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Iwadian, Andy Howes has taken the plunge to 'go-it' alone!! Many in the village will know Andy either as the fella in the baseball cap who walks his Labrador Poppy every morning or the chap who is on the committee at Sittingbourne Striders Running and Triathlon club. We asked Andy why the change in direction?

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The Iwade Observer

October 2021

Iwade School

As a new school year starts for our pupils at Iwade School, we are very much looking forward to being a regular contributor to the Iwade Observer - sharing the children's learning and wider curricular experiences.



Firstly, let me introduce myself. I am Katrine Stewart and I have worked for many years at Timu Academy at both Iwade and Bobbing schools, and was thrilled to be appointed Head of School at Iwade in January 2021. As our precautionary measures start to relax, I hope that I will get to meet more of you at events within the community.

Before we share some of the exciting developments at Iwade School, we are looking for new members to join our Local Governing Board. If you have a background in premises, finance, human resources or just wish to be a governor and have the desire and time to see first-hand the strategic impact you can make in improving education for children in your local schools, please send an expression of interest to clerktoigb@timu-mat.org.uk

The website below may give some insight to the role.
<https://governorsforschools.org.uk>

Forest School

We are delighted to announce that our new Forest School has opened this term. Miss Harwood, our Forest School Leader, has been busy preparing the site to welcome the pupils to experience a range of child-centred, hands on outdoor learning in a natural setting. A huge thanks to the PTFA and parents who have fundraised and supported the purchase and building of our Forest School shelter, to enhance this area. The Year 1 pupils have had a wonderful time this week, building shelters and exploring this incredible environment.



Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre

Sunday 10th October 2021

10am - 1pm

Iwade Village Hall
Ferry Road
Iwade, Sittingbourne
ME9 8RG



**Crafty Cooking from VIBE
Activities for 8 – 12 year olds
Louise Funnell**

VIBE Community Ltd, the youth arm of The Brogdale CIC group, and Swale Youth are excited to announce that we have two new groups starting up in Iwade for 8-12 year olds! Running from our newest venue 'The Nook' which is based on Culnells Farm (School Lane), we will be getting crafty on a Tuesday and cooking up a feast on Fridays! Spaces are limited, so booking is necessary! We have some exciting projects for the first term and can't wait to see (and grow) your creative & culinary skills!



Craft club 8 - 12yrs
Get crafty on a Tuesday
Tuesdays during term time
4.15 - 5.30pm
The Nook, Culnells Farm, School Lane
Cost - FREE
To book contact jade@brogdalecic.co.uk Places are limited

Cooking club 8- 12yrs
Make & eat a meal together
Fridays during term time
4 - 6pm (includes the meal!)
The Nook, Culnells Farm, School Lane
Cost - £3per session
To book contact zac@brogdalecic.co.uk Places are limited

Youth activities 12+ yrs
Wednesday evenings - Our youth team will also be out and about in Iwade, (Newington & Upchurch also) on Wednesday evenings to begin engaging with young people aged 12 and above. This delivery will start with youth outreach and grow into a programme of events and activities through listening to and engaging with the young people's ideas.



SPEEDWAY'S BELATED BIRTHDAY

In the early 1970's Ivor and Barry Thomas carved out a track in a disused field nestling between some wartime gun turrets just off Raspberry Hill Lane. In those days racing was on the original chalk surface and the safety fence was just a few straw bales! Out of these humble beginnings grew the track and facilities as we know them now and last year the club celebrated its 50th year of operation making it one of the longest standing speedway tracks in the country.

The track started out as a practice and training track with an occasional public meeting and apart from a brief try at league racing has remained so in its 50-year history helping to produce two world champions, a British champion and giving hundreds of riders their first

taste of sliding a bike around a track.

Unfortunately, due to last year's Covid lockdown the planned 50th Anniversary meeting had to be cancelled and is now due to be run on Sunday 19th September. The meeting will be an individual race event featuring all our regular riders and with many older fans and riders coming along. A full meeting report will follow in next month's Observer.

Aside from the anniversary meeting the club remains very busy having run some well supported practice sessions and having run

two rounds of our annual summer 4 team tournament series, the remaining rounds being due to be run in late October. The matches are always exciting with some good close racing plus there is always a 125/150 and 250cc class races for the youngsters.

Our action picture shows a couple of our regular riders going through their paces in a recent practice session.



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We can help to get you onto the best tariff and show you simple ways of saving both water and energy in your home!
And save you £££'s
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To speak with our Fuel and Water Home Adviser contact Stevie 07862 158783
spettitt@children-families.org
or call 01795 667070

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Does it seem like you're paying too much for fuel? Are you struggling to pay your energy bills?

Book a free household energy efficiency assessment with our Fuel and Water Adviser and get a FREE energy efficiency pack worth £25!

