

Why not join us at
ASSEMBLY on SUNDAY
 Father's Day Special!



Cakes and biscuits, songs and stories, make new friends!
 Children, parents, grandparents, family and friends.
 Bring your fathers. Bring your mothers.

All welcome!

Sunday, 9th June
in Iwade School Hall at 3.00pm

ASSEMBLY ON SUNDAY is a joint project of
 All Saints Church and the Bourne Alliance Multi Academy Trust.
 Further details from: John Guest 07710 353461

IWADE GARAGE SAFARI – IT'S BACK!

If you love selling or buying at a boot fair, then the Iwade Garage Safari is just for you! This village wide boot fair/garage sale is taking place on Sunday 7th July between 10am-2pm and we're registering homes now that will be selling their treasures!

Homes all over the village will have tables on their driveways or gardens, full to brimming with toys, books, clothes, bric-a-brac, pictures, media and whatever else the owners can find to sell. Some homes will have refreshments for sale and maybe even a bouncy castle or two!

If you have a garage or house full of stuff that you keep meaning to sell online, why not sign up and sell it at the Safari?

It's just £3 to register your home and for that, you will have your address added to an online map as well as a printed map available on the day. All profits are being donated to Swale Cats Protection who do so much fantastic work in this area and are a self-funded branch.

If you don't have a driveway, or suitable location to set up a stall, then for the same £3, you can set up your table inside the Village Hall (with the £3 going directly to the hall).

IWADE VILLAGE GARAGE SALE SAFARI

SUNDAY 7th JULY
 10am – 2pm

Community wide garage sale – only £3 to register as a seller with all profits to charity

For more information and to register as a seller, please visit Iwade Garage Safari on Facebook

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QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 29th JUNE
7PM START

£20 PER TABLE
 (up to 6 people)

In aid of Iwade Church Tower Repairs

Bring your own food and drink

Prize raffle

Children over 11 welcome

To book your table, please contact
 suewall1812@gmail.com

**Iwade Village Hall,
 Ferry Road, Iwade, ME9 5RG**

Run a business and want some cheap advertising? For just £5, you can have your logo or name printed on the maps and have featured posts in the Facebook group.

For more info on how to register, please email iwadegaragesafari@gmail.com or join Iwade Garage Safari on Facebook.

The Safari is on, sign up today!



THE IWADE OBSERVER

JUNE 2024

HUGE CROWD AT SPEEDWAY BREAKS ALL RECORDS - Paul Heller

Sunday 14th April 2024 saw Sittingbourne Speedway's first public event of the year with the Kent Kings meeting the Eastbourne Eagles in a league match and what a way to start the season:

A record crowd of over 700 spectators packed into the Old Gunsite circuit and were treated to a real nail-biting encounter between these two old rivals with some close exciting racing, and never more than a few points separating the teams throughout. The penultimate heat of the match saw a scoreline of 42 – 42 which meant we would have a last heat decider. To the delight of the home supporters the home team riders scored a 5 – 1 heat win to give a hard-fought victory to the Kent Kings by 47 points to 43 points. The whole day was bathed in glorious sunshine and to make the day even more memorable, there were three T.V. film crews present with Meridian News carrying a report in the following Monday's program.

After all the excitement of the opening meeting the track settled down and back to business with a practice session on Thursday 18th April, which was well supported by some 25 riders.

On Sunday 28th April the proposed Crayford meeting was cancelled so the club ran an open practice which again was well supported given the short notice to advertise the event. By way of a change and the chance for the track staff to get their breath back, the flat track riders took over the

track on 27th April with a training session, and then on Thursday 2nd May they were back hosting a corporate day. This was for a motorcycle clothing company who wanted to give some of their customers a day out with the chance to ride the track. It was an enjoyable, low-key event which included a hog roast which certainly made sure everyone, including the Sittingbourne track staff did not go hungry.

