

# Iwade Observer

**Iwade in Bloom -  
Gardening competition winners**  
Amanda Hurrell

## Tinkerbell's Early Years Jody Paine

By the time you read this we will be welcoming back all of our children. We hope you all had a lovely summer break and are ready to join us once again for lots of fun and learning. We would also like to welcome our new children and their families to Tinkerbells. We are very happy that you have chosen to join us, and cannot wait to get to know you all!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish good luck to all the children who are starting at 'big school'. We are sure you will learn lots and we hope you all have lots of fun too. Please feel free to pop back and visit any time!

Our topic for this term is 'All about me'. We are looking forward to exploring this through many activities and getting to know all of the children and their families too.

Last term was a very busy one in the run up to the holidays, and we had lots to fit in. We held a

Sponsored Walk to raise funds, which the children were very pleased to take part in. We raised a very impressive £403 for the nursery. Thank you and well done to all the children and parents that took part!

We also held our Annual Sports Day. The rain held off (just about!), and the races were thoroughly enjoyed by children, parents and staff too. Again, we were very proud of all those who took part. It was a great day and lots of fun too!

We are now full at Tinkerbells Iwade until September 2017 and have only limited spaces from then onwards too. However we do have a few limited 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, or email us at [enquiries@tinkerbellspre.school.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspre.school.co.uk)



**Drum roll (you'll have to use your imagination here!!) .....**

**Wow! there are some great gardeners, young and old (and in between) in Iwade, and the pick of the entries this year were:**



2) Junior gardener Ruby in Swallow Avenue for her use of bee-friendly plants and knowing all their names.



1) Best front garden Ron Harknett in Sheerstone for amazing colourful display and use of under planting and lawn



3) Best Hanging basket Dale Wells in Church Mews, and clever use of sun catchers .

4) Edible Garden Paul Holowczycki who obviously has green fingers as this was his first ever seed planting!



**Well done to everyone who took part and we look forward to another community gardening event next year.**



## Tallest sunflower competition Amanda Hurrell

The moment you've all been waiting for ..... the tallest sunflower grown in Iwade. The winner is The Wade family ..... well apparently Isabelle (4) and Jacob (3) are the official green fingered gardeners ! They grew a whopping 312cm ( 10 feet 3 inches) - or 3 kids tall!

Well done To the Wade family and to everyone that took part in this year's competition.

As it was so popular we will organise the same category next year



## All Saints' Close Celebrate

Ginny Macoy

All the residents in All Saints' Close got together to organise a lovely 90th Queen's Birthday celebration on what seems ages ago now, back in June. Unfortunately the Queen was otherwise engaged, but it was an ideal chance for us all to meet and get together and was thoroughly enjoyed by us all; food and drink was in abundance and even the weather managed to brighten up and it turned into a lovely

evening after a very wet start. A very big thank you to Damian who took all the photos during the event. It was such a success all the residents have agreed on holding a summer bbq, watch this space! It was so nice that in this day and age when people have such busy lives that time was made to get to know all our neighbours and become part of a community.



## BOUNCY CASTLE, BOUNCY CHURCH

Rosie Liddell

Bouncy castles weren't around when I was a child so when my two grown-up sons recently decided that they would hire one for a day, it was my chance to try it out. I went on it on my own first and it was very pleasant bouncing up and down. However, when joined by my sons and their girlfriends it took things to a whole new level. With four energetic young adults throwing themselves at the sides, doing flips and bouncing as hard as they could, it was impossible to stay upright. I soon ended up in the corner, helpless with laughter.

It reminded me of a few years ago when I went with a couple of friends to the Christian resources exhibition



and one of the resources on display was an inflatable church! It had a couple of bouncy pews, an organ, some choir stalls and even I think an inflatable vicar! We sat down on the pew with a couple of other visitors, admiring this incredible creation, with smiles on our

faces. When the other people on the pew got up to leave, it upset the balance so that we found ourselves toppling over. And on that occasion too, we ended up helpless with laughter and my friend remarked 'Wouldn't it be good if church was always such fun.' I'm not suggesting for a minute that we put bouncy castles in our churches, but it is important to remember that in all life's struggles and uncertainties, the Christian message is essentially one of Good News. The religious leaders in Jesus' day had made life miserable for the ordinary people by imposing impossible rules upon them. Jesus came with a message of healing, forgiveness, joy, freedom, a fresh start in life. This is still available today if we put our faith in him.

