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**Editors Note**  
Yet again another crammed issue for you. I hope there is something of interest for everyone. Thank you to our contributors this month and a huge thanks to the 140+ people who 'liked' our Facebook post, and all the encouraging comments we had, it made us very happy! As always we would love to include articles from our readers so if you have something you would like to share let us know. Don't forget the village clean up day on the 4th May, the more people involved the more beautiful our village will be and the more fun it will be too! Mel McDonald  
We still need volunteers for the Observer! Contact Nicola :-)

# Iwade Observer

April 2014

## Iwade@TheBarn gets the go ahead

by Nicola McKenzie, taken from Swale BC Press Release

Swale Borough Council agreed on 12th March at Cabinet to transfer the Iwade Barn to Iwade Parish Council. Fantastic news for Iwade and the Iwade@thebarn project. The Grade II listed barn will be used to expand community services in Iwade. The recommendation is to offer a new Iwade Barn Trust the 125-year lease for the Grade II listed Barn located at Iwade Cemetery, the adjacent small garden area and associated parking facilities. The barn is owned by Ward Homes and it is hoped ownership will be transferred to Swale Borough Council by June this year under a Section 106 agreement. Iwade Parish Council approached Swale BC requesting the use of the barn for use by the local community and has proposed the barn be used for an internet café, a meeting place and for events associated with church services. Councillor Mike Whiting, Cabinet Member for Localism said: "By transferring the barn to the Trust, it will be run and used by and for the benefit of the Iwade community. I am confident the Trust will continue to develop activities for the community and the barn will grow to become the heart of the parish. Localism at its best." It is expected that the Trust will consist of representatives from Iwade Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and other interested members of the local community. Consultation has been undertaken with Iwade Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council, and the Ward member for Iwade and Lower Halstow, Cllr Ben Stokes, who all support the proposal. The lease agreement for Iwade Barn is one of four asset transfers which were under discussion at the March Cabinet meeting as a result of the new Asset Transfer Policy and a drive for greater localism.

## Meet the Neighbours - Iwade's Creatures by Mel McDonald

Great Crested Newts	Mink	Water Vole	Noble Chafer Beetle	Grass Snake	Slow Worm
Recognisable by its orange tummy with black spots, and the jagged crest the male has during the breeding season. CGN are found in ponds from late winter to early spring where they go to breed. The rest of the year is spent on land. The GCN is protected by UK and European law, and you must have a licence to handle them.	are descendants of escaped American Mink brought here in the 50's and 60's for the fur trade. The presence of Mink in this country is having a detrimental effect on the population of our native Water Vole. Mink will eat rabbits, ducks, water voles, shrews, fish, frogs, rats and any birds eggs they can find. More about Iwade's Mink on page 2.	Often mistaken for 'Wind in the Willows' was in fact a Water Vole.) They live in the banks of slow moving rivers and streams. The population of these gorgeous animals is declining due to destruction of their habitat and introduction of predators such as American Mink. But hopefully some have found a safe home here in our village.	An attractive metallic-green insect that makes its home in dead wood, but in the UK it is mostly found in old fruit trees and the old orchard in Woodpecker park. The noble chafer is classified as vulnerable throughout the UK, which means that it is facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild.	The longest of Britain's three varieties of snake, these beautiful creatures are green-grey in colour and have a distinctive black and yellow collar and black bars down the sides of the body. They are non-venomous and will likely play dead if handled. They rarely bite, but if you do see one the best thing to do is leave it alone.	Slow worms are legless lizards and have been seen often around the village- mostly in mature gardens or allotments; Where they are most welcome as they love to eat slugs and snails. They are the most commonly found reptile in Britain. They are perfectly harmless and quite safe to carefully handle.





## Tinkerbells Early Years

The children have been gaining knowledge at Tinkerbells this term based on our topics 'Mini-beasts' and the 'Spring season'. They have been out of the setting on bug hunts to the Orchards and also to our allotment where they have found a variety of mini-beasts to explore. At our allotment, the children have also been very busy preparing our raised beds ready for planting our fruit and vegetables. Now that the nicer weather has finally arrived, plenty more visits to our allotment will be made giving the children opportunities to tend to our crops and see how they develop over time.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the children and their families/carers for the wonderful Mini-beast and Spring collages and pictures that have been brought in from home which have been displayed at Tinkerbells for all to see and enjoy. Next terms topic when we return after the Easter break will be 'Animals'. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.



## Mink Monitoring

by Sasha Carrington-Moss

On the 5th March 2014, Iwade became home to its first mink monitoring raft.



The Kent wildlife trust has this year launched a project to help protect water vole of which Iwade is home to a population of them. This project has been developed by a partnership consisting of Kent Wildlife Trust, Natural England, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Environment Agency and the Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre. This partnership will address the key factors that have contributed to the decline of the water vole in Kent such as degradation and loss of habitat, and predation by the American mink.



