

## Iwade Health Walks - Doing Your Bit

James Apps

It is mid-May in lovely weather. Nice warm rain, flowers and sunlit views across the estuary; a pleasant walk around the village inspecting the ponds and streams. Well done to the community for recognising the Noble Chafer with an information post and a sculpture. Well done also for clearing a pathway around the ponds near Woodpecker Park. Doing your bit – good work and much appreciated.

We determined to do our bit when once more we had to negotiate the area of pathway around or through rubbish dumped just off the byway where the Saxon Shore Way makes a crossing. With guidance as to the proper route from Alan Smith, a small group of walk leaders turned up with tools and determination.

We located the path, cleared the nettles, nipped off overhanging

vegetation, shifted some rubbish from the way lifted some small hazards from the track. All this serenaded by frogs from the nearby lakes in beautiful Spring sunshine.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our Spring/post Easter get together with a pleasant walk followed by a buffet at the Woolpack. Thanks to Molly who organised the event. I have to add at this point thanks to all the walk leaders who muck in and help exposing themselves – oops, stand out with the yellow jackets to make sure motorists can see us – I think that's better said. Thanks also to the walkers who chatter, welcome newcomers and make them part of the group – you too are doing your bit. Yes, I do hear your conversations as I stride ahead grumbling and complaining about people not doing as I ask them, etc. forgetting that the back markers are also doing their bit.

As is said – keep on trucking.

Photo - Working on the Saxon Shore Way - the proud helpers!



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Redy2Drive Driving School is your local Iwade based driving school. I have been instructing for the past 12 years and have been based in the village for the past 5 years. With the recent increase in automatic requests and the oncoming electric car

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# The Iwade Observer

June 2019

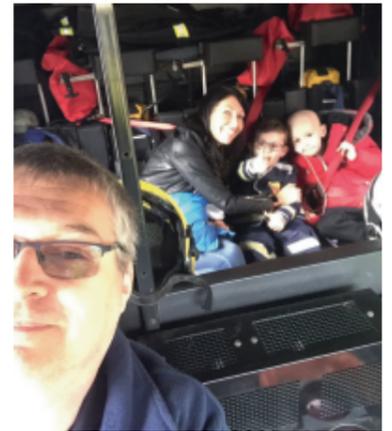


## Paultons Park and Peppa Pig World by Fire Engine!

Stephen Jordan

On the 27th of April 2019 I took part in the 31st Piam Brown Ward Fire Adventure, this is where a group of children who are being treated for all types of cancer from the Piam Brown ward in Southampton Hospital are treated to a day out at Paultons Park and Peppa Pig World in Romsey near Southampton, and then on to a tea party at a local village hall, where lots of party food and pizza had been donated by local business.

It is a very emotional but well worth while day out, as these children not only get a day out but they get chauffeured there in a fleet of 28 preserved fire engines, all owned privately by members of the Fire Service Preservation Group (FSPG). Being the owner of one of the fire engines that are in the village, this is my third year taking part in this event. It's brilliant to see the kids (and some Dads!) faces light up when they see all the fire engines lined up. We meet up at Leisure World in



Southampton and travel approximately half an hour to reach Paultons Park where we arrive in style, with blue lights flashing and sirens wailing! (it's a private road). I am extremely indebted to Dave Neale for the loan of his fire engine while mine was off the road.

This year we had the pleasure of taking Ellis and his brother William along with their mum. Luckily the weather held out as the night before it was very windy and some of the high roller coasters were closed due to this reason, but it didn't stop the children enjoying Peppa Pig World

I'm already looking forward to next year!



The Woolpack held a 60s Rock & Roll Night on Saturday 13th April to raise money for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. The successful night managed to raise a massive grand total of £1230. For upcoming events check out The Woolpack on facebook, search "The Woolpack Iwade".



## The Woolpack's Charity Night



## Run Iwade

Liz Mills and Shawn Washer

We are very proud to announce that we have had our most recent Couch to 5k (C25K) graduation, the runners did fantastic at Sittingbourne parkrun and we gave medals and certificates.

