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The Iwade Observer

October 2017



*Pumpkin
 Whisperer
 does it again!!*



Iwade Allotment -BBQ
 Christine McQuade

A nice afternoon was had by all who attended our annual BBQ on Sunday 3rd September. The weather held out for us, so that was a bonus. The winner of the Best Plot this year went to Linda & Martin Cox who incidentally won the Biggest Pumpkin too. By the way Martin also won last year with his pumpkin!! He must have some special way of talking to his plants!!

Jams & chutneys were home made by Joan and Ann all grown at the allotment which are always a treat.

If you would like to join us on our allotments and be part of our community please contact me on 01795 421945 to be added to our waiting list.

BUSINESS FOCUS



Claire Colston Photography

Hello. I am a wedding photographer whom moved to the village early this year. I have been taking photos since I was about 4. I started with a Polaroid progressing to an SLR which have now become DSLRs. I still remember the thrill of watching the picture appear, well I still get that same feeling now when taking pictures.

I studied Photography at school and then college around 25 years ago. Over the years I have done studio work, on-location shoots, commercial and private jobs, etc. I used to have my own dark room and studio. However, as I also have another business in Care I found I just no longer had the time for all these jobs. I decided a few years ago now to just to do Wedding Photography. I absolutely love doing weddings, you build up such a good relationship with clients and their families that some end up becoming friends. It is a great responsibility and I make sure nothing can go wrong. I have at least 2 sets of all equipment and back-up gear. I even have another photographer on stand-by, however, thankfully that has never been needed. I have seen some beautiful places and met some wonderful people. I tend to book up quite quickly as I only do a wedding or 2 a month nowadays.

All my photos are natural, I never use Photoshop. I use my camera on manual and although I get the traditional shots I also take pictures in my own quirky style.

My usual day rate is £600 inclusive but I'd like to offer £100 off this price to anyone whom lives in the village and their immediate families.

My website is- <http://www.clairecolstonphotography.webs.com>





**Come and join us for some
 frightful Halloween fun**

on 31st October between 4pm and 7pm
 in The Village Hall



**Arts, crafts, fun and games and
 a spooky special guest!**



Former pupil makes surprising return to Iwade School **E = mc2 !!**

When Year 6 teacher Alex Powell wrote "E=mc2 when you solve it come back" on Craig Clark's shirt on his last day at Iwade School in 2010, little did he know that Craig would take him at his word!

Having just left Borden Grammar School where he achieved 6 A* levels at grade A* Craig has been selected for a place to study Physics at Oxford University. Craig returned to say thank you to his former Iwade teachers and to finally give Mr Powell the answer.

Iwade School wishes him all the very best for the next stage in his learning journey.

Iwade Health Walk – Pacing things out!

James Apps

The recent 'Thank you' meeting for walk leaders took place on the 25th August at Bridge near Canterbury. We had a tasty lunch at the White Horse pub after a walk around Bridge and Patribourne, taking in hills and woodland paths on the five mile walk and some of the sights of Bridge on the shorter walk. The sad news is that the two most energetic leaders and organisers are to have their time reduced and the NHS Walking for Health system will be under a new management scheme. Although this may not have an immediate effect it is obvious that the connection with the NHS will be less positive. However, that does not prevent the groups getting on with it.

Now, for a couple of weeks I have been outlining what is required of walkers in our group. The reason being is that we are a 'moderate' walking group (marked on the advertising blurb with two footprints) and that means we have a time and a walking pace to maintain.

We have two longish walks that should take about an hour and three-quarters, one which can be extended to that time, and some we have added on that we can adapt to suit in inclement weather.



The objective is to walk at a reasonable pace that most walkers can manage, be able to talk with a little breathlessness due to exertion, and will have somewhere in the middle of the time a faster pace or an uphill climb. Stopping at points should enable people to catch up with a brief moment of respite with at least one where people can take a drink.

Also the walk leader should be aware and know of a walker with problems on the day and make arrangements to enable that person to enjoy the walk and if needed to return part way. If the pace is too slow then please say so or perhaps join a longer NHS walk, and likewise if the pace is too fast for you, then join a shorter NHS walk. There are enough around for beginners or folks who may need them. The alternative is to devise some hour long short walks in and around Iwade. Any volunteers?

