

THE GREAT IWADE

BAKE OFF



**Saturday 9th March 2013
2pm to 4pm
All Saint's Church Iwade**

**Bake Sale
Guess the Weight of the Bake
Bake Raffle
Taste the Bake
Bake Off Competition!
Tea and Bake
Kids' Ice the Bake**

**All proceeds to Comic Relief, all welcome to join in the fun!
Contact Nicola 439892 or at bakeoff@iwadevillage.co.uk
for more information**

Iwade Easter Egg Hunt



It's that time of year again. Following the success of past Easter Egg Hunts, Iwade are having another on Good Friday 29th March. Details not confirmed as we go to print so please keep an eye out for posters, IwadeVillage.co.uk and Iwade Does Facebook for details. There will be clues, activities, bunny photo opportunities and of course eggs! This year, Asda Sittingbourne has very generously donated all the bags of chocolate mini eggs to the Iwade Children in their continuing support of local charities and community work. We would like to thank Sue Martin from Asda for organising this for us, as doing so will allow more money from the Hunt to be donated to our local charities and MacMillan Cancer Support and not forgetting all of the happy chocolatey children!



Iwade, and the rest of the Sittingbourne area, now has a new local community radio station - 106.9 SFM. 106.9 SFM commenced broadcasting late last year and was the brainchild of local resident Peter Flynn, who lives on School Mews in the village. It took nine long years of campaigning to get Ofcom, the Government's radio licensing body, to finally grant the area a local radio station. Over those years there were a number of trial broadcasts that received a lot of support and the support garnered helped in the station's application. Community Radio is the 'third tier' of broadcasting in the UK. Unlike traditional local stations, they broadcast to much smaller areas.

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and their job is to benefit their communities rather than to make a profit. 106.9 SFM reflects the needs and interests of its audience and wants to become a central part of it. This means it is actively creating direct links with listeners and local groups in the community, offering training opportunities and making sure that members of the community know about and can take part in their local radio station. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer and helping run the station please email volunteering@sfmradio.com If you want to publicise an event, or are interested in having the 106.9 SFM Roadshow at your event, please contact studio@sfmradio.com

IWADE NEEDS YOU!

Iwade Observer



No More Houses!

March 2013

Despite Swale Borough Council categorically stating last year that there would be no more new homes in Iwade, it seems that it is now backing plans by Ward Homes to build a further 400 houses on the area next to the A249 between Cormorant Road and the new Kingsferry development. Whether you have lived in the village all of your life and remember it as only one road, or if you're a new resident who moved here because it was a lovely village, please make your voice heard now. At the Parish Council Meeting on the 13th February 2013, Cllr Mike Whiting promised to do all he could to fight these plans, the Parish Council backed any effort to halt the plans and Cllr Ben Stokes also promised to work in the best interests of residents. These people need our help though and we can support their efforts by lobbying the MPs and Councillors who make these decisions. Below you will see a list of people who can make a difference to these plans, please contact as many as you can asap and get your voice heard. Tell them that we have no infrastructure, only one Primary School that's already overflowing, nature areas with rare amphibians, only 1 small newagents shop. Tell them why we shouldn't have more houses! Iwade has massively contributed to housing stock growing from 350 homes in Iwade in 1996 with 1200 more homes approved which is more than quadruple. The A249 roundabouts are congested, there is no public transport after 5.30pm, the Village Hall needs replacing and the proposed development will prevent the A249 being widened in the future.

The main Councillors to approach (in order of importance) are the Cabinet Members:

Andrew Bowles (Chairman), leader@swale.gov.uk
Gerry Lewin (Vice-Chairman), cllrlewin@swale.gov.uk
Derek Conway, derekconway@swale.gov.uk
Duncan Dewar-Whalley, d.dewarwhalley@btinternet.com
Lesley Ingham, ingham989@btinternet.com

David Simmons, davidsimmons@swale.gov.uk
Ted Wilcox, ted.wilcox@btinternet.com
Mike Cosgrove, cllrcosgrove@swale.gov.uk
John Wright, johnwright@swale.gov.uk

If you want to object by post you can telephone Swale on 01795 417850 to find out the councillors' addresses or find them on swale.gov.uk. Alternatively write to the councillors care of Swale House East Street Sittingbourne ME10 3HT.