The new C25k group will begin on the 20th of May; if anyone is interested please search Facebook for "Run Iwade C25k group 5"

Three of our runners have raised money for charity and ran a marathon.

Emma Russell ran London Marathon; Kelly Davis ran Milton Keynes marathon; Rachel Kemp ran Brighton marathon! A massive well done, and we have Sabrina Garrett currently training for a marathon also.

Run Iwade have recently taken part in events, 10k and The Isle of Sheppey 10k, Brighton Half marathon, the Fun Colour Run; they all did Iwade very proud.

Congratulations to our lovely Angela who recently received an award from the group for being the most improved runner of the month. Angela has worked extremely hard on her running and has achieved great results.

Adrian Webb has recently completed his first half marathon with a very respectable time, so much so he is now part of elite running club The Wolfpack. This is a club for faster runners which is run by Richard Mills, Ben Baker and Glen Rickersey.

Rachel Jeffries is one of our very busy mum runners, you will often see her running with her twin babies in the pram. She also

completed a great half marathon alongside Claire Wallington. Ian Henderson also completed the very tough Maidstone half marathon alongside his wife Emma Henderson who has also completed her first half marathon!

We have some of our runners who are training extremely hard for the Royal Parks Half Marathon & Liverpool Half Marathon. They are all raising money for charities and we wish them the very best of luck. Laura Webb, Kathy Washer, Shawn Washer, Clare Langham, Mel Hibbin.

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MINI RUN IWADDE RUNNER ALFIE! Alfie Kemp ran a 5k in 37 minutes 14 seconds!

As you can see, run Iwade are more than just a village group, we travel together and represent our lovely village. We raise money for charities and we have fun whilst doing so.

If you are an established runner, please come and join us! Or if you want to start running, join the new group. It's not too late. Please contact Liz Mills who will be running the programme.

Well done to all our runners who have achieved great distances and personal goals. Please remember that this is a free club, we are here to inspire others. By no means, are Shawn and myself athletes, but we want everyone to set their goals so we can help achieve them.

Please may I also add that we are proud to announce we have gained sponsorship from Grovehurst Cars.



## Iwade Reading and Book Group

Sylvia Francis

At our monthly meeting on Tuesday May 14th we reviewed Don't Let's Go to The Dogs Tonight by Alexandra Fuller. This was a different agenda for us as it was based on a true story. It tells the story of the unconventional Fuller family, a white English family living and working whilst struggling with the harsh environment of life during the transition from Rhodesia to Zimbabwe. The group enjoyed this book but found the irresponsible parenting rather astonishing. Next month's meeting is on June 11th at The Barn 10.30 all welcome to join our group. The book is The Turning Point by Freya North, and for our July 9th we will be discussing Pied Piper by Neville Shute.



## Iwade Parent & Toddler Group

Louise Wade

If you haven't been before, the Parent & Toddler group is on every Tuesday (excluding school holidays) 9am to 11am in the Village Hall; just walk round the side to the white door. The first session is free, and thereafter it is £2 for the first child and 50p for each additional child.

There are lots of toys for the children to play with and a craft table for them to get creative (and sometimes a bit messy!). The grown-ups can help themselves to a tea/coffee and the children all get a biscuit and a juice (which is about the only quiet time!).

With summer just around the corner, hopefully the weather will be kind and the children can also play out in the garden, during our final term before breaking up for the summer holidays.

## Babies, cuppas and company!

Iwade Baby Group

If you've got a baby/babies, and fancy a hot cuppa and some adult company, join us at the Iwade Baby Group! It runs on a Monday from 1.00 - 2.30 at The Barn. For just a £1 a week, it is a chance for parents and babies to meet and play in a relaxed environment. There is something for every baby, no matter their age (although there isn't space for little ones who are running around sadly). Find our Facebook page 'Iwade baby group' and come along and join us - the group is always evolving as babies grow and move on, and brand new little ones join! The kettle is on and waiting - we'd love to see you there.



## Healthy Tinkerbells!

Donna Barker

We have had a busy term at Tinkerbells, the children have planted vegetables and have been taking good care of them and are excited to see some of them growing already.