(Rosie lives in Upchurch and is part of the team responsible for Uplift, which is part of The Six Group of Churches of which All Saints' Iwade is one. If you want to know more look on The Six website [www.the-six.org.uk](http://www.the-six.org.uk) or look on the church noticeboard



## Newsflash from Iwade Cubs/Scouts!!

Recently we had 60 personalised hi-vis jackets in appropriate section sizes (ranging from 6yrs to adult) donated by Costain. We'd love to say a public thank you in particular to Trudi Langton Freeman for organising! (Ed. We certainly won't miss the Cubs and Scouts when they're out and about!)



## BUSY DAYS AT SITTINGBOURNE SPEEDWAY

Paul Heller

The mild winter and spring weather has helped the Club maximise its use of the track situated just off Raspberry Hill Lane to run plenty of training and practice sessions with a strong contingent of riders attending each session keeping the track staff and volunteers very busy. It also gave the Club the opportunity to run some specialized training sessions hosted by some star trainers including local speedway and grass track legend Paul Hurry, the newly crowned British Speedway Champion Daniel King and Kent Kings star David Mason.

Interestingly also the lack of grass track meetings in the area has seen a marked increase in the number of sidecars using the track to keep drivers and passengers fit and to test their machinery.

On Sunday 10th July the Club held its most important public event of the season the annual Ivor Thomas Memorial Meeting which incorporates the Malcolm Simmons Trophy. The meeting remembers Ivor the man who built and founded Iwade Speedway back in the 1970's and also remembers Malcolm one of England's finest speedway stars who was a great friend and supporter of the Club. The weather looked very doubtful on the day but thankfully the rain clouds stayed away and a large enthusiastic crowd saw a varied afternoons entertainment with racing from vintage machines dating back to the 1930's up to the present day plus some sidecar action with riders of all ages and abilities ranging from six up to pensionable age taking part.

The racing was interspersed with demonstration rides

from one of our lady speedway riders, a couple of our very promising youngsters, track record attempts by Paul Hurry and also on hand were sponsored "taxi" rides around the track as a passenger on a sidecar this raised over £240 for charity.

The meeting was run by the Club's sister company SITRA in conjunction with Sittingbourne Speedway Ltd and the Club were very grateful to CTA Fire for their help and assistance.

All in all everyone concerned with the Club was very proud to run the meeting to remember Ivor and Malcolm and it was a grand day out with many people saying they could not wait for next years event.



Inf: Photo shows some vintage action with Tim Mount running wide almost letting in Stu Towner (13) pass with Stephen Windbank watching on. Photo by Sue Towner

