

RUBBISH, WALKING AND WANDERING LONELY AS A DUCK

By James Apps

At times I want to burst into verse, or perhaps a long and thoughtful curse when I see rubbish dumped along the Iwade roads. When we walk along the pathways we are affronted by the indifference of our fellow citizens to the scenery, the road verges and streams around the village, and of course we report what we see. Fortunately wherever possible it seems the council clean up, but often it is the land owner who has to foot the bill which means that the rubbish often remains where it was dumped.



However, the time of the year is just right for weather and colour; fruit ripening on the trees and the temperature just right for a vigorous stomp. Some would suggest a wander around the village in decreasing circles that ends at the Woolpack for a drink and a chat, having seen the gardens and the fields change as Autumn wanders into Winter, rather pointless. Yeek! Cold rain and snow! We like it.

And now for the wandering lonely as a duck bit.

Hérons Under 5s Development Squad

By Keith Reynolds

The new Iwade Herons Development Team has now been up and running for the last 3 weekends from its start on 2nd October 2016.

Training takes place at Great Easthall playing fields on a Sunday Morning from 08.30 – 09.30. The team is now around 20 strong with mixed ability with both girls and boys attending. It's a great turnout each week with girls and boys who just want to play football. These could be future England players.....

Reports from the coaches are very good so far with comments being very positive. Every child is involved in some great games which teach them the very basic skills needed to play at a competitive level and at the end they

At times, in connection with the Sheppey Promenade the Sheppey Writer's Group has presented Readings in a Country Church in the All Saints Church along with a Pop Up Art Exhibition. Although I normally scribble words on behalf of the Iwade Health Walks I would also like to test the water, so to speak, and call for interest in setting up a Writer's Group in Iwade. Maybe we could walk and read or recite poetry – written by us – starting beside the pond composing poems beginning with the line "I wandered lonely as a duck...", or is it a Heron?

As for the Health Walks Group, we provide short walks and longer walks. The shorter are about an hour and the longer approximately an hour and a half. Walkers can choose which they take on the day according to how they feel, and of course what they need. They all end at the pub.

(If anyone is interested in becoming part of a new Writer's Group in Iwade let us know at the.iwade.observer@gmail.com and we'll pass your info onto James)

participate in a mini game.

The team is enjoying the fun but structured approach to football and the team is coached by current Iwade Herons Managers and Coaches from various other teams within the club, they will be on the lookout for volunteers to take over the running of the team very soon. If you wish to get involved please speak with one of the coaches at training and they will give you more information.

Any questions for the Development Team please forward them to Gary Warren on:

Gary.warren6@hotmail.co.uk



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The Iwade Observer

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Iwade School Half Marathon Success!!

Katrina Ware, Amanda Claridge, Anne Smith and Debbie Elliott, all from Iwade School raised over £1000 for the Team Bones charity by completing the London Parks Half Marathon on Sunday 9th October. Team Bones raises much needed funds to find ways to cure and treat patients with bone cancer. It was their chosen charity having lost teaching assistant Mandy Winter from the disease a few years ago. Many Iwade School staff and parents are keen runners and many attend along with the team above in the local running club "Beginners2Runners" which runs



twice a week from Bobbing Village School. The team of four only started running 18 months ago and took up running as a way to keep fit, lose weight and be great role models to other staff and children at the school.

If you want to join a fun and friendly running club no matter what your fitness level visit:-
<http://www.beginners2runners.co.uk> or their Facebook page Beginners2Runners-Sittingbourne

(Ed. - very impressed with Debbie doing a half marathon in flip flops! Dont forget also that each Saturday morning at 09:00 there is a free, timed event at Milton Creek Country Park.

parkrun has been running successfully every Saturday since it started on February 27th this year and a number of beginners2runners enjoy the weekly challenge of trying for a PB!)

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The Observer has been scanning FaceBook posts and applauds the efforts of all involved in raising money to help the fight against cancer.

We applaud all the village's bakers, shavers, coffee makers and drinkers and it seems well over £600 has been raised to help this fight. Well done Mews Brewhouse, the "Brave the Shavers", All Saints' Church and no doubt others who organised more intimate events all with the same aim in mind.

We are proud of you all and how the village comes together to support these events. What a great place Iwade is!!



Tinkerbell's

By Jody Paine

Our first term was a great success and it has been great fun getting to know all the new children and their families. We are now well into Term 2 and looking forward to many exciting activities.



