

Contacts

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Parent and Toddler (Village Hall - Tuesday's 9-11am)		W.I. - Hilary Foulds	T - 01795 474686	
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If you are listed on the Contacts page then please check your contact details and let one of the Observer team know of any changes. Many thanks!

Alternatively if you think you should be listed on the Contacts page please also get in touch.



Iwade Observer

Fast and Furious at Speedway



On Sunday 16th September 2012 Sittingbourne Speedway held the 2nd leg of their annual "Credit Crunch" meeting. This meeting so called because of the greatly reduced rider entry fees and generous sponsorship from MTD Group was organised by the Dragons Speedway

Club and had over 40 riders taking part in a graded team tournament event and was run over a total of 54 heats in a packed afternoons racing.

The racing was fast and furious, with some awesome team riding, fruitful tactical substitution rides and last heat deciders all helping to make one of the best ever meetings held at the track and a lot of credit must go to the hard working Sittingbourne track staff in preparing a fine racing surface and superb organisation to have the whole afternoon's event wrapped up and finished by shortly after 4.00p.m. The meeting also had an international flavour with a group of riders travelling all the way from Belgium to take part.

For the large crowd who supported the event and witnessed some thrill packed racing it was entertainment of the highest order.

You can follow Sittingbourne Speedway on twitter at @sbournespeedway or 'like' them on Facebook at Sittingbourne Speedway. You can find Sittingbourne Speedway track at Raspberry Hill Lane Iwade - Ed

Thank you for free insulation

Iwade resident Eileen Taylor would like to thank Jon Hickey and British Gas for her free cavity insulation after reading her September Iwade Observer. Eileen called British Gas and made an appointment for a surveyor who made an appointment for cavity insulation after checking her property. By the end of the following Tuesday, her property was complete with free cavity wall insulation. According to the British Gas website you have until the end of November to take advantage of this offer so call freephone 0800 980 8138 quoting BGI j.hickey and 137189.

Thank you to Kelly Smyth of Kingfisher Close for November's cover image of Woodpecker Drive in early September.

If you enjoy taking photographs of Iwade don't be shy and send them over to the Observer team by email at images@iwadevillage.co.uk

November 2012

Ducks in Pyjamas!

It was pyjama time in the water for Iwade Puddle Ducks who learnt valuable life-saving skills whilst raising money for the Children's Trust with Puddle Ducks run by Iwade's Angela Higginbotham. Angela organised a Humphrey's wet pyjama tea party at Westlands Primary School on Monday whilst parents and children raised sponsorship for joining the tea parties if they wanted to and donations were taken at classes for those who wanted to donate.

Puddle Ducks ran pyjama parties at all of their swimming classes during the second week of October to teach lifesaving skills and raise money.

Angela Higginbotham was pleased to report a total to-date of £647 on 16th October and was expecting more sponsorship and another pyjama party to collect at so well done Puddle Ducks!

Iwade Puddle Ducks pictured below



Make a Tank!

15th September saw the Milton Hundred Wargames Club (based in Iwade Village Hall) hold an open day to introduce members of the public to the club and wargaming as a hobby. The club were supported by the Iwade WI, who provided some fantastic refreshments, members of the Maidstone Wargames Society and the Mayor of Swale. The club ran three demonstration games, wargame figure displays and a free 'make and take a tank' table, where younger visitors could make a free tank kit donated by Armourfast Ltd of Essex; this proved to be very popular even if Mums and Dads (and Grandmas) did get a bit sticky from the glue! The open day was visited by some thirty people of all ages and was a great success for the club, plans are already in place to run the event next year. The club received a lot of interest from the public and have gained three new members as a direct result of holding the event.



Anyone who could not make it to the day but would like to know more about the club can visit our website www.mhwc.co.uk or come along to one of our regular meetings. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 6.30pm to 10pm at Iwade Village Hall. Membership is open to those over 18 and is £50 a year (payment plans available). First meeting is free and refreshments are available.

The club would also like to offer its support to other local groups by providing a demonstration or participation game at their events, those interested should contact the club on 01795 873379.

It's great to see the Wargames Club getting involved in the community - Ed

Tinkerbells Early Years

by Claire Stock



A fun and busy new term at the setting has been had by all.

Our new children have settled in well and along with the other children, they have taken part in activities learning all about themselves, their interests, their families and their pets. Following on from a discussion regarding pet fish, two fish in crushed ice were

brought into the setting for the children to examine and explore. The children showed a keen interest in the fish and with one child adamant that his fish fingers did not come from fish like this, the children's questions then led to the fish being filleted, with even the removal of its eyes !! (much to the children's amusement)

The children have also been busy taking part in Harvest Festival and Diwali celebrations, with the children choosing to make scarecrows and creating their own Rangoli designs.