## Ride n' Stride - Friends of Kent Churches

Dave Wastall

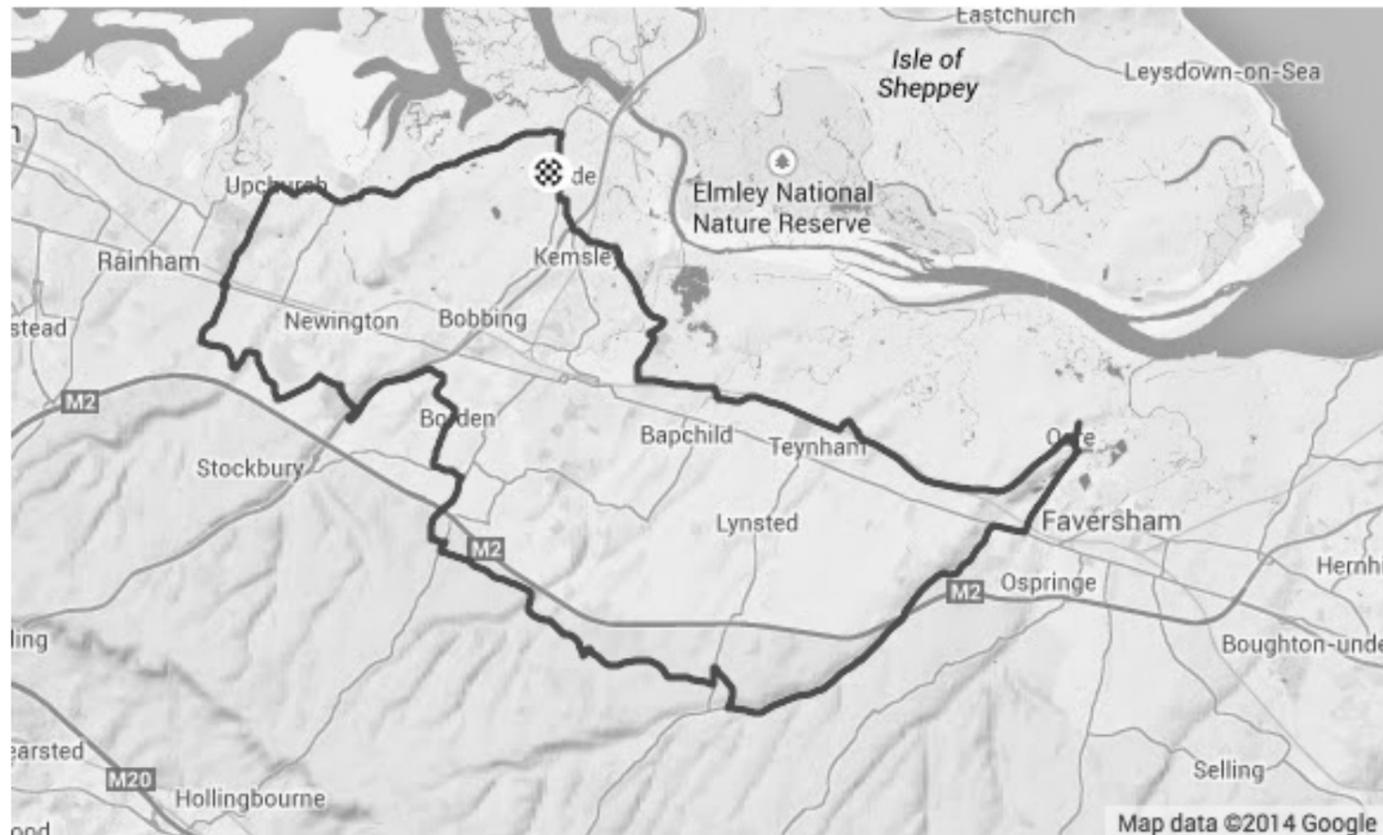
I'm looking forward to our Annual Ride and Stride which is happening on Saturday the 10th September. We will be Riding but not Striding!! and our planned route is as per the map, visiting churches in this order: Lower Halstow, Upchurch, Hartlip, Borden, Bredgar, Milstead, Doddington, Newnham, Oare and Murston. We may slip in Luddenham again too because it was such a gorgeous old building, depending on time constraints. It also offers several places from which you can return home if the going gets too tough. In previous years we have raised lots of money for Friends of Kent Churches

If you'd be interested in riding with us, then please let

me know (message me on FB) We award a trophy for the most deserving rider on the day, so a bit of competition!! We'll be meeting at All Saints' Church at around 9:45am for the obligatory fresh-faced photograph, ready to set off at around 10am. Depending on the pace at which we ride, we should be back around 3pm.

If you are able to spare a few pounds (or even very many pounds!!) there is a sponsorship page for this year's activity; please tell your families and friends so we can raise a significant sum for the church. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Iwade-RideandStride-2016>

I hope to see you on the 10th September.



### Iwade Observer Crisis Point

The Iwade Observer team has reached crisis point and desperately needs more volunteers for it to be able to continue. For my part I have been involved in the Iwade Observer for around eight years and unfortunately after this issue will no longer be able to be a part of it. I've loved being involved and would recommend it to anyone who wants to be part of a team and part of something that everyone has the option of reading if all goes to plan!