If possible also write to Gordon Henderson M.P., email gordon.henderson.mp@parliament.uk or to Sittingbourne and Sheppey Constituency, 1st Floor, Unit 10, Periwinkle Court Business Centre, Church Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, ME10 2JZ and send copies to Iwade's County Councillors: Mike Whiting at Mike.Whiting@kent.gov.uk, Alan Willicombe at Alan.Willicombe@kent.gov.uk and Borough Councillor Ben Stokes - email ben.stokes34@btinternet.com.

For postal addresses contact the Iwade Parish Clerk on 01795 477015 Monday to Saturday 9am to 8pm.

If you object to further housing in addition to the four or five hundred Hillreed are already about to build then show the councillors you care!

Jesson Cupcakes Celebrates its 1st Birthday!

Well what a year it has been for Jesson Cupcakes!

Firstly thank you to all of you that have supported me and have let me make you some truly special cakes in my first year of business.

I have attended several events including Iwade Rock, Iwade Family Fun Day, Iwade Strawberry Tea in aid of Breast Cancer Care and of course Halloween in our great village.

Not only have I met some more Iwadians but also made some great friendships along the way too! I don't just make cupcakes though, I can also create you a bespoke celebration cake for that special occasion.

To celebrate Jesson Cupcakes 1st birthday, I am offering a 10% discount off of any celebration cake when you purchase 6 or more cupcakes during March. The 10% discount will be valid for 3 months and is for Iwade residents only. Only 1 discount voucher per household.

Please check out my website www.jessoncupcakes.co.uk or you can contact me on Facebook, Twitter or by phone 07843 094171.



Tinkerbells Early Years



Following on from our topic last term on 'People who help us' and 'Keeping safe', we were very fortunate to have a visit from Fire fighters from Sittingbourne Fire Station . The children were given the opportunity to sit in and look at the equipment on the Fire Engine and took part in a talk led by the Fire Fighters on the 'stop, drop and roll' procedure, gaining knowledge on how to keep safe and what to do in an emergency.

The children found this an enjoyable experience and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Fire fighters for taking time out to come and see us.

Last term the children also celebrated Chinese New Year, taking part in activities creating their very own good luck banners and Chinese money envelopes.

They also took part in creating a Chinese Dragon and were given the opportunity to sample various Chinese foods.

Our topics for this term are 'Mini Beasts' and the 'Spring Season'. These topics will provide the children with opportunities to visit our allotment to plant bulbs and prepare the raised beds for growing fruit and vegetables and will give the children opportunities to explore and search for creatures in our very own mini beast hotel.

Not the Editor's Note

Well this month I'm not the Editor but am writing this hence the name! This month a group of enthusiastic novices Joa, Mel, Dawn, Gayna and Sally took on the Iwade Observer and with no training tackled the desktop publishing enigma that is Scribus, the freeware we use to create the newsletter to go to print.

They did a fantastic job and I hope they will want to get involved next month!

They have some new ideas which is fab and whilst it's not a kids' wordsearch I hope Olivia you can have a go with the help of your parents! Olivia suggested a wordsearch a couple of issues ago so thanks for that Olivia, enjoy!



Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 5 March 13:00-15:00 | Tinkerbells Family Cookery & Healthy Workshop

Iwade Village Hall. All families with children under 5 are welcome to join in. Please call Donna on 07592 544285

Saturday 9 March 14:00-16:00 | The Great Iwade Bake-Off!

All Saint's Church Iwade - Bake Sale, Guess the Weight of the Bake, Bake Raffle, Bake Judging, Kids Activities, Tea and Bake ...

If you like baking or are a baking business and would like to contribute to the raffle please contact Nicola on 01795 439892 or by email at bakeoff@iwadevillage.co.uk We literally can't wait. Keep an eye out around the village for more information as it becomes available...

Sunday 10 March 10:00-13:00 | Iwade Village Market

Iwade Market under the management of stall-holder Steve Theobald has gone from strength to strength in recent months and is well attended with a fantastic range of stalls.

Every second Sunday of the month, breakfast available from 9am by The Three Tuns

Wednesday 13 March 19:30 | Iwade Parish Council Meeting

Every second Wednesday of the month, residents encouraged to go to Parish Council meetings at Iwade Village Hall.

Thursday 14 March 11:15-11:25 | Mobile Library

Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of identification required to join. Why not give it a try?