Whatever you need as long as you as the walker enjoy what we do then we have achieved our objective.

The Iwade Health Walk meets each Thursday – come rain or shine – in the Village Square at 10:30 for a 10:45 start. ALL WELCOME.



WE NEED YOU!

HELP NEEDED:

We are looking for enthusiastic musicians to join our upcoming band. We are looking for drummers, bassists, guitarists and singers, you will be paid for the gigs and will need to learn covers and originals, as well as being free to rehearse. Audition dates will be held soon, so if you want to be a part of this, email:- jackthompson1997@icloud.com
Thanks guys

**Tinkerbells
Christmas fair**

Tuesday 28th 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 01795 425384 / 07592544285**

Kent Orchards for Everyone Project

Do you have a 'Tale to Tell'?

Did anybody pick the wonderful plums in your community orchard? Have you all walked round and viewed the waymarkers and benches? What do you think of the additions to the play area? Does anybody remember this orchard years ago when it was picked by the farmer, perhaps you help pick the fruit?

I am trying to track down people who worked in the orchard or in orchards in the area. Recently I was told a tale by two excited



pilgrims who were walking the North Downs Way/Pilgrims Way to Canterbury; they had never been to the Cathedral before since they came from Lancashire. On route they met with an elderly lady in a Charing bus shelter and this person told them about all of the old orchards in Kent and that she came from the Sittingbourne area. She went on to say that cherries were her favourite fruit. In fact this lady was born in a cherry orchard while her mother was resting in a bivvy, a small tent which was erected in the orchards for the pickers to shelter under. What a wonderful tale!

Does anybody in Iwade have memories of a similar kind? Or do you know of somebody who might have a 'Tale to Tell'?

I need to collect all of these memories to record them for the heritage section of the Kent Orchards for Everyone Project, your help will be much appreciated, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact me, Pippa Palmar, if you have a 'Tale to Tell' at pippa.palmar@kentdowns.org.uk or 01303 815170

Tinkerbells Jody Nichols

The first term of the year is now well under way and being enjoyed by all. It's been lovely to welcome back our existing children and hear all about your summer holidays. It's also been a pleasure to meet our new children as they join the nursery. We are enjoying getting to know you and your families and we are very pleased that you have chosen to join us at Tinkerbells.

Our topic for the term is 'All about me' and the children have enjoyed exploring this through many activities and talking about our families and homes too.

Our book theme for the term is 'Mr Men and Little Miss' stories. The children have really

liked these and many animated story times are being enjoyed by all!

It may not seem like it, but Christmas is only around the corner! With this in mind we would like to advise you that our Christmas Fair this year will be held on Tuesday 28th November from 3:00- 5:00pm. If you are interested in having a stall for this event, please contact Donna on either 01795 425384 or 07592544285. There is an upfront cost of £10 for a table.

We are now full at Tinkerbells Iwade until September 2018. However, there are some sessions available at our Clock Tower setting. Therefore, if you are interested in a place for your child in the future, please feel free to call in for a copy of our prospectus and to be put on our waiting list.

Alternatively, you can email us at:- enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk



An open letter from a Concerned Resident - Problem Dogs in Iwade

I would just like to warn residents to be aware when they are out walking their dogs, especially if you let your teenagers or children walk them.

My dog was attacked by another dog in Iwade park last year and needed emergency vet treatment. She did nothing to provoke the attack and was just on her lead next to me. Since then on several occasions I have come across many dogs off their lead and that their owners cannot control, in the last week alone my dog has been attacked twice!. These dogs do not come back when called and some of them are quite dangerous. This is happening in the field areas to the right of the Old Kingsferry Road, all round the back of the park area and the estate leading over to Grovehurst Road area. It's very frightening when it happens and my dog has been distressed several times. When dogs get attacked it can radically change its personality as they become cautious and defensive and I do not want my dog suffering because of other people's carelessness.