It is hard to believe that Term 6 is upon us already and we begin our final

term of the academic year! Our final topic is 'Healthy Living' where we will explore how to keep ourselves healthy and fit, we have already held a sponsored walk which was a great success and lots of fun for all involved and this term we will be holding our Annual Sports Day.

As the term progresses we will be preparing our older children for that all important transition to school, this is a very exciting time in their journey and we will be celebrating it in many ways with them.

Our availability is very limited at both Tinkerbells from September 2019 therefore if you are interested in a place for your child please call in for a copy of our information pack. Alternatively, you can contact us at [enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk)

**IWADE VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY EVENTS PRESENTS**

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

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Cash prizes with tote betting

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receive a free bet

All profits split between 5 charities

**To book, please call 01795 437372 or email [events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk)**

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NHS	<a href="https://www.nhs.uk/">https://www.nhs.uk/</a>	111	111
Environment Agency General enquiries	<a href="mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk">enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk</a>	03708 506 506	n/a
Environment Agency Incident reporting	n/a	0800 80 70 60	0800 80 70 60
Environment Agency Floodline	n/a	0345 988 1188	0345 988 1188
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Southern Water General enquiries	<a href="https://www.southernwater.co.uk/call-us">https://www.southernwater.co.uk/call-us</a>	0330 303 1263	n/a
Southern Water Leak line	<a href="https://www.southernwater.co.uk/call-us">https://www.southernwater.co.uk/call-us</a>	0330 303 0368	0330 303 0368
South East Water Water Supply enquiries	<a href="https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/contact-us">https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/contact-us</a>	0333 000 0002	0333 000 0365

## Urgent help required please !!

Three of our stalwart Observer distributors are hanging up their paper-bags this month – we thank them very much for the time they have put in, in some cases many years!! So we desperately need eager replacements please. A chance to get out in the fresh air, help your community and get a bit of exercise into the bargain – a “win-win”. Each round should take under an hour and it’s just for 10 months of the year (no August or January issue).

Rounds available are: 1) School Lane, Evergreen Close and Meadow Close – 100 copies, 2) part of Sanderling Way and Mallard Crescent – 70 copies, and 3) Grovehurst Road and Ferry Road – 42 copies

If you can help, or would like further information please do get in touch at:  
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## High Octane Breakfast!

Ron Francis

Our May meeting was a high octane session...well almost! We had a presentation from Paul Heller, a retired but successful speedway rider based at the Iwade track. He gave us all an interesting insight on speedway, bikes, riders and of course the history of the circuit itself. This included a piece on the WW2 defence emplacement situated alongside the track. Which incidentally most of us were unaware even existed. Next month (June4th) we look forward to one of our members “David “ who is giving a talk on aviation history which will include a small quiz as well. We are a small welcoming group who meet monthly for a bacon roll, tea or coffee and of course a chat. Why not give us a try on the first Tuesday of each month at 09:30 at The Barn.

## Monday Friendship Group A Meander down memory lane

Sylvia Francis

On Monday 11th May our group enjoyed a meander down memory lane. Jackie one of our members came armed with paper and pens, and got us all thinking about our childhood games and memories. Between us we had many hilarious stories to tell and the two hours flew by. Thank you, Jackie, we all enjoyed our morning, although, at first we thought we were going back to school as you passed around the pens and paper! We meet on alternative Mondays at 10.30. at The Barn. June meetings will be June10th. and 24th. We are a friendly group and welcome Iwade residents old and new for tea/coffee/biscuits and a chat all for £1.

## NOTICE

### The Annual General Meeting of the Iwade Village Hall management committee

will be held on:

**Wednesday 5th June 2019  
at 7PM**

In the village hall

All residents of Iwade over the age of 18 are welcome to attend.