Call our friendly energy adviser Stevie on 07862158783 spettitt@children-families.org

Children and Families Swale Borough Council Working together in partnership Swale Climate Action

Free money and energy saving advice

Confidential and free advice on your water, gas and electricity bills

Call Stevie on 07862 158783 for a friendly chat and let's work together to save you money!

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Warm Home Discount 2021-22 scheme opens in Oct

You may qualify if * :

- you are a low income household receiving certain means-tested benefits
- you or your partner are aged 65+
- you or your partner get Pension Credit (including Guarantee Credit)
- if you or your partner do not get Pension Credit you may still be able to ask for a discount

You can call your supplier on the number on your bill to ask if you can get the Warm Home Discount or call Stevie if you need help with this

*You must have an account to qualify. Each electricity supplier has different rules about who can get the discount.

You can only get this discount once a year. The Warm Home Discount is available through selected suppliers only. If you meet the rules you can get money off your electricity bills. Your electricity supplier will put £140 into your electricity account before the end of March 2022. If you have a prepayment meter they will send you a voucher, when you top up your prepayment meter the £140 will be added to your account.

Call Stevie 07862 158783 for help saving money!

Meet Stevie Pettitt, Fuel and Water Adviser for Swale working out of Children and Families Ltd.

This project has been funded by Swale Borough Council as part of their action on climate change and CO2 reduction. The aim of this project is to tackle fuel and water poverty across the borough and reduce CO2 emissions, saving householders money and energy, improving the health of the household and improve the householders understanding of energy efficiency.

We work with families that are in fuel poverty, with the most vulnerable groups, children elderly, disabled, and families on low incomes. We are giving free energy packs to householders who book a free consultation (chat) with me. The pack contains Swell gels, timers, LED light bulbs, draught proofing, radiator panels, humidifier, waste caddy bags, water hippos, to encourage householders to take further steps to save fuel.

The project is open to all households not just households considered to be in fuel and water poverty.

I work with households to switch tariff, apply for grants and support with utility debts. We give money saving and energy saving advice. We are trusted partners of local water suppliers and work to ensure householders are on the correct water tariff.

On average most householders save a minimum of 20% on their annual water bills and switching tariff saves the householder approximately £190.00 a year.

As energy prices are set to rise in September and the Warm Homes discount opening in October it is important that as many households as possible are informed of the help and support that is available to them before the energy price hike. Please get in touch:- Fuel and Water Home Adviser - Mobile 07862 158783 Children and Families Ltd | Seashells, Rose Street, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 1AW | Tel: 01795 889233

New Community Warden for Iwade

Iwade has a new Community Warden, Helen Binning who takes over from Adam McKinley. Adam has moved on to become District Manager, covering some areas without a Warden, he is still involved in youth activities though, which includes the Iwade area.

Helen, who is new in post is gradually finding her way around Iwade, and is hoping to begin holding surgeries in Iwade.

Helen can be contacted at:-
helen.binning@kent.gov.uk
or on mobile 07969 584184

Ed's Note

The Observer is once again appealing for help!! To be able to continue to produce this monthly magazine/newsletter we desperately need volunteers for both its production, and its distribution.

CAN YOU HELP??

We could do with help with the bulk distribution of the Observer to the team of 'deliverers' around the village. This can be shared and can be done in a couple of hours a month – interested in helping?

We have two or three roads in Iwade where we no longer have anybody to distribute the monthly copy. Like the chance to get out for a walk with a purpose once a month for 40 – 50 minutes? Interested in helping?

We have roles in editing/production that would allow you to let your creative juices flow! Fancy having a go?

If you can help with any of these roles, we would love to hear from you – send an email to: the.iwade.observer@gmail.com

THANK YOU

“The Earth: Our Common Home, a Place for All”

“Wherever I lay my hat, that’s my home”. Remember this number one song? For those who love pub quizzes, can you name the singer and the year?

This sentiment feels especially poignant right now given the recent events in Afghanistan. People have literally left everything, setting off into the unknown to do just that; to find a place where they can lay their hat and call it home. But it’s not just Afghanistan as the continuous flow of refugees seeking a safer place, risking everything to do so, reminds us. The recent generous response of the donations by so many gives grounds for hope for them in finding that new home in this country; a response rooted in the gospel call to *“love thy neighbour”*.