Whenever it happens, the owners try

to call them back and run about trying to catch them and then apologise profusely, often saying they are normally friendly and they normally come back! however, it's still my dog and myself that are at risk. The dogs coming up are growling and snarling and in some cases, actually biting and attacking her.

I know to put her behind me and not to pick her up as that would increase the risk of being bitten myself but I only know that through my dog trainer advising me after her first nasty attack. I just want people to be aware and constantly on the lookout as these dogs just come dashing across the fields at you and it's a frightening situation. I've talked to several other dog owners in Iwade who have also been concerned about these dogs off the lead. I would hate for a dog or a child to be badly hurt.

I love dogs and understand they need to run about but please owners, (unless you are 100% sure that you can get your dog back to you in an instant) think of other people and train them better or keep them on a lead.

My dogs recall is far from perfect hence being on the lead the majority of the time. No one should be scared to walk in the fields like I am now. The dog warden is now aware of the situation and I would advise anyone experiencing the same problems to also let him know as he is very concerned. Any further incidents should be reported immediately so that they can be logged and dealt with if necessary. It's such a lovely area to walk in and just a few irresponsible people are ruining it for everyone else.

Just keep your eyes open is my advice to you and just tuck your dog behind you out of harms ways if one of these dogs comes towards you. I'm not mentioning names and breeds as I don't believe that's fair, and I would like to give those owners (you know who you are!) a chance to keep your dogs under control before someone or someone's pet gets seriously hurt. I know how much we all love our pets so hopefully this letter will help everyone enjoy lovely walks without fear or problems.

IWADE VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The hall opened its doors to another successful quiz night last month, with £242 raised for the hall and a further £70 donated to the local Cats Protection. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to Joa who wrote the questions. A very good evening was had by all, congratulations to the winning team 'The Hopefuls'.

As I write this the children have recently gone back to school, the days are getting a little colder and the nights are drawing in, but there's no need to be glum as that means HALLOWEEN! This year the hall will be open from 4pm-7pm on 31st October with Halloween themed games and activities for the children; we will even have a special guest making an appearance! So be sure to include the hall on your trick or treating route.

There is also the Halloween Food and Craft Fayre on 8th October, with Halloween chocolates for the children and even a Halloween themed treasure hunt.

There is a Race Night planned for 4th November. The last race night we held was well attended and a lot of fun, so keep your eye on our Facebook page for more information on how to book your table.

The Christmas Food and Craft Fayre will be on 19th November, with Christmas themed stalls and a visit from Father Christmas himself!

The local Cats Protection are holding a bingo night on 2nd December, more details will follow on Facebook, be sure to check as this will certainly be popular.

We are extremely pleased to welcome Belema from Tetita Childcare to the hall. She will be running a holidayclub with effect from this October half term. Please contact Belemaadmin@tetitachildcare.com or 07724 664727 for more information or to book your child's place.

Information on the hall, our regular clubs, availability and how to book can be found on our website www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk or you can email bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk to make an enquiry. You can also join our Facebook page to keep up to date with events.

Editor's Note

As we head inexorably towards longer nights and shorter days you might be looking for ways to reinvigorate your life and help the great community that is Iwade.

So we make an appeal for help with distribution of the Observer in the role of Distribution Manager. See separate "Can You Help?" item for contact details and more info. Come on you know you want to!

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Swale Cats Protection update

Great Danes, Bunnings, Bottles and Bingo!!

If you went to the quiz night held at the village hall in September, then thank you. The questions for the quiz were provided by us with a very generous donation of £70 being given to Swale CP from the proceeds of the evening. Thank you all so much for attending, we really hope you had fun (and apologies for the Elsa/Merida question!) (Ed's note – do we detect a hint of controversy here!!)