You can contact the Mobile Library on their mobile on 07740 183758

Monday 18 March 20:00 | Patient Participation Group

Iwade Health Centre - all welcome to help shape the future of Iwade Health Centre

Wednesday 20 March 19:30 | W.I. Meeting

W.I. Food Tasting with Waitrose - W.I. members only. To find out about joining Iwade W.I. contact Secretary Hilary Foulds on hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk or on 01795 474686

Thursday 28 March 11:15 - 11:25 | Mobile Library

Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of identification required to join. Why not give it a try?

You can contact the Mobile Library on their mobile on 07740 183758

Good Friday 29 March | Easter Egg Hunt

Unfortunately we don't have all the details as we go to press but it will be on so keep an eye out for posters, on IwadeVillage.co.uk or Iwade Does Facebook

And one for the future ..

Sunday 28 April 15:00-16:00 | Songs of Praise Service

A service organised by Iwade Parish Church in Iwade Village Hall with light tea (cakes & sandwiches). It's a great opportunity to meet friends old and new, enjoy the tea and sing some of your favourite hymns.

Mother's Day Fruit Cake

225g (8oz) strong plain flour
1/2 tsp ground mixed spice
1/2 tsp salt
12g (1oz) unsalted butter
1 tbspcastor sugar
2 tsps easy-blend dried yeast
1 medium egg + 5 tsps milk beaten together
100g (4oz) dried mixed fruit of your choice
A 20.5cm x 12.5cm x 8cm (8x5x3.5in) loaf tin

For the icing:
50g/2oz icing sugar
1 tbspcastor sugar
1 tbsplemon juice (fresh or bottle)
50g/2oz chopped glace cherries

METHOD

Heat oven to 200c, 400f, Gas Mark 6

1. Line the bottom of the loaf tin.
2. Sift the flour and mixed spice into a large bowl. Add the cubed butter pieces
3. Rub in the butter with your fingertips until it looks like breadcrumbs. Stir in the castor sugar & yeast.
4. Pour in the egg/milk mixture. Stir with a wooden spoon until it makes a dough.
5. Sprinkle some flour onto the work surface, then knead the dough by pushing it away from you with both hands.
6. Fold the dough in half & turn around. Push it away again. Do this for 5mins. When smooth put it into a greased bowl.
7. Cover the bowl with foodwrap & leave in a warm place for 1 hour.
8. Turn the dough out onto the work surface again and sprinkle the dried fruit onto it. Knead the fruit into the dough until mixed in (couple of mins).
9. Put the dough into the tin & cover with foodwrap. Leave in warm place for 45 mins to rise again.
10. Brush the dough with a little milk, then put the tin in the oven & bake for 30-35 mins.
11. Test by putting a skewer into the loaf, if it comes out clean then the loaf is cooked. Take the loaf out of the tin & cool on a wire tray.
12. Sift the icing sugar into a bowl & mix in the lemon juice. Drizzle the icing over the loaf, then scatter the cherries on top.
13. Store in an airtight container & it will be fine for around three days.

W.I News

By Valerie Pugh

Hello, we in the Iwade WI started our year in January with a meal at the Tudor Rose Pub to celebrate our 81st birthday. All 33 members attended, enjoying the lovely food as well as each other's company. We almost took over the restaurant that evening. In between our meetings, a few of us also attend the Craft & Home Economics Club that meets on the Isle of Sheppey once a month on the fourth Thursday & also a Craft Club that meets on the first Monday of each month. As a WI member, you can do so much apart from our monthly meetings if you want to, but of

course you can just come along to our monthly meetings if you prefer. In February, we had a speaker Tony Harris, giving us a talk on 'My life as a Film Star'... Also at the meeting we had a competition that linked to the speaker's subject. This time, it was Celebrity Memorabilia but it's not taken seriously, just a bit of fun. After our speaker, we have social time when we can all have a cup of tea & a catch up before the meeting finishes. On March 20th, we have Waitrose coming with Food Tasting, a competition with a prize of a beautiful handmade Easter card & a chocolate raffle.

A big Iwade thank you to Val Pugh, President of the Iwade W.I. for this recipe. Keep an eye out for Val at The Great Iwade Bake Off!

If you bake this for Mother's Day why not send a pic to pics@iwadevillage.co.uk and we'll try to include it in the April Observer!

Why not come along & give us a try. If you're interested and want to know more, please contact our Secretary Hilary Foulds on 01795 474686 or email hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk

Budgens or ???

According to Andrew Wilson at Swale Properties a deal is imminent on the Budgens unit for a new supermarket. Keep an eye on IwadeVillage.co.uk for more information as it becomes available.

