

Monday Friendship Group
(at The Barn)
by Janet Phillips Gregory



We were fascinated to learn some local history of the Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway at our first April get together when one of our members Rynn Kemp showed photographs and gave an insight. Our next plan is to have a nostalgic steam train ride to enjoy the experience. Easter decorated eggs and crafts took centre stage at our second fun filled meeting; photo shows Kelvin (whom some of you may recognise as Friar Tuck, from the village panto, with his winning entry and prize). Some background to our May Day Bank Holiday will be discussed at our final April event. Looking forward to our May meetings; on 13th we are bringing along treasured mementos from our childhood and sharing reminiscences (games we played, toys, places and events). We will again be at The Barn on 27th May at 10 30 am as usual, and hope to see you there for tea/coffee and biscuits and friendly chatter for a pound.

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2017 and I am thankful for those that have advertised with me since then.

People often ask what the difference is between the Advertiser and Observer? Well, the Advertiser brings you just that – ADVERTS promoting local businesses, while the Observer brings you NEWS. I believe there is a need for the two and that they complement each other.



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**Hello from Iwade Brownies!
Brownies clean up**
by Kerry Holman



We've had a busy few weeks! Fiona and Lucy took part in the village quiz, and somehow managed to be on the winning team! We are grateful for the funds raised from the night that the unit received, thank you!

We ended the term by making Mother's Day sugar scrub, the hall smelt delicious by the time we'd finished and the mum's loved their treats. In the last week before the holidays, we enjoyed a film night and we were super cosy as you can see - PJs, duvets and sweets aplenty! Four of us made our promises too, in our PJs!

Some of us attended the village clean up, and actually really enjoyed it. We found all sorts of rubbish in the bushes, round the pond and along the road sides. We collected so much rubbish, it's a shame people need to do it!

After Easter, we will be doing more things outside, and getting ready for our pack holiday in May - we can't wait.

Thank you so much to everyone who joined in the village clean up today, 46 attendees (11 of which were from 1st Iwade Brownies - they were wonderful and very enthusiastic), a very successful event because of all those who took time to be involved - once again a very big thank you from the Parish Council.

Lynda Fisher

Photos show,

- 1) Councillor Tony Trower and his grandchildren Riley, aged 9 and Bailey aged 5 and
- 2) Eleanor aged 8 and Oscar 5 – Mum, Jacqueline Woodhouse, said Eleanor and Oscar really enjoyed themselves and were very competitive in their litter picking!!



FAMILY RACE NIGHT

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Iwade Reading and Book Group

by Jackie Kemp

The Iwade Reading Group's April meeting discussed Lianna's choice of book, 'Before we say goodbye'. This book was chosen with a sense of fun and irony as Lianna is about to move away, and so will be leaving us!

The story was a bit disappointing - not like real life, and some unbelievable parts. But, interestingly, not a waste as those who had it read it (and not everybody had!) then found enough to talk about in the style of writing, bits we felt were impossible to believe or made no sense, and grammatical and editorial errors! Not what we really want to happen with Reading and Book clubs. We did decide to go back and look at older and tried and tested books for a while!



Following our meeting we gave a send-off to Lianna with lunch and delicious cake.

Please look at our FB page – search Iwade Reading and Book Group- for the choice for next month, as this was as yet undecided.

Iwade Youth Group

by Abi Pearson

The young people from Iwade Youth Club have had a very busy Easter break. We had our Wild Outdoors Day, where we've practiced our outdoor survival skills, lighting fires with flint and steel, cooking lunch over a fire, den building and so much more.

We then had a trip to Diggerland where we experienced driving and controlling various diggers, some of our 8-12 year olds even had a chance at driving a Land Rover!




Not forgetting our Craft and Construction morning, making various Easter Crafts, and lots of fantastic Lego buildings!

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Parent & Toddler Group

by Louise Wade

We have had a busy couple of months with Mother's Day and Easter. The children have been able to do lots of lovely crafts including making hand/footprint key rings, I'm sure the Mums loved them!

As well as the craft table, we have lots of toys and books for the children to play with, including a baby corner for the younger ones. There is tea/coffee available for the adults, and at 10:00 the children can sit down for a biscuit and a juice. Once the toys have been tidied away we get the musical instruments out so the children can have a song and dance.