If you would like to be part of the Iwade Observer team so that it can continue to be published then you can call Rynn Kemp on 01795 439765 or email [the.iwade.observer@gmail.com](mailto:the.iwade.observer@gmail.com) to find out what is involved. We desperately need editors. This would suit someone who is computer literate and happy to learn a new Desk Top Publishing tool. Do get in touch if you would like to save the Iwade Observer by getting involved :-)

Nicola McKenzie

Iwade Village Hall Community Events

# TABLE TOP SALE

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

### 11am-3pm



Motorized animals  
to play on!



Ice cream - yum!

£6 per stall - inside and outside



Face-Painting

££££ - Don't throw it, sell it!



Creepy Claws

Stalls should be booked in advance by  
emailing: [bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk)  
or calling 07724 862744

## IWADE VILLAGE

### FOOD & CRAFT FAYRE

SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
10am - 1pm

Locally sourced products, including fruit & veg, loads of homemade cakes, pastries and pies.  
Sweet and savoury, something for everyone!  
Preserves and chutneys alongside bespoke jewellery, honey and even liquid fudge and artisan coffee!  
Handmade greetings cards, wooden gifts, hand sewn crafts along with sweets, fundraising stalls, small animal supplies and refreshments!

Come along and see what's new!

New stalls always welcome - Call Geri on 07588 401553 or email [fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk)

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Wednesday 7th September 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.

Thursday 8th September 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](mailto:mobiles@kent.gov.uk)

Sunday 11th September 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 stalls, then how about something sweet to finish it off? We have a couple of stalls selling 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 14th September 19:30

### Iwade Parish Council

7.30pm every second Wednesday of the month at Iwade Village Hall, Iwade Parish Council meetings allow time in the agenda for the public so why not go along, have your say and find out more about Parish Council business. It might even be interesting!

Wednesday 21st September 13:00-15:00

### Pop Up Coffee Shop

Wednesday 21st September 19:30

### Iwade W.I. Meeting

If you would like to join Iwade W.I who normally meet every third Wednesday of the month at Iwade Village Hall then contact secretary Glenn Walters on 01795 436515 or at [gk.charisma@sky.com](mailto:gk.charisma@sky.com) This month's meeting will be our Harvest Supper.

Thursday 22nd September 11:15-11:25

### Mobile Library

## Iwade Village Hall update.

Writing this with the sun streaming through my window a thought occurs that I shall look back on with a smile, as by the time you read this, I'm guessing the weather will have turned chillier and autumn will begin to be upon us again.

Always one to try to look on the bright side though, I'll start with a celebration and a request. 2017 will be no ordinary year for Iwade Village Hall as it's celebrating its 60th birthday in July. I know it's early, but these things have a way of creeping up on you unless you start thinking about it in advance. We'd really like to have a bit of a party to celebrate the hall's birthday and adorn the hall with photos from its long life. If you have any photos of the hall from the past, internal or external, please could you let us know as we'd love to make a copy. We plan to have a Fun Open Day with attractions for all and a lovely community feel. If you have any ideas for the day, or a story from the past, please don't hesitate to let us know!

Coming back to this year and putting the champagne on ice for a while, we have our monthly Food and Craft Fayre on Sunday 11th September between 10am -1pm. Some spectacular stalls are booked as normal and we now have fruit and veg again! Unfortunately, Featherbed Farm were not able to man a stall, so we've gone to another close one and that's Brambledown Farm. Alongside the fruit and veg, we've also got cakes, pastries, cards, jewellery, honey, sewn gifts, wooden crafts, knitted bears, framed personalised prints and much, much more! There's really a great variety of stalls so come on down to have a look; you never know what surprises the organisers have in store.

If you've just moved to Iwade (welcome!), our monthly Food and Craft Fayre is the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Moving towards the end of September and on Sunday 25th between 11-3pm, we have our first Table Top Sale for everyone to sell some of the redundant treasures. Out in the car park, we'll have some mechanical animals for the children to play on – they are great fun, I only wish they had adult ones and we'll also have Creepy Claws for those of you who like

spiders, snakes and all things creepy! Tables are available inside and outside and cost just £6. We can only fit around 20 tables in the hall, so please be quick if you want to book one (payment is in advance on a first come first served basis). Contact details are at the bottom of this article.