We're trying a few new things in this edition, one of which is to offer the residents of Iwade discounts from local companies. We will be changing the companies in each edition and ask that you cut out the offer if you'd like to take advantage of the discount.

Little Potters 10% OFF ALL POTTERY

Little Potters is a friendly, family run pottery painting studio, café and small soft play area.

www.littlepotters.com

01795 424 444

Central Park Stadium, Church Road, Eurolink, Sittingbourne, Kent. ME10 3SB

Haymac 5% OFF ALL PRODUCTS

Haymac is a family run business which specialise in the supply, manufacture and installation of quality fencing, gates, stables, sheds, workshops, bespoke timber buildings along with many other quality products for over 30yrs.

www.haymac-goodwithwood.co.uk

01795 424 555

Old Sheppey Way (A249), Sittingbourne, Kent. ME9 8PH

Medway Computers £15 OFF CLOUD BACKUP

Medway Computers is a family run business since 1995, who sell computer components, but also provide all PC and IT services. They are offering this generous discount to encourage people to back up their computer to prevent losing valuable data.

www.medwaycomputers.com

0844 357 4672

6 Rochester Court, Anthony's Way, Rochester. ME2 4NW

Grovehurst Pet Foods 5% OFF ALL PRODUCTS

A family run business that has a huge range of stock to meet all your pets needs, from everyday items to luxury extras. If they don't have what you're looking for, they will strive to get it in for you.

01795 426 444

Grovehurst Road, Sittingbourne, Kent. ME9 8RB. Also on Facebook

The Great Iwade Bake-Off does Comic Relief

by Nicola McKenzie

Inspired by Comic Relief does Bake-Off and the lovely Mary Berry, Iwade is all set for The Great Iwade Bake-Off on Saturday 9th March 2013.

As the March Iwade Observer goes to edit, we have a logo thanks to Click Create Photography and Design, a venue thanks to All Saint's Church Iwade, a time 2pm to 4pm and a date Saturday 9th March 2013.

So far we have a host of amateur bakers keen to bake, a Guess the Weight of the Bake, local Cake businesses keen to contribute to the Bake Raffle including Addicted to Cupcakes, Rachel's Pantry and Jesson

Cupcakes and we've even got a red gazebo (I know!). Not forgetting kids activities to keep them amused while you enjoy the fun.

Think afternoon tea style with a red nose and bunting.

Small bakes can be entered into a competition on the day which we are hoping will be judged by the President of Iwade W.I. and some Iwade cake pros!

So I hear you ask. How can I help? Come along! Put the date in your diary (Saturday 9th March 2pm to 4pm at All Saint's Church) and come and enjoy the fun. You can donate a bake to the Bake Sale, sweet or savoury, anything goes.

You can bring a bake with you for the Bake

Off competition, a small size bake (think cupcake, cookie, individual quiche size). If you are going to enter why not bake a batch and we'll keep two back for judging and put the rest on the Bake Sale?!

If you're a local business would you like to make a donation to the Bake Raffle in return for free advertising?

We are currently planning a Great Iwade Bake Off web page to go on IwadeVillage.co.uk so keep an eye out for that.

All proceeds to Comic Relief. Contact Nicola at bakeoff@iwadevillage.co.uk or on 01795 439892 for more information. See you on 9th at 2!

Parish Council Notes

taken from the meeting of 12th December 2012

Prior to the opening of the monthly meeting, the Chairman introduced Pippa Palmer from 'Kent Orchards for Everyone'.

Pippa is the new Orchards Development Officer for the Kent Downs Orchards for Everyone Project. She initially undertook the pilot 'Orchards for Everyone Project' which took place in the Mid Kent Downs landscape area of the Kent Downs, setting up four community orchards. Pippa suggested looking at Kent Downs Website <http://www.kentdowns.org.uk/orchards%20for%20everyone.htm> which gives an idea about how this new project will take shape, but added that there may be other ideas which come to light through proposed questionnaires and surveys.

The project aims to specifically develop an Orchard Warden Scheme where a member of the Community will be trained to take the lead on the development and running of the Community Orchard once the project is up and running; however, it may be that members of the Orchards group will be skilled in different areas of orchard management and a collaborative approach may be taken.