“Home”. This simple yet evocative word stirs deep yearnings within us as it touches upon questions of life, both in the here and now and for beyond death. At its most basic level home is a roof over our head, our own front door, food on the table, a comfy bed! It’s a place where we can be secure, where we belong, where we can know we are loved and accepted for who we are, where we can rest, where we can be at peace at one with ourselves, with others around us and with our surroundings. For me this word speaks powerfully of the promise of the presence of the Lord’s love with us: *“we will come and make our home with them”*¹

In the church calendar we are in the Season of Creation, from September to Harvest at the start of October. We are thinking about the Earth as *“Our Common Home: A Place for All”*; for people and for wildlife alike. We are looking ahead to the COP26 conference in early November, when difficult choices will need to be faced given the climate crisis. For this is now a current reality not a future threat as recent events this summer have highlighted; the unprecedented rains and floods in Europe; raging forest fires. These capture headlines when other effects don’t, such as the relentless rise in sea levels, threatening far-flung places both people and wildlife call home.

*“The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands...day after day they pour forth speech, night after night they display knowledge”*² Creation, this Earth is speaking, groaning in distress *“as in childbirth”* as the Bible puts it³. Will we heed this voice? Will we be willing to embrace the changes needed? What can we each do to make a difference where we are? This, so we can sing the song for us all to a place to lay our hat and call it home.

Every Blessing!

Julian

Rev Julian Staniforth, Rector of The Six

¹ John 14.23; ² Psalm 19.1-2; ³ Romans 8.22

Monday Friendship Group

The group is to resume meetings with effect from Monday 4th October and fortnightly thereafter at The Barn from 10:30 – 12:00. A small group of members got together to have a trial run on September 20th to test how we could safely resume meetings.

It was decided that we needed to restrict numbers, as before Covid struck we had often been uncomfortably overcrowded and with numbers of infections still high we felt that it would not be sensible to have more than 25 people attending at any one time.

We are, therefore, asking you to pre-book, on a first-come first-served basis before you come along. Booking can be made via our FB page (search on FB for Iwade Friendship), by FB Messenger to one of the site admins, or get somebody to do it for you!!

We look forward to seeing members again after such a long break. £1.50 including tea/coffee, biscuits, endless chat, and donation to the Barn.

Sittingbourne Striders

Andrew Howes

Not an Iwade event, but a chance to help a good cause if you’re out and about!

On Sunday 10th October between 08:30 and 11:30 Sittingbourne Striders Tri are holding A PITSTOP FUNDRAISER at The Old Forge, Borden (opposite The Maypole pub), to raise funds for a new defibrillator.

They will be trying to lure passers-by with the irresistible smell of bacon rolls, and cakes to help them with this fundraiser.

So, if you’re out and about, cycling, running, walking the dog or simply just love a bacon roll then ensure your route takes you through Borden for a pitstop. Grab a roll, a cake, and a tea or coffee to re-energise yourself and donate to a great cause.

Hope to see you there.

Bacon Sales forecast to rise!!

Men’s Breakfast Club

We’re pleased to announce that the Men’s Breakfast Club recommences at The Barn on Tuesday 7th December at 9:30. This will allow us time to chat collectively for the first time since February 2020. (Remember the pre-Covid days?)

My thanks go to Rynn and Philip who are helping with the organisation and key holding. We’ve booked our regular slot (first Tuesday of each month) throughout the year and we’re hoping to have another card making session with Hilary which proved very popular for Valentine’s Day 2020. Additionally, “our girls” have agreed to continue with the bacon rolls cooking and serving ...what could be better.

Look forward to seeing you all in December
Ron Francis

Mini-mes and Boogie Tots!

Donna Barker

Tinkerbells Early Years

Our first term of the year is now well under way and it’s been lovely to welcome back all of our existing children and hear about their summer holidays. It has also been a pleasure welcoming the new children and their families, we are pleased you have chosen to join us at Tinkerbells.

We have been focusing on getting to know everyone, talking about our families and homes through various activities with the children. We have lots of mini-mes and portraits displayed around the setting which the children created at home with their families. We are finally seeing more ‘normal’ practice at the setting... we have finally started to get out and about around the local area with the children which has been amazing, our yoga teacher has been back and the children have started cooking again.

We have some availability at our setting situated at The Clocktower Hall, sessions at Iwade are now full until September 2022, and our waiting list is building fast for the next two years. If you would like to be added to our waiting list please feel free to pop in and visit or email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk for further information.

Parent and Toddler

It has now been a month of the group being back open, it has been lovely to see so many people come together with their children. We have had lots of babies too, we will be making the baby area bigger to accommodate numbers.

We have lots of plans for outside groups to come in each week, so far Boogie Tots have visited which was great fun for all, we are currently in the process of organising baby massage, toddler yoga and messy play which will all become regular activities for the whole group. Please look out on our Facebook page for updates :)

Parent and toddler runs on a Tuesday 9am-11am and cost is currently £2.00 for first child and 50p each for siblings.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11 August 2021

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 23 June 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true transcript.

Visitors/Public Time

Visitors – No residents attended. County and Borough Councillors – No Councillors attended; no reports submitted.