On Saturday 23rd September, we held a recruitment weekend over at the Great Danes Hotel in Maidstone. It was a joint recruitment event with the Swale, Medway and Maidstone branches coming together to attract new volunteers. It's always beneficial to get new blood in so to speak as you then gain from fresh ideas and a new look on things. Nothing should ever stay the same just because 'it's always been done like that', so new volunteers help change processes and can give a real boost to charities. At the time of writing this, the event is still to take place, but I do know that Iwade is a hotbed of volunteers so I hope we got a few new people to join us. If you couldn't make it to the event but are interested in helping Swale CP, then please contact us at: publicity@swale.cats.org.uk and we can have a very informal chat with you over a cuppa! We have hands-on roles where you'd be in contact with cats, but we also have plenty of admin and practical roles on offer. A couple of hours a week is about average, but that really depends on how much time you want to offer, it could be more or it could be less.

Our next big fund raiser may have already happened depending on when you have received this Observer. We'll be at Bunnings (at the old Homebase site on Sittingbourne Retail Park) on Sunday 1st October for their grand opening weekend. In true Aussie style (Bunnings are an Oz company), we will be let loose on a BBQ selling 'snags' which are a slice of bread with a sausage in, a simple snack but apparently very tasty! If you are free, why not pop down to see what bargains can be found in Bunnings, but swing by the BBQ too for a 'snag'! It's normal Sunday opening so we hope to see you there between 10am-4pm.

Fast forward to November and we've been invited by the Iwade Village Hall Food and Craft Fayre committee to have a stall at their Christmas event. Held on the third Sunday, so the 19th from 10am-1pm, we'll be there with our fundraising stall. We're thinking of running a bottle stall, but first we need some bottles! If you have a spare bottle of something, like wine, spirits, cocktails, beer, cider – would you please consider donating it to us for use on our bottle stall? If you don't have a suitable bottle, but you have something new that we could use in one of our raffles, we'd be very pleased to hear from you. Let us know if you can help by emailing :- fundraising@swale.cats.org.uk, publicity@swale.cats.org.uk or calling 01795 437372 – thank you!

Lastly, a quick peek into December and we'll be running our first ever bingo evening at the hall on Saturday 2nd. We'll give you more details next month, but stick it in your diary now as winning on that night could help your Christmas! Who doesn't love a good cash bingo evening with friends?!

Iwade Rock 2018

Hi Guys!

It's that time of year where the preparation gets well underway for next year's main event! If you wish to find out a little more on the history of the festival head on to You Tube and search Iwade Rock...

Tickets are now on sale for next year's Iwade Rock Festival, so please visit:-

www.ticketsource.co.uk/iwaderock

for details of how to snap up your discounted Early Bird tickets for next year's awesome festival.

Being held at the new School Lane facility on 21st July 2018, it boasts a larger arena to house more fun loving music fans to enjoy a family friendly music event for the whole family to enjoy that doesn't break the bank either... there will be a larger stage and even screens showing live feeds.

10 bands will grace the stage over the course of the day, lots of things to do for all the family... more details released soon but the Early Bird tickets won't be around for ever so snap them up while they are cheap.

Join in the fun on the Facebook Page www.facebook.com/iwaderock and keep up to date with all news Iwade Rock related.

Brownies and ALICE IN WONDERLAND!

Kerry Holman

At 1st Iwade Brownies this term, we've welcomed 5 new Brownies! We missed those who have moved on over the Summer but it was lovely to see new faces and we will have lots of fun. We had a great first meeting back after the Summer break, it was lively and full of chat. We don't know where the time went because in a flash it was home time! This term, we're going to be making the most of the weather and doing lots of our programme outside. We are completing a Tree badge which will involve trips to the park and fun and games! Expert arborists in the making.

We are also looking forward to our Alice in Wonderland pack holiday at the end of the month – and the leaders have been busy getting things ready and making secret stuff for it... photos to follow in the next edition!

Calling all toddlers (and their parents!)

Brooke Acott

Iwade Parent and Toddler Group is on every Tuesday morning in term-time from 9am to 11am in the Village Hall. It's run by volunteers and is an excellent playgroup. There's a baby area to protect the little ones from the toddlers, a range of toys to play with, and different tables for crafts, and books and puzzles for more quiet activities. The children sit down for a drink and a biscuit at around 10 (that's the only quiet time!) and end with a noisy music session! Parents can help themselves to tea or coffee. £2 for the first child and 50p for each additional child.