Matters Arising from the Minutes
Lorries in Iwade and lorries using Helen Thompson Close – Clerk has contacted the Enforcement Officer at Swale B.C. and hopefully the situation in Helen Thomson Close will be

resolved shortly. Clerk has contacted KCC Highways, who have insisted that there is adequate signage. She has also spoken to companies at Ridham Dock. Paul Rainer, who works at Knauf, is the Chairman of The Ridham Dock Group. He has been extremely helpful and is liaising with other companies to track down the lorries (assisted by pictures supplied by residents) to ensure they do not enter the village. County Cllr. Whiting is also pushing KCC Highways to take action.

Village Centre/CCTV cameras – Clerk is now liaising with Chaminox, Swale Borough Council Environmental Health, the Community Warden and the PCSO to solve rubbish, lighting, damage to cars and other problems within the Centre.

Visitors, Public Time
Parishioners – Concern was raised at cars parking illegally outside the school with drivers being abusive when asked to move. Irresponsible parking makes it difficult to safely cross the road and Cllr. Rook suggested having a Lollipop person. The PCSO said that they would patrol the area during dropping off/picking up times.

A resident referred to the recent lorry incident in the village, when the vehicle got stuck for four hours and damaged trees, verges, street sign and a parked vehicle. The Parish Council shares the concern of villagers for this growing problem and has been taking action to try and put a halt to this. County Cllr. Mike Whiting has been pushing KCC to install

new signage. A complaint has been lodged regarding the way in which the Police dealt with the recent incident issue. County Cllr. Whiting has spoken to the Police Inspector who commented that the situation was unacceptable; the Inspector is hoping to have a meeting with him and a representative from the Parish Council.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting welcomed Les Mitchell. He has arranged for salt to be delivered to the Parish Council and is trying to arrange a meeting with Persimmons to discuss the proposals for a new village hall. At the LEF meeting there was a presentation by the skateboard park supporters and at the moment, Swale Borough Council is looking at a piece of land opposite the new Morrisons site. Groundwork is involved and is looking for match funding from the Borough Council.

Finance
Requests for donations from village organisations. Monies to aid the work of the following Iwade organisations be approved: Iwade Women's Institute £250, Iwade Scouts, Cubs and Beavers £1752, Iwade Parent and Toddler Group £900 and Iwade Herons £500.

Council Notes

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Other Matters Arising:
Increase in dog fouling in the village; residents have been voicing their concern that people are not clearing up after their animals. Cllr. Hunt advised that there are two people interested in the Green dog Walking Scheme and they hope to get this up and running soon.

For the full version of the Council Notes, please visit the Council Section of iwadevillage.co.uk

Iwade Health Centre

There has been a new telephone system installed in the Health Centre, but a few teething problems have been experienced. The company who hold the maintenance contract for the telephone system have visited to try to rectify the issues and, at the time of going to press, it is hopeful that it has all been remedied.

Patient Participation Forum

All registered patients at Iwade HC are invited to attend a Patient Participation Forum on Monday 18th March from 8pm. Please do take this chance to raise any queries or concerns you have regarding any aspect of the Health Centre. If you cannot attend but would like to ask a question, please drop a note into the Health Centre addressed to Karen Graystone, the Practice Manager.

Ickle Pickles

Ickle Pickles has started the New Year with lots of fun activities. We discuss ideas and listen to feedback about the nursery to help us continually improve and meet the changing needs of our parents and children. We are also now the proud owners of an Iwade allotment and the children will shortly be choosing which vegetables and plants we will be planting – hopefully they will grow well and we will be able to have them for dinner soon (watch this space!)

We had fun activities lined up for Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year and also for Easter this month. Then back onto our garden project to add all of the extra equipment and planting that we have been waiting for the Spring (or at least better weather) to introduce!

Ickle Pickles is currently full - we have some spaces available for Under 2's from September this year but no spaces for Over 2's until September 2014. If you are interested in booking your little one in for a future place please call us on 01795 474551.

Trivia Corner

Can you find ten Iwade road names? To help you out they are all bird related!

A	G	B	P	N	A	H	Q	F	S	D	K	L	A	E	T	I	C
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Did you know ...

Iwade is made up of the Saxon words 'iw' meaning 'Yew tree', and 'waed' meaning 'ford'; resulting in a 'crossing place where Yew trees grow'. It is first recorded in 1179 as Ywada.

The Census records from 1911 show Iwade had a population of just 233. The most recent Census of March 2011 show Iwades' population has grown to 3087.