Weekly bus trips into town and trips to the park and around the village have been a big enjoyment for the children, allowing them to gain further knowledge through their experiences. The children have also made regular visits to the allotments, preparing for new bulbs and seeds to be planted.

We are all looking forward to a busy month ahead running up to Christmas. The children will be taking part in lots of fun activities and rehearsing for our Christmas nativity. Our annual fundraising Christmas fair will take place on Tuesday 11th December from 3pm till 5:30pm. If anyone would like a stall, please contact Donna on 07966 762239. Everyone is welcome so we hope to see you all there.

Editor's Note

Well it's November already in Iwade so we've thrown in some orange in the spirit of Autumn and Bonfire Night. Do stay safe on Bonfire Night. Lots of new(s) this issue so hope you enjoy it.

We're always looking for volunteer editors so if you want to add to your skillset and do something for the community at the same time contact me Nicola McKenzie at iwadeobserver@iwadevillage.co.uk. Have a great November, contributions to the December Observer can be emailed to the same address.

Nicola

Kids Observer

Hi, I'm Alice McKenzie and I want to know what you would have in your observer if there was a kids page.

If you have any ideas about this send your ideas to the email below:
kids@iwadevillage.co.uk

Or if you don't have email you can drop a note into 30 Mansfield Drive - Ed

Dates For The Diary

Saturday 3rd November 20:00 Live Music at the Woolpack with Mick Kenton

Thursday 8th November 11:15-11.25 Mobile Library at Springvale end of Sheerstone

Saturday 10th November 10:00 to 18:00 All Saint's Church Open Day

Sunday 11th November 10:00 to 13:00 Iwade Village Market under new management telephone 07990 767893

Wednesday 14th November 7.30pm Iwade Parish Council meeting at Iwade Village Hall, residents welcome

Thursday 15th November 7am - 10pm Police and Crime Commissioner Elections

Friday 16th November Iwade School will be supporting Children in Need by asking children to "wear their spots" for a suggested donation of £1

Saturday 17th November 19:30 'Funny Tricks' magical comedy show with Ian Keable Iwade Village Hall

Sunday 18th November 9:30 - 11:30 Table Top Sale Iwade Village Hall

Wednesday 21st November 19:30 WI Annual Meeting Iwade Village Hall

Thursday 22nd November 11:15-11.25 Mobile Library at Springvale end of Sheerstone

Sunday 25th November 10:30 All Saint's Church Family Service

Thursday 29th November 14:00 Iwade school information session for prospective parents with children starting school in 2013

To keep up to date with what's happening
always remember.....

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Limited tickets are still available
for this hilarious and
mind boggling one man show

Contact Sasha Carrington on 07989 554 469 or email Pitstop-Catering@hotmail.co.uk for tickets

Saturday 17th November 19:30
in the Village Hall

Ian Keable's
FUNNY TRICKS
comes to Iwade



Christmas is coming.....

.....and it'll soon be All Saints Church's
Christmas Fair!

Saturday 8th December
from 2 - 4pm
Iwade Village Hall

Contact Connie Kilby on 01795 471932
if you would like to book a table

Iwade's Rising Star

By Murray Crundwell

Iwade resident Hayley Squires is well on the way to becoming a world-renowned actress and playwright. Having lived in the village for seven years, Hayley is currently filming for a Channel 4 drama called Southcliffe, parts of which are being shot in Faversham, Bapchild, Kemsley and Sittingbourne High Street.

Having been a student at Sittingbourne Community College, Hayley went on to study acting at Rose Bruford College in London for three years, graduating with a BA (Hons) degree.

Earlier in the year, Hayley had a role in Call The Midwife (episode one) as Maureen Warren. The show, including this episode, is now being shown in several countries around the world.

Hayley has also developed into a talented playwright, penning a play called Vera Vera Vera, which was at The Royal Court Theatre in Sloane Square between March and April. It was also at Theatre Local, Peckham in June. On the back of the success of Vera Vera Vera, The Royal Court has commissioned Hayley to write a second play.

The play has already been

published as a book with the same title and Channel 4 has also shown an interest in adapting it for the screen. On top of this, BBC Radio have asked Hayley to write a radio play.

As you can tell, Hayley is a very talented and hard-working writer and actress, who loves her work just as much as spending time with her family in our wonderful village.

Thanks to Murray and Hayley for this story - who knew we had such interesting stories in our Iwade midst? Ed

Get Your Clubs Out

By Murray Crundwell

As of November, an Iwade-based family will be supplying the town with yet another activity to schedule in to their plans. Rachel and Peter Appleyard, who live in the village with their four children, are set to take over the reins at The Sittingbourne Golf Centre (formerly The Oast Golf Centre) on Church Road, Tonge.