These are certainly busy times at the track which involve an enormous amount of behind the scenes work and preparation but without doubt the most pleasing thing of all was the incredible support shown by the bumper crowd for the Kent Kings match. The number of spectators that turned out really caught us by surprise, but all went well and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again for the next match.

Our pictures show the close racing and a glimpse of the large crowd enjoying the day.



IWADE READING AND BOOK GROUP - Christine Freshwater

Our May meeting was well attended and of course we chatted and enjoyed coffee and cake too, thank you to Maureen for hosting today.

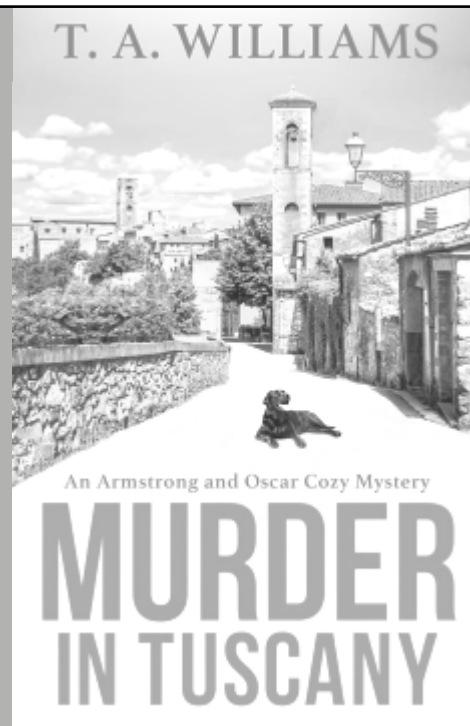
We discussed the book Lola is Missing by Alison James.

The majority of the group had read and enjoyed the book, it was a crime thriller and a very readable tale. The story is full of twists and turns and proves to be a very tangled web to solve. The child Lola, is a six-year old girl who has disappeared from her bedroom. Her mother is distraught and blames her estranged

husband but he denies that it was him who took Lola. There were no witnesses; who is lying? Detective Rachel Prince leads the investigation, can she find Lola before it's too late. I don't want to give too much away as I know some of the group are still reading this book.

The book for our next meeting is Murder in Tuscany by T A Williams, we will meet on Tuesday 11th June at 10.30 in the Barn.

The book for our July meeting will be I Keep You Safe by Peter May.



KALC COMMUNITY AWARD FOR IWADE

Obed Amoah receiving his Community Award from the Parish Council for providing the village with a professional service which is friendly and welcoming. Well done to Obed and his team, we are all proud of you and your team. Thank you for being there for us and providing such an excellent service.



SWALE LADIES WHO LATTE - APRIL MEETING - Tania Gough

Unfortunately, this month our speaker had to pull out at the last minute so we had a 'speed networking' meeting instead! We split into small groups and had a ten-minute session before moving onto another table.

The members all said it was great idea as they learned more about each other than they would have normally and it was also a good opportunity for those ladies that don't enjoy speaking out loud about their business.

We're always looking for new members, so if you're a businesswoman and live in or service the Swale area, then we'd love to welcome you.

We meet on the third Wednesday of every month from 10am -12pm at the Iwade Barn.

Just pop along with some business cards...

Why not join our Facebook group at 'Swale ladies who latte group'



IWADE INSPIRATION: IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING ...

We were looking at the theme of "Inspiration" at last month's Assembly on Sunday in celebration of Holy Spirit Day (19th May). Who or what inspires you most, I wonder? A friend or family member, someone famous in the modern world or in history? Or perhaps you are inspired by a fictional character from a book, movie or TV programme.

What really inspires me is KINDNESS and, most particularly, the people who demonstrate it. It is a foundational principle in Charlie Mackesy's inspiring The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse which was screened again in early May. If you've not yet seen the movie and/or read the book then you are still in for a treat!