Community Warden/PCSO – Community Warden – Adam McKinley introduced Helen Binning, Iwade's new Community Warden. Adam is now District Manager, and he covers areas without a Warden, but is still involved in youth activities, which includes the Iwade area. Helen, who is new in post is gradually finding her way around Iwade. She will be attending the Fete and asked about a venue for holding surgeries in Iwade. Clerk agreed to forward some contact details. Action: Clerk

PCSO – Written report received late - Crimes of note: A child was assaulted by other older children in the play area of Woodpecker Park. A crime report has been taken. There was an attempted break-in at an address in Meadow Rise. Nothing was stolen, but a crime report was taken. Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note: There has been an increase in reports of ASB in the village of late. Yesterday a group were pursued by PCSOs and stopped. Details were taken and words of advice given. Parents are also being visited. Reports of nuisance vehicles along the private road at Ridham Dock are ongoing. Patrols attend when possible. Further reports of fish being poached from the reservoir. Patrols attended but did not find anyone. Young people were reported swimming in the reservoir. PCSOs

attended and spoke to the group – words of advice were given, and the youths escorted out of the area.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

20 MPH Zones – Agreed to look at a 20-mph zone to cover the whole of the village, and at how to take this forward. The newly formed Highway Improvement Plan Committee to work on this project. Clerk to bring this to the September meeting. Action: Clerk

Correspondence

Swale Borough Council - Welcome Back Fund – Call for Ideas – Noted. Emergency Plan – Noted that there are two Flood Warden's within the Village. Agreed to bring this back to the September meeting. Action: Clerk

Planters – The Street/Mansfield Drive - The Street – agreed to obtain a further professional Risk Assessment from a competent company. A suggestion would be to fix the planters to the footpath, this will need a site meeting with KCC to gain their opinion/approval, Clerk to arrange. Failing this to remove the planters and replace with bollards on health and safety grounds, again to reduce the risk of pedestrians being hit by cars parking/driving on the pavement. Mansfield Drive – agreed to respond that this is under consideration, having a risk assessment carried out, and the matter will be reported back to the September meeting. Action: Clerk

Finance

Poppy Wreath- Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire, agreed to purchase a Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday and give a donation; amount agreed £50. Action: Clerk

Second Handyman – Proposed by Cllr. Lancashire and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, agreed to take on a second self-employed Handyman in the main to undertake repairs/works to street furniture, at an agreed rate of £14 per hour. Clerk to request sight of his Public Liability Insurance. Action: Clerk

Document Shredding Quote – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, agreed to pay 50% of the full cost of £80, plus VAT, the other 50% to be paid by Bobbing Parish Council, for the on-site shredding of up to 15 sacks of confidential papers. Action: Clerk

Projects – Updates on Current and New

Village Clean-up – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, agreed to hold the event on Saturday 23 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon, with a BBQ for helpers at 12.30 p.m. Further agreed maximum spend on this event £200. Clerk to invite County Cllr. Baldock and the PCSO, Helen Binning. Action: Clerk

Village Hall

Contracts have been received from the Solicitor, they will be checked again by the Council and Village Hall Committee, if correct they will be signed and returned. Action: Cllr. Langham/Clerk

Reports from Representatives

Hall – Now being used by Brownies, Scouts and Cubs. AGM 25 August.

Any Other Matters Arising

Speed Watch - progressing well, could do with more volunteers.

Kent Community Speedwatch Really fed up with speeding in the Village?

Then why not join our Iwade Speed Watch Team? Your first step is to register online as below.

1. Typing <http://www.communityspeedwatch.org> into a web browser.
2. Click on the [Register] tab and choose [Registration].
3. Click on [Join Existing Group].
4. Click on [Join Existing Group as an Operator].
5. Choose [Kent] from the pull down and click [Continue].
6. Choose [Sittingbourne] from the pull down and click [Continue].
7. Now choose [Iwade Speedwatch Group] from the pull down and click [Continue].
8. Finally complete their details in the registration form and follow the emailed instructions.

Complete your details, Click the link on the email once received to verify your email address and then undertake the on-line training. When you have completed your training etc. your coordinator will be updated and will then be in touch. (Please check your Spam folder as sometimes emails drop in here).

Want to find out a bit more about the team before registering, contact Cllr Barrie Whiting: cllrbwhiting@iwade-pc.gov.uk or Cllr. Ray Langham: cllrclangham@iwade-pc.gov.uk

IWADE VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Saturday 23 October 2021 - 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon



The Village Clean up starts at 9.30 am. and ends at 12.00 noon, helpers to report to the Village Hall to collect black sacks and sign in. Refreshments will be available during the morning, followed by a BBQ at 12.30 p.m. for those who take part in the Clean Up.

Email the Clerk - Clerk@iwade-pc.gov.uk - to let her know if you will be attending and to enable us to purchase the correct amount of food.

Please come along and help tidy our Village