Offering a warm, family-friendly environment, the Sittingbourne Golf Centre also boasts a number of impressive professional and social features. These include an executive 9 or 18-hole golf course, a 16 bay floodlit driving range, a putting green, licensed

café and function rooms. These factors make the centre an ideal place to hone your golfing prowess, whether you're a complete beginner or a seasoned veteran.

Rachel and Peter will also be introducing the Junior Academy where children from reception year and above can come and learn how to play golf. They will be in capable hands, too, as Peter is a PGA professional and has formerly been a full-time playing professional, taking part in a world golf major, The Open at Royal Birkdale in 2008.

The quiet, rural setting also makes it an ideal location to hold

business meetings, special functions, birthday parties for adults and children alike, and regular classes. There will be special events held throughout the year, including family golf days, as well as taster sessions.

There is a Facebook page, search Sittingbourne Golf Centre, which Iwade Observer readers can 'like' to keep up to date with what's happening and special offers, as well as a website – www.sittingbournegolfcentre.co.uk.

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FIREWORKS

Stay Safe

Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114 or CE. Keep fireworks in a closed box, preferably somewhere secure.

Never throw fireworks and keep pets indoors.

Know the law

It is illegal to sell fireworks to anyone under the age of 18 and it is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess fireworks in a public place. It is illegal to let fireworks off between 11pm and 7am except on Bonfire Night (midnight), Diwali, New Year, and Chinese New Year (1am).

Iwade W.I. Update

by Secretary Hilary Foulds



We had a marvellous tea last month at Gardening World in Newington. Some of us tucked into huge fluffy jacket potatoes and others into more delicate, but nonetheless very tasty, sandwiches. We all finished off with a generous slice of gateau. Owner of Gardening World Carol Sage, who kindly kept the plant centre open to us after closing time, demonstrated making up winter hanging baskets and pots while we enjoyed our hot drinks in the comfort of the coffee shop. We were amazed by how many plants she crammed into a basket, ripping off bits of plant root to make them all fit. She explained how this encourages growth in bedding

plants. Carol very generously donated 2 filled hanging baskets and 2 pots to us for the price of a raffle ticket and those of us who won were thrilled and not the least daunted by the journey home with our prizes precariously perched on back seats or wedged into the car boot. Many of us bought plants hoping to recreate what Carol had shown us (and many of us still have said plants sitting on the patio waiting to be planted some weeks on!)

We enjoyed the talk given at our October meeting in the village hall by ex-yeoman warder Bryan D'Arcy about the Tower of London, its prisoners and the ravens. As I write we are looking forward to the fund raising Credit Crunch Lunch we are putting on for other WI members in our Group. We have 50 to cater for in the village hall on 29 October.

Our meeting in the village hall on Wednesday 21 November is our Annual General meeting when we listen to reports about what we have done during the year and how the finances went. We will more importantly perhaps then vote for our Committee and President for the forthcoming year. We are finishing the evening with another 80th birthday treat for members, a free fish and chip supper, paid for out of earlier fund raising.

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

Help safeguard your community from fire

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) is appealing to residents to ensure vulnerable members of the community are safeguarded from the risk of fire.

Just three breaths of fire smoke can be life-threatening and sadly, it is often older residents, or those with mobility problems, physical or mental health issues or impaired sight or hearing, who are injured by fire. There is added risk if someone is a smoker, has bundles of newspapers or other flammable clutter about their home, or uses an old or unstable electric, oil or paraffin heater.

Heating worries cause extra hazards, with some residents using open fires and portable heaters to dry clothing.

If you have an elderly parent or neighbour, or know someone who lives alone and is more vulnerable, help them stay safe and independent by encouraging them to contact KFRS for advice.

We can offer people practical help to reduce the risk of fire and advice on escape routes and what to do if a fire starts in their home.

If needed, they'll arrange a free home safety visit, which takes about 30 minutes and includes, if needed, the fitting of free smoke alarms. Both the visit and equipment they fit are free.

KFRS's dedicated team can also provide specialist equipment for vulnerable residents, including fireproof bedding and smoke alarms for visually and hearing impaired people, as well as other gadgets e.g. cooker switches for residents who have become forgetful about turning off the cooker.

By encouraging those you care about to get in touch, you will be playing a huge part in preventing a fire and may even save a life.

For further information contact KFRS on 0800 923 7000 or visit www.3breaths.info.

Parish Council Notes

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Trees

The Clerk reported that the site adjacent to the bus shelter is not suitable due to services running underground; Highways also checked the rest of Ferry Road, but it would appear that most of the green verges have services running under them.