Kind people move me. Kind acts inspire and instruct me. We need more of it in the world and I guess if we experienced it more then, little by little, the world in general and our communities in particular would be so much better. Hats off to our kind and caring Pharmacist, Obed, who on 10th May was presented with a well-deserved community award. He'd be the first to say he was only part of a team but hey! what a team! A beacon of kindness and care, professional and effective; reaching out to the needy and vulnerable in our community. Well done Obed. Well done all of you.

Just like many of the complaints we inform our Pharmacy of, Kindness itself can be infectious. It's a good condition to spread. The next time we have a genuine grumble or gripe, whether directed against the clinic, the council, the church or the community at large, let's at least make it in a spirit of kindness. And let's actively look for opportunities to be kind rather than curt, to display kindness rather than contention. It can make a real difference.

It was Glen Miller who sang the following:



If you see your brother standing by the road with a heavy load from the seeds he sowed
 And if you see your sister falling by the way just stop and say, "You're going the wrong way"
 You've got to try a little kindness yes, show a little kindness
 Just shine your light for everyone to see
 And if you try a little kindness then you'll overlook the blindness
 Of the narrow-minded people on the narrow-minded streets.
 Go on: try a little kindness. Or to put it another way: in a world where you can be anything ... BE KIND.

God bless you.

John



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEND A HAND WITH IWADE RAINBOWS?

Julie Stoneman

I run the Iwade Rainbows for girls aged 4 - 7yrs and need a reliable person to become a Unit Helper on Mondays, term time only, between 16.15 - 17.40. No experience needed just an interest in volunteering and assisting with the weekly term-time meetings which include activities and crafting.

If you'd like to give it a try and have some fun too, please do get in touch with me, Julie Stoneman at: rainbows1stiwade@outlook.com

THE DOGGY CAFE
 Saturday 15th June 10.30 to 2.30pm
 Iwade Barn, All Saint's Close Iwade ME9 8FP
The car park will be closed for the Doggy Cafe

PET SHOP STALLS * DOGGY TREATS * PUPCAKES
 KATY LIZ PHOTOGRAPHY
 DOG-FRIENDLY CANDLES & SPRAYS * ARTY DOGS
 KENT BARN HUNT * WAGGY TRAILS
 BARRITOS * COFFEE CART * BAKES * CANDY FLOSS
 CHARITY RAFFLE & GAMES * FACE PAINTING

FUN DOG SHOW £1 ENTRY
 ENTER ON THE DAY!
 STEVE AND DOG KANO
 CANINE PAWS ACADEMY

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

Who are we as we go through our lives? Sometimes it might seem that we are just sailing along on our own, trying to make the best headway we can against the wind. Facing some challenges might leave us feeling "all at sea". But for most of our lives we might find that we are always part of a larger group, a gathering, or some passing bunch with whom we share a common interest or activity.

Throughout our lives, it's these relationships that define who we are and shape the sort of people we become. In every case, groups can bring out the best in us or can try us to do the best we can.

"You are all members of one body." In the New Testament, Paul says this to his various new churches around the Roman world. Whatever the group may be, our health and the group's health are bound together. Working this out may not always be easy, but it is always central. God, as we need to understand, is a God of relationships, and the Way that Jesus taught is an affirmation of the value of all the persons with



whom we find ourselves in relationship. We are all bound together, and need to build each other up. We are all in this together in this life. We can find our greatest fulfilment in our affirmation of one another.

Yours faithfully – with God's help.

Ron Partridge, curate and chaplain (retired)
Lower Halstow

NEWS FROM CITIZENS ADVICE SWALE - MAY 2024



Are you looking for a new challenge? Do you want to have a positive impact on people in your community? Join our Trustee board!

What difference will you make?

- You'll have a positive impact on people in your local area by ensuring the local Citizens Advice is sustainable and meeting the needs of the community.
- You'll meet people and build relationships with trustees, staff and other volunteers.
- You'll deploy and build on your governance, leadership and strategy skills.