There will be no session on 24th October as it's school holidays that week but will return on the 31st October with our Halloween party!!

Please find us on Facebook:- **Iwade parent & Toddler group.**

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12 July 2017

Prior to the meeting Belinda Lamb, Project Officer, Guardians of the Deep, Medway Swale Estuary Partnership will give a talk on 'Guardians of the Deep'. The Guardians of the Deep project is a partnership between Kent Wildlife Trust, Thanet District Council, Medway Swale Estuary Partnership and Kent County Council. It will involve local people in the protection and monitoring of Kent's coastal wildlife, and get young people excited about marine wildlife through a programme of snorkelling activities and practical learning opportunities at coastal sites around the county. The activities within the project will raise awareness of the wildlife importance of these three areas of the Kent coast and involve volunteers in helping to protect them and promote their enjoyment. There will be groups of volunteers involved in this work; namely 'Coastal Citizen Science', 'Coastal Connections', 'Coastal Guardians', 'Undersea Explorers' and 'Wildbeach' – the last group being aimed at Schools.

The Chair thanked Belinda for her presentation and she agreed to forward details for inclusion in the Iwade Observer (Ed's Note – see September's Observer for full information)

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Clark, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14 June 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors – A resident raised the issue of the road narrowing and right of way as you go out of the village just past the Medical Centre; the layout seems incorrect could something be done? The Chair advised that this has been raised several times with Highways who state that it is correct. Sadly, it looks as though nothing will be done until there is an accident.
2. Concern over travellers gaining access to the proposed community green next to the Medical Centre was raised; they were advised that fencing around the perimeter is shown on the plans.
3. County and Borough Councillors – Borough Cllr. Stokes has been travelling around the Village with the Environment Warden. County Cllr. Whiting – nothing to report.
4. Community Warden/PCSO – The Warden has yet again been dealing with fly tipping, there were three incidents on Old Ferry Road and School Lane. Looked at vehicles parking on the zigzag lines outside the School. He mentioned two incidents of rogue traders in Kemsley; this is mostly to do with roofing. He will look into the cycling issues.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Linkway and outside School Parking Issues – Nothing heard, chase again and bring back to the September meeting.
2. Shed Project – Agreed to place an article in Iwade Observer to ascertain how many residents are interested. (Ed's Note – again see September's Observer)
3. Iwade Medical Centre – Things are moving forward; there have been meetings between the PPG and the Provider and the latest update is that staffing levels have increased. There is now a named lead GP, although not there permanently and two locum Doctors; they are present every day of the week. There is also an Advanced Nurse Practitioner and a Health Care Assistant. They are obliged to give around 370 appointments per week, at present they are averaging 400.

Planning

1. 17/502960/FULL: Rear conservatory: 13 Meadow Brown View Iwade Kent ME9 8XB – no objections.

Correspondence

1. DCLG Park Run Consultation – Noted.
2. KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant Initiative – Members are happy to support the initiative. However, the map showing the location of Hydrants for Iwade is incorrect, as the new Persimmon development is absent. Clerk to write to Kent Fire Brigade pointing this out and to express concern that Fire Engine access to some parts of the new estate, asking if a vehicle can visit the site to see if the concerns are valid.
3. Swale Borough Local Plan – Inspector's Report – Swale Borough Council now has the Inspector's report. The Inspector has stated that the Council can adopt it for only for the next 5 years and not 20, the reason being that the local roads cannot cope; KCC and Highways England only decided this on the last two days of the hearing.

Finance

1. TU Pay Claim – Noted.
2. Request for Donation for start-up costs – Iwade Medical Centre PPG – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman; agreed the donation of £200.
3. Request for donation – Citizens Advice Bureau – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman; agreed the S.137 donation of £50.
4. Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting – Proposed by Cllr. Horner and seconded by Cllr. Clark; agreed the following cheques and accounts to the 30th June, 2017

Projects/Project Updates

1. Village Park – safety fencing down tomorrow, this then leaves a few bits and pieces to do, including an area to install wet pour safety surfacing. Work on the bridge and footpath starts in September/October, benches and plaques next week, the whole project should be finished by the end of the year. Clerk to find out how much a cairn will cost to place near to the WW1 Memorial Trees, to dedicate these trees to the Iwadians who lost their lives during this war.
2. The Barn – bit of a delay with the Kitchen as waiting for the plastering work, this will be followed by further electrical work.
3. Hall – Anniversary celebrations this week, hoping Oliver Doubleday will attend. Bookings slightly down on last year but finances are good.