I know this is a September edition, so my apologies to the IO Team for looking to October, but we have another first and it's hopefully going to be a great night on a par with the quiz night! On Saturday 29th October, IVH will have its first Race Night. If you've never been to one before, make sure you come to this one. They'll be lots of cash prizes to be won (all dependent on how much people bet), a raffle, fun games and of course, the obligatory horse racing (on film for those worried about hoof prints on the new floor!) You can bet as much or as little as you like, scream and cheer your horse on or buy your own horse in one of the auctions. You can even sponsor a race if you prefer, so if you're a local business or want to celebrate a birthday by having a race named after you, please do contact us for more info.

Lastly, and going even further forward, I apologise for mentioning the 'C' word, but we have our now annual Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 5th November. Last years was hugely popular but the weather wasn't kind and we had to cram everyone inside, but we've been promised better this year (by who I don't know!), so fingers crossed we can have some outside stalls too. If you sell Christmas themed crafts, please get in touch early as spaces are strictly limited.

Don't forget that the hall is available to hire for private parties or a get together throughout the year, with daytimes during school holidays at a reduced rate. You can get more info and keep up to date with the happenings at the hall by checking out our website [www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk) or by searching Iwade Village Hall on both Facebook and Twitter.

For stall bookings for the Table Top sale, please email [bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk) or call 07724 862744.

Roll on September, an exciting start to the autumn!

## Iwade WI News

Glenn Walters

Our monthly meeting in July was held at the Swale Bowls centre in Milton where a buffet was served after bowling took place.

Nearly everyone is getting Facebook savvy so Iwade WI decided to do it! We now have our own Facebook page which can be found by entering Iwade WI under Community organisations. We'd love it if you could give us a "like". At about the same time our umbrella Organisation – East Kent Federation of Women's Institutes had the same idea. So if you want any county-wide information, that's the place to go.

August sees us having a go at Bingo! There is a first time for everything so thought we would give it a go, and after refreshments were served there was enough time for everyone to catch up.

Glenn Walters

Secretary, 01795 436515 or [gk.charisma@sky.com](mailto:gk.charisma@sky.com)

## Iwade Reading Group - recommended reads!

Jackie Kemp

We had a very busy meeting in August, talking about books we have read, what we liked about them and enough tantalising hints to make many of us think we may go off and read them. As usual, conversations went everywhere as the descriptions of the books lead to memories of other books we have read, situations and places where the stories were set. It was a full house so we took our time to introduce our books. Titles mentioned were:-

Lucinda Riley, whose books we have read before. On this occasion it was a new title, 'The Olive Tree', set in Cyprus.

Kate Mosse books 'Citadel' and 'Sepulchre' which have a linked theme.

An author new to most of us, Claude Izner, 'The Monmartre Investigation' set as you would expect, in Paris.

'War Brides' by Helen Bryan which tells the story of Jews escaping the terrors of Hitler and coming to England. This love, murder and mystery book lead to discussion about the awful things that have been done to people of many nations throughout history and continue today.

Judith Kerr's book 'When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit', a children's book but suitable for anyone was talked about, along with other books she has written from experience, again for older children but still suitable for adults.

Another book introduced was by Kelly Armstrong, and a part of a series. This title is 'Bitten' and is similar to the Twilight Series if you know about those. It comes with a warning, it's spooky and a fantasy but after reading it you are advised something less haunting!

'Wipe my Tears' by Majid Al Suleimany is a good read.

Suddenly Quentin Blake popped up in the conversation; what a fantastic illustrator he is and he writes some books too.

Finally, a book called 'The Hare with Amber Eyes' by Edward de Waal may be a challenge to begin with but it is a fascinating story of inheritance and what lies behind those items we may be left in someone's will.

We could have gone on for ever.

The meeting was almost like a holiday trip - so many countries and good reads for beaches and airport lounges.

Next meeting will be held at Hilary's on September 13th at about 10.30 and the book we will all try to have a go at (some have already read it) is 'The Girl on the Train' by Paula Hawkins.



**IWADE**  
**theWI** INSPIRING WOMEN  
**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](mailto:hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk) but your place can only be reserved on receipt of your payment.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_