Last term, our topic was 'All about me'. We had great fun learning about ourselves and talking about our homes and families, making and creating pictures for our display board. We have also been busy creating some wonderful life size representations of ourselves, which are being displayed around the setting for all to enjoy. Thank you to all those who took part in creating them at home!

This term, our topic is Autumn and Christmas. We are very excited about this and are looking forward to taking part in many festive activities, including of course our annual nativity.

We will be holding a Christmas fair on Tuesday 29th November from 3-5pm. There will be many exciting activities and stalls to enjoy including the teddy tombola, lucky dips, guess the weight of the cake, parents presents and many more. We will also be holding a raffle to be drawn on the day. We would welcome as

many donations as possible for this and also teddies and bottles for the tombola and bottle stalls too. If you would like to hire a stall for this event, please contact us as soon as possible.

We are currently full at Tinkerbells Iwade until September 2017. However there are a few spaces still available at our Clock Tower setting.

Therefore, if you are looking for a place for your child, please feel free to call in for a copy of our prospectus, or contact us at...
enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk



Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway



SANTA SPECIALS 2016



Running every Weekend from Saturday 3rd December
Until Sunday 18th December 2016

There are four specials each day at 11:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 15:00.

Tickets are priced at £13.00 for adults and children.

£10.00 for under 3 year olds.

Discounted Prices for W/E 3rd & 4th December

£11.50 for adults and children.

£8.50 for under 3 year olds.

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IWADE VILLAGE HALL
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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

Over 25 stalls selling perfect Christmas gifts for the person who has everything or nothing!

Saturday 5th November

10am-2pm

Disney inspired decorations, pallet trees and snowmen, greetings cards, Christmas tableware and centrepieces. Handmade wooden and sewn gifts, bunting, hampers, fudge, shabby chic gifts, face painting, bath bombs, candle melts, fairy houses and Christmas wreaths. Chocolates, mohair teddy bears, pocket money gifts, Christmas cakes, refreshments plus LOTS MORE!

For more info, please email
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www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk
Find us on Twitter & Facebook: Iwade Village Hall

Tinkerbells Christmas fair
Tuesday 29th November 3 - 5 pm
Iwade village hall

Hot/cold drinks, mince pies and cream, sausage rolls.

Santa's Grotto

Many stalls including: Bric 'a' Brac, Parents presents, Bottle tombola, Teddy tombola, Lucky dip, Cake stall, Guess the weight of the cake, Guess the name of the bear and many more.

Everybody Welcome

If you would like a stall please contact Donna on 07966 762239

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Iwade Parish Council is pleased to announce the arrival of what is hoped will become an annual event.

Who's got what it takes to have the best display of Christmas lights? Are you up for the challenge?

Judging will take place on Sunday 18th December at 6.00 p.m., so make sure you're 'lit' up at that time.

A bottle of Champagne will be awarded to the winner.

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Iwade reading Group

by Lianna Colburn

Hello fellow readers, in the absence of Jackie who is having a wonderful holiday, and a very busy Hilary I am 'attempting' nervously to give you our piece after having drawn the short straw! So here goes...



When She Was Bad....by Tammy Cohen.

The story is told from the perspectives of the main characters in both the UK and USA. Initially it is hard to tell how it will come together, but once you've got involved, it becomes an easy page turning read, a real 'who dun it'

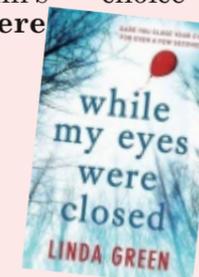
The UK side focuses on their place of work and their current lives, while the American side describes a gruesome 'House of Horror' which keeps you guessing right to the end as to how

the two converge to a very surprising end. It's a story that makes you hold your breathe while waiting for the next bit.

Definitely recommended by the group! We really look forward to meeting each month to discuss our "book of the month". Always we digress and talk about all kinds of things, maybe comparing our lives historically, maybe something from a book that has struck a chord, one thing is for sure, it's a great group to which anyone is welcome!

Next meeting is at Lynn's on the 8th November where we will discuss Lynn's choice of.. **While My Eyes Were Closed...by Linda Green.**

Ring Hilary Foulds 01795 474656 for any information regards the reading group.