Any Other Matters Arising

1. The Chair advised that the Parish Council has only received one letter of thanks (Iwade Herons) for donations given this financial year, which is quite sad. He felt that this ought to be taken into account when looking at next year's requests.
2. The issue of Cycle Clubs putting up signs and using the village for time trials, etc., raised again. Clerk requested to ascertain guidelines on what is acceptable by seeking views from KCC, Swale Borough Council and Kent Police, and to seek residents' experiences, via Facebook.

The next meeting of Iwade Parish Council will be on Wednesday October 11th in The Village Hall at 19:30.



Herons - New Season Kicks Off!!

Keith Reynolds

The new season is upon us, we are very much looking forward to the new 2017/18 season, with the added hope that our new home at School Lane will be handed to us very soon!

Special good luck messages to those teams that have just made the step up from Under 6s to Under 7s and playing non-competitive weekly fixtures ... enjoy the games every week!!

The new intake of Year R pupils for this year's Iwade Herons Under 5 Development Squad is well underway. Training sessions are on Saturday Mornings at Milton Rec from 08.30am till 09.30am - if any parents wish to bring their child along for training sessions please contact Keith Reynolds at:- development@iwadeheronsfc.com for further information on how to sign up.... we still have a few places available! Come and learn the beautiful game in a safe, structured and fun environment with fully qualified FA coaches!

The Iwade Herons Management want to wish ever Player, Parent, Supporter, Manager, Coach and Team all the very best of luck for the forthcoming season. "Play with Passion and Play with a Smile."

Please visit our new website:- www.iwadeheronsfc.com

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Iwade Reading Group and The Rosie Project!

Iwade Reading Group met in September to discuss "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion which we found an easy read, well written and researched. It's about an exceptionally clever 40 year old man who is on the autistic spectrum and his efforts and their consequences of his obtaining the wife and family he so wants.

This is a very funny readable story which gives a great insight into the mind-set of autism. A Rom Com with a difference. There is a sequel book called "The Rosie Effect" which is also a good read.

You may be interested to learn we have a local author in Iwade. Lorraine Paine has just published her first novel "A French Liaison", a fictional story set in America, England and France. Lorraine says it's a light read with strong characters you will love and hate. Lorraine's book is available from Amazon.



Urgently required!!

Stephen Plumb who has taken on the role of Distribution Manager for The Observer for the last 4 years or so is unable to continue to do this after the next issue. Stephen's role within the church and the community has grown immeasurably during this time and he feels unable to continue his work with the Observer.

You have probably never really thought about how The Observer arrives on your door mat each month, but we have a dedicated team of distributors around the village led by Stephen who liaises with our printers to ensure all those distributors are supplied with their bundle of copies to deliver to their allocated 'round'.

Stephen works tirelessly within the community in many and varied roles and the Observer team is very grateful for all that he does for Iwade and has done for The Observer; his quiet efficiency will be missed.

However, that leaves us needing a new Distribution Manager to take on Stephen's mantle. The role is not too onerous, but does need somebody with a car, willing to collect from the printers (in Sittingbourne) and, then distribute copies to the delivery team around the village.

If you feel you can help please get in touch with the Observer team at:- the.iwade.observer@gmail.com and we'll be pleased to welcome you with open arms and give you all the information you need!

The Reading Group welcomed new member Sue to her first meeting in September. Have you thought about joining us? We do great cake! If you're interested and want more information just give Hilary a call on 01795 474656.

Next meetings:-

10 October 10.30am
at Lianna's-
"Dangerous Crossing" by Rachel Rhys

14 November 10.30am
at Sylvia's - "No Time for Goodbye" by Lynwood Barclay