- You may increase your employability.

Ethan Dighton, former Citizens Advice Swale trustee, said:

"I joined Citizens Advice Swale as a Trustee whilst I was an undergraduate law student. At the time, I was looking for extracurricular experiences and opportunities that were less common so as to help me to stand out during applications for paid positions.

I was a Trustee from January 2021- November 2023 during which time I held many roles: Chair of the Research & Campaigns Team; interim Chair of the Strategy & Performance sub-committee; and, finally, Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

My time at Citizens Advice Swale gave me a wealth of experience dealing with a variety of issues, from strategy, to

campaigning, to finance."

Find out more and apply at:

www.citizensadviceSwale.uk/volunteer/

For general advice, please email us at www.citizensadviceSwale.uk/email-general-advice (Monday-Wednesday) or call Adviceline on freephone 0808 278 7979.

To request a call back from our specialist debt team please visit www.citizensadviceSwale.uk/debt/

We run drop-in sessions which you can attend without an appointment:

- Monday 10am-12pm, Swale House, Sittingbourne
- Tuesday 10am-12pm, Sheppey Gateway, Sheerness (except the second Tuesday of every month, which is held at Sheerness East Working Men's Club)
- Wednesday & Friday 10am-12pm, 43 Stone Street, Faversham

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AN IMPASSIONED PLEA!! - From a Resident along The Street

A note on behalf of the residents along the street that have to park their vehicles on the roadside opposite the Woolpack. Myself along with some others have had our cars bashed and scuffed on numerous occasions due to passing traffic coming too close to the parked cars. While there's not much we can do about the increased traffic, including large lorries and busses, due to diversions and local roadworks, the default attitude of many drivers is becoming very impatient and aggressive.

The bottlenecks leading up to and past the pub cause drivers to get very angry with each other and in frustration are not leaving enough room to squeeze past our cars, thereby causing damage! These drivers don't stop or leave their details forcing us to have to claim on our insurance to repair the damage. There are frequent stalemates where opposing drivers refuse to give way thus blocking the road for everyone, leading to heated arguments and verbal abuse being hurled

around.

This is just a call to please be thoughtful while driving through as we have no choice but to park there and it's stressful and very annoying to watch our cars get damaged due to aggravated drivers not driving with due care and consideration. Should we be campaigning for temporary traffic lights while roadworks are still in process, to enforce single lane through The Street?

Kind Regards

(After no less than 4 scrapes on my car, and 2 on my partner's car)



NOBLE CHAFER WALK AND TALK – Iwade Community Orchard, Woodpecker Drive. Sunday 2nd June 2024 @ 2pm. Meet by the wooden noble chafer!

Iwade residents are invited to come and hear all about Noble Chafer beetles, why they are so important, and what we have been doing to help this rare beetle in your area.

Dr. Nicklas Jansson, an entomologist from Sweden and Laura Bower, Conservation Officer at Peoples Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) will show you around the orchards which are the main habitat for these beetles. We will also look at and discuss the habitat boxes we have put up around Iwade. If it rains the talk will still go ahead, so please come along and bring an umbrella!

We are looking forward to meeting you and talking about noble chafer beetles and orchard conservation.

Please email laura.bower@ptes.org if you need any more information.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2024

PRESENT

Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair
Cllr. S. Tolhurst – Vice Chair
Cllr. S. Fuszard
Cllr. T. Guest
Cllr. P. Holowczycki
Cllr. P. Hyde
Cllr. S. Lancashire
Cllr. R. Langham
Cllr. D. Waters
Samantha Gray, Clerk
1 Resident

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies received from Parish Cllr. Stalley-Moores.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Waters, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 March 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

VISITORS/PUBLIC TIME

1. VISITORS: A resident requested the Parish Council to consider leaving an area of vegetation at Fans Lane as a conservation area for the benefit of hedgehogs currently living in this area. The Clerk will look into who maintains this area.