Members agreed that due to the difficulty in finding a suitable site it now looks as though the trees will possibly need to be split into different locations. It was agreed that 4 trees be located at the front of the meadow side of the village park, and 4/5 in the actual park; agreed by all.

Replacement of Old Parish

Lighting - Report still awaited from Cllr. Phillips. It was agreed by all Members to replace the old parish lighting, one column per year, or as a column becomes faulty and the repairs exceed £45, this will bring the lighting up to the same standard as the new parts of the village. It was also agreed that a team of Members would inspect the 26 columns and depending on the condition/age draw up a replacement schedule.

D.S. Smith Community involvement; Pond Dipping

Station – The Clerk has been advised to try contact to Mark Steadman again regarding the proposal for a pond dipping Station. In the meantime Wards Homes are also very keen to supply this equipment but will not install it. The Clerk has contacted Graeme Tuff, Green Spaces Officer at Swale Borough

Council, and he is agreeable to her requesting a quote from one of his contractors and will then pay for the installation. Action: Clerk

Speed Watch – Clerk advised that the speed watch training has gone ahead and the Village now has a team of six volunteers. These volunteers will be meeting an established group on the Isle of Sheppey to get some 'live' experience at the roadside.

Visitors, Public Time

County Councillor and Borough

Councillors – County Cllr. Mike Whiting handed the Clerk a copy of a list which details costs of work that KCC can be requested to undertake. He referred to the Speed Watch and informed that he is going to have a flashing speed indicator installed in the village. He is still pushing for the 20 mph zone in the village. He also advised that KCC are hiring out a gang of workers to undertake various tasks within the village.

Borough Cllr. Alan Willicombe, as mentioned above, kindly agreed to pay for the Speed Watch equipment. He reported that KCC have put a further 6 million pounds into the resurfacing programme, and this now includes School Lane.

Councillors, Mike Whiting and Alan Willicombe very generously agreed to give the Parish Council a grant for the purchase of older people's play equipment to be located in the Village Park.

Borough Cllr Ben Stokes generously agreed to donate £500 from his Community Fund to put towards a project within the village.

Finance

Refreshments for Pond

Cleaning Day – Wards Homes have very generously donated £150 for refreshments for volunteers working throughout the day, and the company is happy for any money raised through the sale of food, or left over, to go towards the Village Hall. Members agreed volunteers not to be charged for food/drink, unless they wished to donate any money towards this Action: Clerk

Village Hall Updates

Cllr. Hunt advised that some revision to the plans for the new hall have been delayed as the original Architect has left the company, but a new person has now taken this over. The New Hall Committee is waiting for the amendments to drawings to come back and then hope to submit an outline application for planning permission on the School Lane site. Hillreed Homes are now pushing for this as they need to determine the way ahead with their development.

If you would like to read the full version of the Parish Council Minutes, please visit the Council page of IwadeVillage.co.uk which you can found on the top menu

Fancy being more involved in Village life?

Iwade Parish Council

Notice Of Vacancy

NOTICE is hereby given that a vacancy has occurred in the membership of the above Parish Council.

Under the Local Government Act 1972, ten electors can petition for an election by writing to the Proper Officer at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT within 14 working days of the 12th October 2012.

If no petition is received within that time period, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-opting a person onto the parish council. Persons wishing to be considered for this appointment should apply in writing to the Clerk to the Parish Council as soon as possible but no later than:-

5th November, 2012

Written applications should be made to the Clerk at the following address: -

Lynda Fisher
P.O. Box 588
Sittingbourne,
Kent, ME10 9ET

Or by e-mail: iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk

Alan Willicombe

Kcc Councillor Alan Willicombe reports that he has released money to pay for speed watch equipment, that will be given to the Parish Council to operate. He has also provided



funding for adult exercise equipment to be placed in the park at a location specified by

Swale Borough Council.

Thanks for the update Alan - Ed

Churchwarden's Notes By Richard Lyndsell

November is a relatively quiet month in the Church but leading up to Christmas the usual buzz of anticipation develops.

Our services in November will be Sung Communion on 4th and 18th of the month, Family Communion on 11th and the All Age Service on the 25th.

Looking forward to December, there is a Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall (for details see advert) later in the month, we have a Crib Service at 4.00pm on Sunday 23rd and our usual two Carol Services on Christmas Eve.

Do have a very peaceful November.

You can contact our Church Warden Richard Lyndsell on 01795 478755 or by email at richardlyndsell@hotmail.com - Ed

All Saints Church's mobile stable, the 'Posada', starts its journey round the village on Sunday December 2nd. If you would like to give it a home for a night contact Sylvia O'Shea on 01795 478103.