regrettably no teenagers attended the meeting to follow up their enquiry. County Cllr. Whiting was very interested in the formation of a Youth Council and the Clerk will advise him if there is any take up.

Skateboard Park – possible site Raspberry Hill – regrettably no teenagers attended the meeting. See Cllr. Mike Whiting's comments under Section 5 -Visitor/Public Time.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 13th June 7.30 p.m.



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Due to growing number of complaints and the fact that Dog fouling is a nuisance and can also be a danger, particularly to young children, as it can lead to serious illnesses such as Toxocara, Iwade Parish Council would like to draw the following order to Parishioners' attention.

The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Swale) Order 2007 THE CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005 The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006 (SI2006/1059)

Swale Borough Council (in this order called "the Council) makes the following Order:

- 1) This Order comes into force on the 7th day of January 2008
- 2) This Order applies to land specified in Schedule 1

Offence

(3)(1) If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless-

- (a) He has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

(2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who-

- (a) Is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the national Assistance Act 1948; or
- (b) Has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance.

(3) For the purposes of this article-

- (a) A person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
- (b) Placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be a sufficient removal from the land;
- (c) Being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;
- (d) Each of the following is a "prescribed charity"-

- (i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454)
- (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281)
- (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)

Penalty

(4) A person who is guilty of an offence under article 3 shall be issued with a fixed penalty notice as prescribed by Section 59 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. The amount of the penalty is £80 (or £60 if paid within 7 days). Failure to pay the fixed penalty will result in prosecution.

SCHEDULE 1

This Order applies to all land which is within the administrative area of Swale Borough and which is-

- (i) Open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment). (Any land that is covered shall be treated as land that is 'open to the air' if it is open to the air on at least one side).
- (ii) Any clearly defined made up pathway that is surfaced by tarmac, gravel, shingle or concrete and any groomed grass area beside said pathway

Residents who witness this offence may report it by either contacting the Dog Warden, Tim Oxley, on 01794 424341; or the Community Warden, Nick Mayatt, on 07969 584184, or by going on-line www.swale.gov.uk/dog-fouling



**Kent
Police**

Sittingbourne Police Station
Central Avenue
Sittingbourne
Kent
ME10 4NR
15/04/2012

Dear Resident

Following engagement with the local community, Kent Police have been asked to dedicate more time in dealing with issues of inconsiderate, illegal, and dangerous parking.

From speaking to motorists, it is often the case that many offences are being caused from a lack of knowledge rather than any criminal intent.

Can I please point out that if you park on the kerb and you obstruct access to the footpath sufficiently to cause a member of the public with a double buggy to walk in the road, or park in such a way as to obstruct the view of the junction then this would constitute an offence of obstruction.

The Highways Act 1980, Section 137(1) states:-

“If a person, without lawful authority or excuse, in any way wilfully obstructs the free passage along a highway he is guilty of an offence”.

THE PENALTY FOR THIS OFFENCE IS A £30 FINE

Vehicle Numbers will be taken and repeat offenders will be given a ticket.

We will continue to monitor the problem and would welcome your continued support in the local area to deal with this community priority.

Thank you

PCSO 57932 Aaron Harris