Action: Clerk

The resident also requested information regarding the Flood Action Group. Council members advised this was not formed because no volunteers came forward.

2. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS - none attended

3. COMMUNITY WARDEN / POLICE CONSTABLE - None attended and no reports received.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HIP):

a) Date of meeting – The HIP meeting planned for 20 March was cancelled, this has been rescheduled for Thursday 2 May.

Action: Clerk

b) The Street - Members agreed to add this area to the HIP form to discuss options to ease congestion with Kent County Council (KCC).

Action: Clerk

c) Bus Stop, Ferry Road junction with School Lane – To help ease traffic in this area members agreed to request a temporary closure of the bus stop during the A249 improvement works. The Clerk will add this to the HIP form.

Action: Clerk

2. MEMORIAL PLAQUE POLICY – No further updates. Keep on the agenda.

Action: Clerk

3. JACKSON CIVIL DONATION – Cllr. Tolhurst advised members that organising the clearance of reed-mace in the pond at Woodpecker Park is unlikely to happen by February 2025, due to the lack of resources and the timing constraints due to the protected species living in the pond. Council members will consider other projects Jackson Civil could donate towards. Bring back to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk/All council members

4. BOLLARD, SCHOOL LANE – Members reviewed the area at School Lane and agreed that bollards on this pathway would not stop a quad bike from riding on the pavement and grassed area. Members will ask the CCTV control room to monitor footage at certain times when incidents regularly occur. The Clerk will put a post on social media asking for incidents with quad bikes to be reported to Kent Police by calling 101.

Action: Clerk

5. SCHOOL COACHES PARKING ON YELLOW ZIG-ZAGS ON SCHOOL LANE – Council members have become aware of

Coaches parking outside of Iwade School on the yellow zig-zag lines. Members are concerned about the safety of children crossing the road when the coach is parked up because this creates a blind spot for cars trying to drive around the Coach. Members asked the Clerk to write to the school requesting that future school trips be organised to leave by 8 am or find alternative parking nearby.

Action: Clerk

6. TO CONSIDER MOVING THE CCTV CAMERA TO THE LAMPPOST ON THE CORNER OF GROVEHURST/FERRY ROAD: Due to the prolonged delay in installing the new camera and as a gesture of goodwill, Swale Borough Council (SBC) are planning to upgrade the current CCTV to 5G cameras. Members are still considering whether to move the camera to the corner of Grovehurst Road and will make a decision when we receive an installation date from SBC.

PLANNING

Applications are viewable on: Swale: <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications>; KCC: <https://cloud2.atrriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

1. 18/505157/OUT: Land North Of Sanderling Way Iwade Kent ME9 8TJ. Outline application with all matters reserved apart from the means of access for residential development of up to 60 dwellings (with an illustrative layout to demonstrate adequacy of emergency and service access together with parking and indicative mix of house types, principles of landscaping ecological enhancement and surface water management) at land north of Sanderling Way, Iwade, Kent.

Members made the following comments:

Members stand by their comments made on this application on 16 February, particularly regarding the remodelling of the road. The new planned roundabout is

too close to the junction with The Street. Members note the report from KCC Ecological Advice Service and ask that Swale Borough Council provide an updated EclA, and confirm to us that the proposals fully adhere to the agreed approach regarding The Swale Special Protections Area (SPAs) and Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention (Ramsar Site). Members also note the following comments in the report from Southern Water and agree their infrastructure needs updating: “that we are not able to accommodate any units to connect at manhole TQ89689003 without network reinforcement. Furthermore, I would advise that we are unable to reserve capacity in our network for developments that do not have planning consent. We aim to provide infrastructure within 24 months of planning being granted or provide an alternative method of drainage.”

2. 24/500858/FULL: Change of use of land to equestrian and the erection of stables building (Retrospective). Land Adjacent To Tiptree Bungalow School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8QE. Members made no comments against this application.