Please arrive by 6.50pm for a prompt 7pm start

The current committee welcomes new applications for trustees. Your interest must be emailed to [chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk) and received no later than 7pm on Tuesday 4th June 2019

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## Summer Fair Saturday 27th July 12-3pm All Saints' Church Iwade, and the Barn

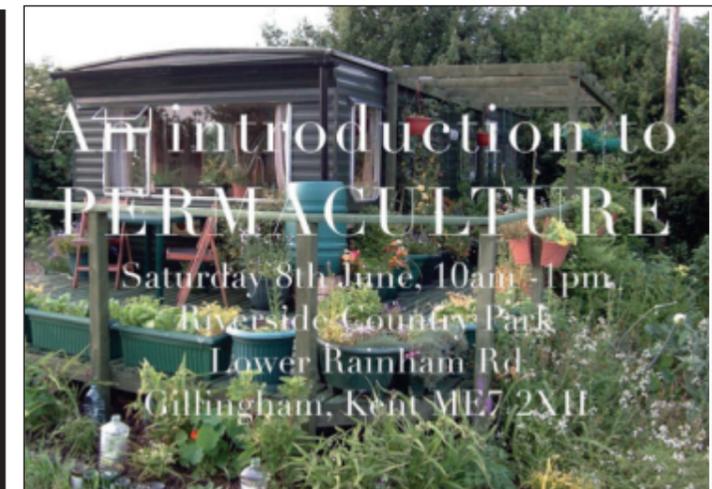
Hook-a-duck, plate smashing, tin can alley, ball-in-a-jar, tombola, bouncy castle, pop-corn, candy floss and shaved-ice cones, lots of crafts and games to play, face painting, and more.

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# IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10 April 2019

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Mills and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13 March 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

## Public Time

**1. Visitors** – Representatives from Gilling Planning attended the meeting to outline the Care Home application (see below). This already has outline approval and the current application is for reserved matters. They mentioned that they had made provision for 25 car parking spaces, for visitors and staff; Councillors raised their concern that this would be insufficient.

**2. County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting advised that the police are looking into reports of speeding in Stangate Drive after a resident raised concerns with him. There has been a lot of activity regarding alleged asbestos contamination at a site in Peach Blossom Drive; raised with Swale and the Environment Agency on behalf of residents. The MP and Cllr Dewar-Whalley have also raised it with Swale and the Health and Safety Executive. Cllr. Whiting is not aware of any enforcement action to date. He will keep pressing for clarification on whether there is a public health issue. KCC has launch a page to gather feedback on bus services. This will provide a greater understanding of what types of problems bus users experience and spot trends about the areas or on which services they arise. The information will be used to inform the conversations that KCC Public Transport have with bus operators through our Quality Bus Partnerships, or more generally to help improve things for bus users. KCC is encouraging people to use the form to let them know about their experience of using buses and the quality of service provided. The page is at [www.kent.gov.uk/busfeedback](http://www.kent.gov.uk/busfeedback). Has advised the Clerk of the digitisation of various Parish Records in Kent. To find out more about 'Findmypast's' collections of Kent visit: <https://www.kentarchives.org>.

**3. Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden written report: Reported fly tipping incidents in Old Ferry Road, Raspberry Hill Lane, Sheerstone and Sheppey Way to Swale Borough Council. Checked on School gate. Reported blocked drain and day burner to KCC. Investigated a reported abandoned vehicle. Dealt with parking issues in The Street.

## Matters Arising from the Minutes

**1. Dark Nights = Double the Dog Poo** – Dog

Warden reports there appears to be a reduction in faeces.

**2. Speeding and Speed Watch** – In-hand, some Councillors have already taken up training.

**3. Street Lighting Grovehurst Road (footpath and Vegetation)** – Highways Steward is looking into the footpath surface and will get vegetation cut back.

**4. Vandalism Bus Shelter** – Things are quiet at present. Cllr. Dollimore will still look into anti-vandalism paint for the roofs. Action: Cllr. Dollimore