IWADE VILLAGE HALL NOVEMBER 2016

What a busy month it's been since I last wrote about the hall. It seems like life is zipping past me at a great rate of

knots (please say it's not just me!)

Way back in September, we had a very successful Table Top Sale and feedback has shown that another one in the early months of 2017 would be welcome. If you're interested, watch this space as we'll definitely be putting one on and it'll be in the Observer and on Facebook for sure. Your chance to earn some money from the toys, clothes and treasures that just sit gathering dust in your house.

In October, we had the Race Night, although as I write this, we're 2 weeks away from it being held - we only have 3 tables left right now so I'm sure it would have been a great night for all. Here's hoping everyone won a little bit of money and had some fun. We deliberately made it a family event to appeal to everyone; what did you think? Please do let us know.

And onto November, one of my least favourite months as it's normally cold, wet and miserable, but it is the run up to Christmas so all is not doom and gloom I guess. On Saturday 5th November, we have our annual Christmas Craft Fayre from 10am-2pm. The stalls are selling perfect presents for everyone and anyone in your life, whether they are young, old or in between, there is something for all. From Disney inspired baubles, pallet Christmas trees and snowmen, wicker reindeer, dried orange decorations, ipad cushions, cards, fudge to table centrepieces, mohair teddy bears, bunting, glitter glasses, fairy houses and of course Christmas cakes and mince pies. We'll have refreshments available too so why not come down for brunch and a browse.

Your last chance to grab a late present from the Food and Craft Fayre will be the Sunday 13th November from 10am-1pm. There's no fayre in December as the stallholders need to do their own Christmas shopping!

More for Christmas - from 7th November at Iwade Pharmacy, you will be able to buy your Christmas Eve Grotto tickets! We sold out last year, so please don't delay your purchase as we don't want disappointed children. Tickets are just £1.50 each and you choose which 'hour ticket' to buy, we'll have 12-1, 1-2, 2-3 or 3-4pm again this year and each child will get a small gift and a meeting with Father and Mrs Christmas and the elves. Not to be outdone by last years 'decorate a bauble' activity, this year we not only have more baubles, but also foam

wreaths to decorate! It's suitable for all ages as everything is basically a sticker, so no glue or glitter! The activity is just £1 and the child gets to take the decorated bauble/wreath home with them - the most amazing addition to your Christmas tree!

For the grotto, we are in desperate need of any unwanted (working) Christmas lights, so if you're choosing a new colour scheme this year and no longer need any of your old sets, please have a think about donating them to the hall so we can make it look all sparkly for the children. Tinsel and artificial trees are also on the wanted list - please get in touch if you have something to donate.

Father Christmas will also be on his sleigh a few times in the village before Christmas, collecting for Sittingbourne Lights, so please watch out for the info on FB, our website and posters around the village.

That's all from me. Please get in touch if you have any queries on hiring the hall, or an event that we're putting on:

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Mega Craft Day

Sunday 20th November 2016
10.00am - 5.00pm
Iwade Village Hall

£10.00 per person (please note this day is not suitable for children).

Iwade WI are holding a craft day where you can bring your own craft project along and spend as much of the day as you wish crafting with friends.
~ Coffee, tea, biscuits and cake will be included throughout the day but please bring packed lunch.
~ If you would like to try your hand at something new, there will be workshops available, bookable in advance to ensure a place.

Booking will secure your place for the whole day. You may come and go as you please. Fees are payable when you book and are non-refundable.

Card making - make two quality Christmas cards £5.00
 Felt Christmas Tree Decorations £3.00
 Design and make your own bracelet and earrings £5.00

To book your Mega Craft Day please:
1) Complete the details below.
2) Tick the box above for any workshop you wish to attend.
3) Add any workshop cost to your craft day fee of £10.00.
4) Return this form with your payment to Hilary Foulds, 1 Meadow Brown View, Iwade, ME9 8XB. Please make Cheques payable to 'Iwade WI'.

You can register your interest by calling Hilary on 01795 474656 or emailing hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk but your place can only be reserved on receipt of your payment.

Name _____ Contact number _____
Email address _____

DIARY DATES



Thursday 3rd November 11:15 - 11:25 Mobile Library

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

For further information please telephone 0 3000 41 31 31 or email mobiles@kent.gov.uk

Saturday 5th November - Christmas Craft Fayre

Perfect presents for everyone and anyone in your life. From Disney inspired baubles, pallet Christmas trees and snowmen, wicker reindeer, dried orange decorations, ipad cushions, cards, fudge to table centrepieces, mohair teddy bears, bunting, glitter glasses, fairy houses and of course Christmas cakes and mince pies. Refreshments available too so come down for brunch and a browse.