CORRESPONDENCE

INSTAGRAM – Cllr. Fuszard discussed setting up an Instagram account for posting less formal content and helping reach out to youths. Agreed that Cllr. Fuszard will set up a 30-day campaign to be posted on Social media.

FINANCE

1. DONATION REQUEST FROM CITIZENS ADVICE SWALE – Members agreed to a £100 S.137 donation, proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire.

Action: RFO

2. BANK SIGNATORIES – Cllrs. Tolhurst, Holowczycki and Dollimore all agreed to become bank signatories.

Action: RFO

3. SLCC 2024/25 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – CLERK – Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members agreed to renew the Clerk’s

SLCC membership at a cost of £183.00p.

Action: RFO

4. THE DYNAMIC COUNCILLOR TRAINING EVENT – CLLR.

HOLOWCZYCKI – Proposed by Cllr. Tolhurst and seconded by Cllr. Fuszard, members agreed to the cost of £60.00p including VAT for the training event.

Action: RFO

5. LIGHTING SHEERSTONE – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr.

Waters, members agreed to the cost of £1,008.25 plus VAT for scaffolding and repair of the lamp column outside number 50, and the cost of £96.25 plus VAT for the lamp column repair outside number 49.

Action: RFO

6. DONATION REQUEST FROM KENT AND SUSSEX AIR AMBULANCE – Members agreed to a S.137 donation of £250, proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire.

Action: RFO

7. ACCOUNTS AND CHEQUES RAISED AT THIS MEETING - Proposed by Cllr.

Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members noted the budget figures and the year-end accounts to 31 March 2024. Cllrs. Lancashire and Langham to log in and authorise the following payments:

Action: Cllrs. Lancashire/Langham

For details please refer to <https://www.iwade-pc.gov.uk/community/iwade-parish-council-18357/agendas-minutes-2024/> for full minutes for this meeting

PROJECTS – UPDATES ON CURRENT AND NEW

1. D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY BEACON LIGHTING – 6 JUNE 2024 – Unfortunately the Paper Mill Band are unable to play during the Beacon Lighting due to the distance some members need to travel. The RFO has advised council members about a change in insurance regulations regarding lighting bonfires and need to consider how this will affect the planned Beacon Lighting. Keep on the agenda.

Action: Clerk/RFO

2. CHRISTMAS EVENT 2024 – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – The Clerk advised KCC will supply a diversion plan to show the signs required, and she will forward this onto Jackson Civil.

Action: Clerk

3. PARISH COUNCIL ‘TRACKER’ UPDATE – The tracker has been circulated to all members who have read and noted the updates. Cllr. Tolhurst discussed the village repairs with members and updated the tracker document.

4. VILLAGE REPAIRS:

a) Pond Management – Clear Reed-mace – Discussed during item 5.3.

b) Lamp column painting – Still no update from KCC. Keep on the agenda.

Action: Clerk

c) Any other updates – nothing to report.

5. VILLAGE CLEAN-UP EVENT – Members agreed a budget of £100 to purchase food and drinks for the Village Clean-Up Event. Cllr. Fuszard will speak to McDonalds about a donation. Cllr. Dollimore confirmed the Village Hall is booked for Sunday 26 May.

Action: Cllr. Dollimore/Cllr. Fuszard

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE – Cllr.

Langham reported there has been a reasonable amount of hirers, an increase in hall fees needs to be discussed, and there will be a change to bookings from September - only whole-hour slots can be booked.

KALC AREA REPRESENTATIVE – no update.

ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING

none.

CLOSED SESSION

1. STAFF SALARY REVIEWS – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr.

Lancashire, members agreed to increase the RFO’s salary to Scale Point 24 for 20 hours to be worked per month. Agreed to increase the Clerk’s salary to SCP 21 for 18 hours to be worked per week.

Action: RFO