**5. Bollards, The Street** – Clerk to arrange a site meeting; bring back to next meeting. Action: Clerk

## Planning

**1. 19/500901/FULL:** Culnells Farm School Lane Iwade Kent: Erection of a timber summerhouse – no objections.

**2. 19/501360/FULL:** Erection of a first floor side extension: 3 Springvale Iwade Kent ME9 8RY – no objections.

**3. 19/501160/REM:** Reserved Matters relating to layout, scale and appearance of the proposed building and the landscaping of the site pursuant to outline application 16/505299/OUT for construction of a 60 bed care home (within Class C2): Coleshall Farm Ferry Road Iwade Kent ME9 8QY – Agreed to respond: The Parish Council has no objections to the application. However, Councillors have concerns regarding parking. We understand there are 25 spaces but taking into account staff and visitors, we can foresee cars parked on the access road and Sheppey Way. Application 18/506677/HYBRID is currently under consideration by Swale and the entrance to this development will be in close proximity to the care home. The Parish Council feels that in light of the existing traffic calming and the two new entrances this area should be looked at with a view to redesigning the highway to avoid future issues.

## Finance

**1. KALC Subscription Renewal 2019/20** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Clark; agreed the subscription of £1129.22p. Action: Clerk

**Quote for setting up .gov.uk emails** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Trower; agreed to £879.72p (includes VAT reclaimable) for 2 year registration of domain name iwade-pc.gov.uk; 365 Mailbox x 12 and setting up of mailboxes, etc. Action: Clerk

**2. GDPR-Info Renewal of Contract 2019/20** – Proposed by Cllr. Trower and seconded by Cllr. Langham, agreed to pay the subscription fee of £350. Action: Clerk

**3. Planters** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Clark; agreed to order a small planter up to a cost of £500 for siting on the footpath to the front of the meadow side of the Village Park, as suggested by KCC to stop vehicles parking on this wider pavement. Action: Clerk

## Projects/Project Updates

**1. Village Clean-up** – in hand, Clerk to purchase refreshments and has asked the Village Handyman to attend and the Brownies will be attending. Action: Clerk

**2. Bollards, The Street** – See 5.5 above.

**3. Running Event** – Take off the Agenda, agreed to look at next year.

**4. Festive Lights** – No update, Cllr. Dollimore exploring new contractors. Action: Cllr. Dollimore

**5. Community Flood Plan** – Cllrs. Whiting and Trower attended the last multi-agency Flood Meeting, when it was recommended creating a list of emergency numbers. Members agreed to place this list in the Iwade Observer.

Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Trower

## Reports from Representatives

**1. Hall** – Successful Quiz Night, raised to donate £30 to each of the non-profit users of the Village Hall. 70's Night on the 4 May; Quiff and the Shades on the 6 July; 11 May Charity Quiz Night.

**KALC** – nothing to report.

Next meeting June 12th in the Village Hall at 19:30

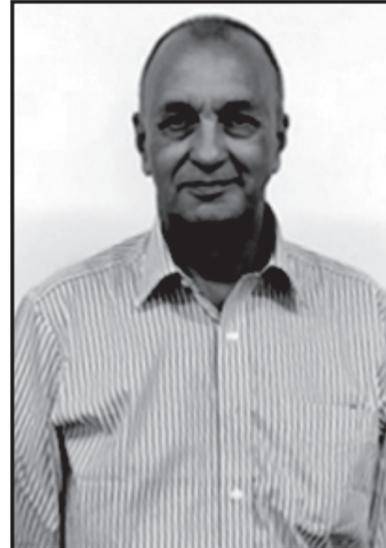
## Ed's Note

Can you help?

It takes a team of nearly 30 distributors to get The Iwade Observer out each month. We rely on this team of volunteers to go out in all weathers around the year and we thank those who do so. Many of them have been doing so for many years and have in a quiet way contributed to the great community that is Iwade.

BUT we urgently need three new distributors - see elsewhere in this issue for our plea - so can you help?? Sorry to put this message in twice, but

**"Your Observer Needs You!"**



## Cllr Roger Clark – Representing Bobbing, Iwade and Lower Halstow

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who voted in the recent elections and put their faith in me to represent them as their ward councillor on Swale Borough Council. It was a tough election but I am pleased to be here to continue my work in the villages.

Congratulations to Corrie Woodford who was also elected to represent the ward and I look forward to us working together in the best interests of the residents.

I have lived in Iwade for nine years and have been a member of Iwade Parish Council for six of those. I have already gained valuable experience of the work of the borough council due to being one of the ward members for Milton Regis for the last four years, before getting the opportunity to stand for election in Iwade.