Monday 7th November

Tickets available from Iwade Pharmacy for Santa's Christmas Eve Grotto - £1.50 each.

Tuesday 8th November

Iwade Reading Group - Next meeting is at Lynn's on the 8th November where we will discuss Lynn's choice of.. While My Eyes Were Closed...by Linda Green. Ring Hilary Foulds 01795 474656 for any information regards the reading group.

Wednesday 9th November 13:00 - 15:00 Pop Up Coffee Shop

Every other Wednesday at All Saints Church. Free, tea, coffee, home-made cakes, toys and stories for the children, why not get out of the house with or without children and meet some friendly faces.

Wednesday 9th November 19:30 Iwade Parish Council Meeting

Every second Wednesday of the month at Iwade Village Hall.

Sunday 13th November 10:00 - 13:00 Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre

There's never been a better time to pop down to see what's on offer. It runs on the 2nd Sunday of every month in Iwade Village Hall. If you're on the lookout for some fresh fish plus all of your veg and preserves from our outdoor stall, then how about something sweet to finish it off? We have a couple of stalls homemade cakes and desserts that will satisfy even the sweetest tooth! But if you hanker after a more natural sweetness, we have locally produced honey on offer every month. There's always a little to taste too if you want to try it.

Wednesday 16th November 7:30 Iwade W.I. Meeting

Every third Wednesday of the month at Iwade Village Hall. If you would like to join please contact the secretary Glenn Walters on 01795 436515 or email at gk.charisma@sky.com

Thursday 17th November 11:15 - 11:25 Mobile Library

At the Springvale end of Sheerstone.

Wednesday 23rd November 13:00 - 15:00 Pop Up Coffee Shop

Every other Wednesday at All Saints Church.

Tuesday 29th November

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IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 14th September, 2016

1. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School. Cllr. Hunt declared an interest in Item 6, Planning, and will withdraw from the discussion on the applications. Cllr. Plumb declared an interest in Item 8.2 and Cllr. Gale in Item 7.5

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr Horner, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 13th July 2016 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

3. Visitors/Public Time

Visitors – The owner of the Speedway is holding a special fund raising event on the 9th October and asked if the Parish Council wants to nominate who to give a donation to; it must be something associated to youths. A resident advised that there will be a site meeting, with KCC and Virgin Media present, to look at the issues relating to the recent work. Another resident raised concerns regarding the junction at the top of School Lane; he and others in the village have grave concerns about the obstruction of the sight lines, parking and the general layout of this junction. The Parish Council and Roger Truelove have been trying to get something done about this over the past year. Clerk to contact County Cllr. Truelove to push for progression. Action: Clerk

A resident from School Lane attended to again raise the issue of school traffic and associated problems. The Chair advised that a meeting took place between the Parish Council, School and KCC before the summer holidays. The Parish Council has already agreed to put signage up but is looking for something visual so that the Police can take action, e.g. zig zag lines. KCC were going to do a study on this and report back unfortunately, the KCC Officer involved has now left the Council but in the meantime Gordon Henderson M.P. and Mike Whiting, his Constituency Manager, have got involved. The Parish Council and the School were willing to contribute to the funding for any works.

Community Warden/PCSO – The Warden's report had been circulated. He has dealt with numerous fly tipping incidents; dog fouling, parking and ASB issues. He also reported that 4 bicycles were stolen during a garden shed burglary in Springvale, Iwade; there was a theft of toilet rolls at All Saints Church in The Street at Iwade and several power tools were stolen from a construction site on Holly Blue Drive, Iwade.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Linkway and outside School Parking Issues – Still nothing heard; Clerk to chase. Action: Clerk

5. Correspondence

1. Waste Disposal Strategy Consultation – Cllr. Mitchell to look through the documentation and delegated to forward details to Clerk to form a response. Action: Cllr. Mitchell/Clerk

2. KCC Local Transport Plan Consultation – Although the A249 and roundabouts are mentioned there is no reference to rail. KCC have stated that they cannot do anything about rail because it is not down to them, however they can still lobby for this. It was agreed that Cllr. Hunt be delegated to complete the questionnaire and to suggest pushing more towards rail than roads. Action: Cllr. Hunt

3. Highways England consultation - Managing freight vehicles through Kent – Noted; again it was felt that rail should be utilised more.