It is on every Tuesday (excluding school holidays) 9am to 11am in the Village Hall. If you haven't been before, the first session is free, and thereafter it is £2 for the first child and 50p for each additional child, so why not come along and give it a try!





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Iwade Village Hall Update

Many thanks to Joa for organising the quiz night last month, and to Sho, Richard and Ciaran for scoring. As you can see from the pictures it was another very well attended evening with all the money raised donated to the non-for-profit groups who regularly use the hall. Well done to the winning team 'Open the Fire Exits' (it was a hot evening!) and commiserations to 'The Party Animals' who, due to a technical hitch, were announced the victors in error, but took having title snatched away in good spirits! There will be another quiz on 11th May, this has been generously sponsored by Iwade Garage and is raising funds for Tommy's, Ambitious about Autism, British Heart Foundation, Alzheimer's Society and Evelina Children's hospital. Tables are £15 each with teams of up to 6 people. Please either call 01795 437372 or email events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk to book your table. Quiz nights always sell out very quickly so if you are interested please don't miss out!

Our next event is the 70's disco on 4th May, kindly hosted by Blue Haze Roadshow. Tickets are £3.50 each and are available either by popping in to Iwade garage, emailing alex@afd.services or Stephen.jordan71@hotmail.co.uk or by calling either 07710 454124 or 07801 734885. This is sure to be a great evening for the whole family and tickets are limited so secure yours as soon as possible. Fancy



dress is optional, but absolutely encouraged! And there will be prizes for the best dressed.

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

The next market is on Sunday 12th May 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



Would you like to join other volunteers in making a contribution to all the great things that happen in Iwade? We currently have space for a clerk. Please contact chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk if you feel you have some time to spare and would like to get involved or would like more information.



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

The Countdown to Summer

by James Apps for Iwade Health Walk

It used to be the old chant "March winds and April showers, bring forth May flowers" but in the last so many years that has not applied. So, 2019 begins with a mix of warm weather and cold plus a gusty entrance to March (comes in like a lion – goes out like a lamb) for our region but not for the rest of the country. We have made several excursions into the sticks and found the going sticky. This month, (April), we have ventured out to the fields again but at times the winds have defeated us, and the odd heavy shower has drenched us, but we will not be deterred!

As if to defy the changing climate, the blossom, pink almond first, then blackthorn, followed by bullace plum and damson, announce Spring as if to inform the daffodil she is not alone in the pretty flower parade. We can look forward to apple blossom and I have noted the rise and fall of the crocus that is replaced by early dandelions.

The rain is warmish, at times, and there is a definite green glow to the trees. Crops are beginning to leap up and, good Lord, Cambridge won the boat races (men and women's). I have Hollyhocks growing on my windowsill, dahlias sprouting green, onions leaping up and seedlings growing in trays ready for planting. Tulips are growing and in the trees and next door's gutter the birds are getting busy.

We look forward to Iwade's gardens and the fresh air of the pathways around the village as we hurtle toward Summer.

A little too twee and rosy? Well, if you will put a village in a nice spot, with a good pub, then what do you expect? Summer is on its way and I like that.

As a note, I will have at least eight (maybe a dozen) Hollyhock plants for the Barn if you want them. (Ed's Note – Barn Trustees if you'd like the hollyhocks email the Observer and we'll put you in touch with James)

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Did you recognise the village described?

The description is an extract from "The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent" by Edward Hasted and dating from 1797. It refers. Of course, to ...

IWADE, COMMONLY called Warde, lies northward from Bobbing last-described, the parish of Milton intervening, the greatest part of which lies within that hundred, over which that manor claims as paramount. The remaining, or eastern part of it is within the Hundred of Tenham, and the lands in it are held of that manor.

Crime Stats for Iwade

February 2019

- 1 Criminal damage and arson
- 1 Public Order
- 1 Violence and sexual offences

For more information see www.police.uk

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held Wednesday 13 March 2019

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Visitors/Public Time

- 1. Visitors** – None.
- 2. County and Borough Councillors** – None.
- 3. Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden written report: Reported a number of tyres in Old Ferry Road and fly tipping in same area to Swale Borough Council. Talked to Swale Borough Council about parking problems in School Lane; traffic team to attend. Resident complained about noise from youths evenings and nights at the new bus shelter in Ferry Road, advised them to gather information and forward it to the police on contact 101 when these incidents take place.