The previous ward councillors, Ben Stokes and Duncan Dewar-Whalley, will be a difficult act to follow but I am fully committed to working in the residents' interests and am here whenever needed. Please get in touch if I can be of assistance in any matters.

*Cllr Roger Clark*

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## Iwade Village Hall Update

Time seems to have sped up this year and our AGM is coming around again. This will be held on Wednesday 5th June at the hall at 7pm. All residents of Iwade over the age of 18 are welcome to attend. Please arrive by 6.50pm so that the meeting can start promptly. The current committee welcomes applications for trustees and your interest needs to be emailed to [chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk) and received no later than 7pm on Tuesday 4th June 2019.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Quiff and the Shades back to the hall on 6th July for a live 50s and 60s evening. Last year's event was extremely well attended and a great success so we expect tickets to sell quickly. Tickets are £8 each and can be purchased by emailing [events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk) please remember to bring your own food and drink.

We are also looking forward to hosting a family race night on 13th July. This will be raising funds for Tommy's, Ambitious about Autism, British Heart Foundation, Alzheimer's Society and Evelina Children's hospital. Entry is only £1 per person (under 16s free) with teams of up to 6 people per table. Please either call 01795 437372 or email [events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk) to book your table. Race nights always sell out very quickly so if you are interested please don't miss out!

We are thinking of putting on a film night for a small group of children. Is this something you would be interested in? The charge would be around £3 per child, the film would be age appropriate and supervised by DBS checked adults. Nothing is scheduled yet, but if you are interested then please let us know either on our Facebook page or by emailing [events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk)

The next market is on Sunday 9th June 10am-1pm 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](mailto:fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk)

All information on events, regular clubs and booking the hall can be found at [www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk) or by contacting [bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk) and please also keep up to date on the Hall's Facebook page.

## Food for thought

*Rev Liz Cox*

I am sitting in my lounge watching a glorious sunrise, the garden is newly washed after a shower and all the plants are thriving, although late. The sun is particularly welcome after the very long dark winter. Reminders of the wonder of God's creation are all around us.

Soon we shall celebrate the feast of the Ascension, one of the great festivals of the Church, which often gets overlooked. I shall again celebrate in the prison alongside my catholic colleagues, celebrating in a noisy setting where few understand why men want to go to church during the week.

Celebrating in a place where darkness and lack of hope can take over is often wonderful as men sing to the praise of God with a true fervour. It proves to me, if I needed that proof, that God's grace penetrates every part of our world, even the parts where we might not expect to find it. In that place God's love is at work, sometimes unseen as is the wonders of creation in long dark winter times. When that love bursts forth as the spring is now, it is newer fresher and more powerful than ever. We often see this in men and women who find Christ in prison when at a time when they reach rock bottom and then become some of the best ambassadors for God's love that there are.

As we prepare to celebrate the risen ascended Christ, let us never forget he came for us all, to bring hope to those who are lost and in darkness and that can happen to anyone, not just the men and women in prison. His love gives us the courage and endurance to cope with whatever situation we are in and to go on to celebrate with JOY when the sun of creation comes back into our lives.

## News from Iwade Patient Participation Group (IPPG)

1) Iwade Health Centre are to organise First Aid Courses at the surgery. These courses will be FREE OF CHARGE and hosted by our Paramedic Viv. Courses will be in the evenings and will be for groups of 12 people.

A further advanced certificated course will be arranged later in the year.

Those interested please contact: [iwadeppg@outlook.com](mailto:iwadeppg@outlook.com)

2) The Patient Participation Group and Iwade Health Centre are raising money for a Blood Pressure machine for the use of patients as a walk-in facility. This will not require an appointment and will allow patients immediate access to this facility. We are aiming to raise £500.00 for this equipment, and Iwade PPG have already given a £50 donation to the fund and your donation however small will help us with this project. Please make your donation to any member of Iwade Health Centre stating it is for the "Blood Pressure Machine"

Thank you

*Grahame Pungenti*  
Chair IPPG