4. School Lane Recreation Ground and Pavilion – There appears to be movement on this; Persimmon will carry out the remedial works and Swale's Cabinet met last week to approve the draft Heads of Term for Transfer. Clerk to approach Solicitors, Pope and Co. sending them a copy of the Heads of Terms and outlining the proposal for the Iwade Herons to take on the Pavilion under a separate lease and to request an indication of possible costs for this work. Action: Clerk

5. AGM for Orchard Community Energy and New Bond Launch – The Chair mentioned the release of bonds; details of which can be found at <https://www.ethex.org.uk/Orchard>. He is more concerned that

the village has a community benefit, which for 2016 possibly equates to £10,000; the criteria for applicants is anything to do with the environment. This information will be posted on www.iwadevillage.co.uk, for interested residents.

6. Iwade Garage – Members will have seen the e-mails sent by a resident regarding Iwade Garage. There is a dispute as to who owns the tarmac area to the right hand side of the garage. The Parish Council has asked KCC Highways to confirm ownership; but this could take some time as maps show differing information. Depending on the outcome of County's investigations it will be down to them to take action should it be proven that the land is under their jurisdiction. The Parish Council has forwarded various information to try and assist the owner of the adjacent property but this really is a neighbour dispute and nothing can be done until ownership of the land in question is confirmed

6. Finance

a. School Aware Signs and Flashing Beacons - Agreed to ask KCC for the all-inclusive costs for the wig wags and to bring back to the next meeting. Action: Clerk

b. Parking in The Street – The letter to residents seems to have helped; agreed to take off the Agenda.

c. Grass Cutting Contract 2016/17 – No further updates; Clerk to chase KCC. Action: Clerk

d. Christmas Tree Quote – Agreed the quote of £299 from Kingswood. Cllr. Hunt mentioned a group that assist with marshalling events and has First Aiders; he will approach them regarding the 2016 Tree Lighting event in the village. Action: Cllr. Hunt/ Clerk

e. Replacement Commemoration Tree Village Park – Proposed by Cllr. Mitchell and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; all agreed £150 to cover the cost of a replacement tree and compost. Action: Clerk

f. Damage to Tinkerbells Equipment and debris in garden following hire on 27th August 2016 – The chair referred to £250 of damage to Tinkerbells' fencing, rubbish left, a bin broken, the sheds were opened and it appears it was used by children attending the party; despite the conditions sent out to the hirer stating that this section of the garden was not to be used. Fencing has now been fixed. Also a lot of rubbish left in the rest of the garden and car park area and a massive scratch on the hall floor. The hirer paid a £100 security fee and the Hall Committee agreed that this would be retained to cover the majority of the cost of cleaning the hall and other areas; nothing was left over for the damage to Tinkerbells equipment. Cllr. Hyde suggested raising the security fee in case this happens again. Agreed to look at recouping the cost of repairing the fencing from the hirer. Clerk to discuss this matter with KALC. Action: Clerk

g. ANPR Camera – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. White; agreed the £8000 cost to go ahead with this project; this covers installation; camera life and revenue costs. Action: Clerk

h. 2015/16 Year End Internal Audit Report – Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Langham; the contents of the report were noted and accepted.

7. Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

Ready to start work on the Barn. Still need to go through agreements with SBC, particularly regarding the car park; at the moment there is no formal use agreed for the Church. Swale will be using it for burials possibly by the end of the year. The Architect has forwarded an invoice for £1000 relating to the Building Regulations work, would the Parish Council agree to a donation to pay this? Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Hyde; agreed to donate the sum of £1000.

8. Reports from Representatives (Village Hall)

Hall – Cllr. Gale advised a new key box for the garden will be installed; the boiler has been serviced and the electrics tested and new 'space age' hand dryers have been installed in the toilets. There will be a Race Night in October and a table top sale next weekend. The Christmas Grotto will appear in December and the event will be the same format as last year as it was so successful. Sittingbourne Lights' Sleigh is being included. The car park is being marked out and there will be a disabled bay. There will be signage stating that the maximum stay is one hour except for hall users.

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Another great effort from the Team:- Dale, Nicola, and Nimfa. Like to see other changes or improvements or have comments to share about The Observer?

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