The new PCSO, Lee Fennell, introduced himself; he hopes to attend as many meetings as his shifts permit. Been a PCSO for 13 years, likes to be visible and will be seen walking around the village. Has received various reports of 'drifting' and patrols have attended. Reports of youths congregating around the bus shelters near Woodpecker Park; has spoken to them and not been any incidents since.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 1. Dark Nights = Double the Dog Poo** – Dog Warden is patrolling each Monday, checking on this and spraying any faeces. Each week a different colour is used which enables a count to see if there has been a decrease in incidents. Clerk to ask Warden to look at School Lane Playing Field, Woodpecker and the Space Park, areas hit by fouling. Action: Clerk

- 2. Speeding and Speed Watch** – Clerk to send details to Cllr. Dollimore; Council to look at resurrecting the Speed Watch team. Action: Cllr Dollimore/Clerk
- 3. Street Lighting Grovehurst Road (footpath and Vegetation)** – Response from KC received; they do not think the path and vegetation needs work. Cllr. Mills to take photos of the problem area and send to the Clerk for forwarding on to KKC. Action: Cllr Mills/Clerk
- 4. Shrub Bed Damage, Kingfisher Close** – Highways Inspector has looked at the area and will not be taking any action.

Planning

- 1. 18/506677/HYBRID:** Planning permission is sought for change of use of existing dwelling house to replacement farm shop with office above, and conversion of toilet block to farm produce store (167sqm) and Outline planning permission is sought for demolition of existing agricultural buildings and farm shop, erection of 10 dwellings, erection of implement store, associated access road, parking, pedestrian footpath and landscaping (access, layout and landscaping being sought only): Halfway Egg Farm Featherbed Lane Sittingbourne ME9 8RA – no comments.

Correspondence

- 2. Newquay Town Council National Parking Enforcement Survey** – Members agreed responses, Clerk to complete online questionnaire. Action: Clerk

Finance

- 1. Applications for Grants for 2019/20** – proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Trower, agreed the following grants:

- 1st Iwade Scout Group - £1000
- Iwade W.I. - £314
- Iwade Youth Group - £1000

- 1st Iwade Brownies - £780

- 2. SLCC Subscription Renewal 2019/20** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Hyde; agreed to pay 50% of the subscription, amounting to £98. Action: Clerk
- 3. CPRE Subscription Renewal 2019/20** – Proposed by Cllr. Trower and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, agreed to pay the subscription fee of £36. Action: Clerk

Projects/Project Updates

- 1. Village Clean up** – positive responses to taking part; invite Brownies and Scouts. Action: Clerk
- 2. Bollards, The Street** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Trower, agreed to accept the KCC quote to install 10/12 bollards at an approximate cost of £2000. Action: Clerk
- 3. Running Event** – Cllr. Mills to update at next month's meeting. Action: Cllr. Mills
- 4. Festive Lights** – KCC Street Lighting advised the Parish Council could not use the Contractor who installed the lights in 2018. Cllr. Dollimore to explore new contractors. Action: Cllr. Dollimore

Reports from Representatives

- 1. Hall** – Disco and Quiz Night coming up. KALC – nothing to report.

Any Other Matters Arising

Youths have been pulling off the roof tiles on the new bus shelter, Cllr. Dollimore to investigate the use of anti-vandal paint. Action: Cllr. Dollimore

The next meeting of The Iwade Parish Council will be on Wednesday May 8th in the Village Hall

Our life stories – they interweave with God's Story

In the very recent past, over a very short time period of eight days, my husband and I learned that friends of ours had become grandparents for the first time and that my niece had left home and moved into her own flat. We attended a 60th birthday party, a 40th wedding anniversary celebration and a funeral. We felt as if we were travelling through a series of life's milestones, from a birth to a death, moving on rapidly from one event to the next but stopping briefly at each to engage and re-connect with friends and family.

We have been reflecting that the experience was intense and emotionally exhausting- but aside from the fatigue we are aware that we are feeling joyful and that it has been such a privilege to be able to share with, and support, our friends and family. Each of the events helped us to remember our past shared experiences - and those events have also created new memories to treasure. We have realised afresh how our lives interweave with so many others - and that as human beings we need to have these connections. Relationships are vitally important. They help us to know that we can offer love and be loved in return – that we have a place where we are known and an identity.

In a sense what we experienced in those few days was a small part of our life's story. As individuals we each have our own unique story. And as human beings we are each part of a bigger story. It is a story that starts with God - and as we come to know God more fully in our lives our stories become more interwoven with his.

You may be familiar with God's story and know that God sent Jesus to rescue the world. And throughout each year Christians celebrate milestones of Jesus' life. From Christmas to Good Friday we remember events from Jesus' birth to his death. But Jesus' life did not end with his death. Central to our Christian faith is the knowledge that Jesus defeated death. He died on the cross but he did not stay dead. Jesus rose from the grave and is alive. This is what our Easter celebration is all about. Jesus is alive. And this is amazing. Through Jesus' death and resurrection it is possible for humankind to know God and to be in relationship with God. It means that it is possible for each one of us to know that we are loved by God. And that in being loved by God we also find our place and our identity.

As we continue through the year I hope that each of you will have life experiences that bring joy. And I hope and pray that you will find out for yourself that Jesus died for you that you might know that God loves you. This brings joy and is life changing.

With every blessing,

Lis Willmet

Lay Reader

Would you like to live here?

... very low, and on a level with the adjoining marshes, the situation and look of it is not unlike the fens in Lincolnshire. It is hardly known, excepting to those who travel towards the Isle of Sheppey, to which the road leads through this parish over the marshes to the King's ferry, from which the village, with the church, stand at about a mile distance, and about two from the town of Milton north-westward.

There are sixteen houses in it, and about sixty or seventy inhabitants. The lands are very even and flat, of a soft boggy nature, almost all of them are pasture ground and marshes, which have great quantities of sheep continually feeding on them. Dr. Plot remarks that the sheep never rot in the marshes of this parish, but that in those of Tenham they do, the sheep having in their livers little animals breeding in the shape of plaice, occasioned, as it is believed, by their feeding on the herb spearwort, which grows there plentifully among the grass. Its low and moist situation close to so large a tract of marshes and the waters of the Swale, which are its northern boundary, render it hardly ever free from fogs and noisome vapours, and in summer in dry weather, the stench of the mud in the ponds and ditches, and the badness of the water, contribute so much to its unwholesomeness, that almost everyone is terrified from attempting to live in it, and it is consequently but very thinly inhabited. It has been remarked that the thatch on the roofs of buildings in this parish cannot be preserved long, the rooks and other birds continually carrying it away, which circumstance arises from the quantity of flies harbouring in it, owing to its situation, much more than in other places; and it is for the sake of these flies that the birds unthatch the buildings.

See page 6 overleaf

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 09:30 at The Barn. Our numbers are slowly building and we generally enjoy a chat together with bacon or sausage butties and tea/coffee. We've had some great 'hands-on' quizzes and speakers from among our membership and at our April meeting Nick Mayatt our Community Warden chatted to us about his role and some of the trials and challenges he faces.

For our May meeting (May 7th) we have local speedway guru Paul Heller coming to talk to us. Fancy hearing about the speedway scene, then make it a date and come along and enjoy some good (ish!) company and a bacon buttie.

Hope to see you there.

Ed's Note

Firstly, a huge thank you to Mac McDermott and Rose Smith for stepping up and taking over the role, jointly, of Distribution Manager. Our thanks also go to Les Mitchell for all his hard work in getting the Observer out to the distributors over the last 18 months. Our distributors are out in all weathers bringing your favourite village newsletter to you each month – but we haven't told Mac and Rose about that yet! We'll give them the summer to settle in!

Secondly, the Observer team have, over the last few months, been trying to update our Contacts Page. We've discovered a few very out of date contacts so we would ask you please to peruse that section carefully and let us know if you spot any inaccuracies – you can email them to the.iwade.observer@gmail.com - Thanks for your help.