American Mink is not native to Great Britain, they escaped from fur farms and through private releases in the 1950s and

1960s, and now breed across most of the country. They are active predators, feeding on anything big enough to catch, including our native Water Voles, which are now under threat of extinction. They hunt on the riverbanks and are good swimmers, enabling them to enter the water-line burrows of Water Voles.

The base of the raft is constructed of recycled plastic and polystyrene. In the centre of the raft there is a rectangular hole and within this hole sits a basket of floral oasis which is covered with a layer of clay. A tunnel covers the clay pad to protect it from the rain, and to provide some interest for mink. The oasis keeps the clay moist by drawing water from beneath the raft. This raft is secured in the stream along Woodpecker park and is checked on weekly by members of the Iwade Nature and Conservation Group.



This is the first time there has been a co-ordinated effort to monitor and protect the water vole in this area of the North Kent Marshes. By working hand-in-hand with like-minded organisations and private landowners Kent Wildlife Trust hopes to be able to create a safe haven for water voles stretching from the Seasalter Levels to Ferry Marshes, north west of the Isle of Sheppey.



**Venue:** Iwade Primary School (Playing Field)

**Date:** 26th July

**Time:** 12Noon - 10pm

**Tickets:** £5 Adults (16+) Children Under 15 Free  
On sale from 07921 151974 from May 1st

### Bands Confirmed...

Common Outlaw - 4 Piece Originals (Indie/Rock)

Rokoko - 3 Piece Originals (Indie)

Crashgate - 5 Piece Originals (Heavy Rock)

Ashes - 4 Piece Indie Originals (Rock)

Kings Amongst Men - 4 Piece Originals (Indie Rock)

The Kulpritts - 4 Piece Covers (Indie/Rock)

Marylebone Jelly - 5 Piece Covers (Pop)

Zero Tolerance - 4 Piece Covers (Rock)

The Charlie Monroe Band - 4 Piece Covers (Pop/Soul/Funk)

Deepwater Horizon - 4 Piece Covers (Rock)

PA, Lighting, DJ and Compare being provided by Sound Experience Disco & PA Hire

### Kids Entertainment:

Bouncy Castles, Kids Quad Bikes, Face Painting, Sand Art, Fire Engine Display, Small Funfair, Football Shoot Out Competitions, Celebrity Footballer Appearance, Autograph Signing Session, SFM Radio Roadshow 106.9FM

### Food and Drink:

Pastie Wagon, Cupcake Stall, Licensed Bar in the Marquee, BBQ

### Raising Money for:

Iwade Village Hall, Iwade School, Iwade Herons FC

All enquiries to be directed towards  
keith.reynolds76@googlemail.com

## Village Clean Up

by Nicola McKenzie

The Iwade Village Clean Up will be on Sunday 4th May 2014 from 9am to 1pm with entertainment and refreshments afterwards for the clean up team. The clean up is being organised by Iwade Parish Council with help from charity Litter Angels. Head along to Iwade Village Hall any time from 9am to 1pm to join in the fun and do a good thing! Keep an eye on IwadeVillage.co.uk, Iwade Does Facebook and the May newsletter for more information.

**Hope to see you there!**



**Funky Footwear Day**  
by Nicola McKenzie  
Iwade School took part in the big Sport Relief fundraising effort on Friday 14th March with pupils donating £1 and wearing Funky Footwear.

The school raised £345 in total for a very worthwhile cause. Well done kids! Don't forget the Bake Sale is returning this year for Sport Relief Saturday 7th June



## Henderson Helps Local Writers

The MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, Gordon Henderson, is to have his first book, Pigeon Pie And Other Tasty Tales, published by a newly formed group set up by Isle of Sheppey based writers. Terrestrial And Universal Publications (TAUP UK) was set up by unrelated Peter Apps and James Apps, as a vehicle to publish their own literary work and that of other local writers.

Mr Henderson explained:

'I agreed to have Pigeon Pie published by TAUP UK in the hope that my involvement will help them generate the publicity they need to make the venture a success.

'It is incredibly difficult for unknown writers to get their book published by the large publishing houses and this fantastic initiative by Peter and James allows new and unknown writers to see their work in print.

'We have loads of talent locally, all it needs is a platform on which to be showcased. I think TAUP UK is that platform.'

The official launch of Pigeon Pie will take place at Sittingbourne Library at 1pm on Friday 28th March 2014 and Mr Henderson will be happy to sign copies of his book on the day. Pigeon Pie will be more widely available, in either hard copy on Amazon, or as an ebook, including Kindle, from March 30th 2014.

Mr Henderson is hoping to have other work published by TAUP UK and has five novels in various state of preparation that should be available over next couple of years, the first of which, The Nightjar, should be available by the end of 2014.

In addition Mr Henderson plans to publish his first children's book, The Almost Twins and the Litter Angel, during the summer of 2014.





## Dates for the Diary

### Wednesday 9 April 19:30 | Parish Council

Iwade Village Hall why not go along it's a public meeting, residents encouraged.

### Sunday 13 April 10:00 | Iwade Market

10am to 1pm Iwade Village Hall every second Sunday of the month. Hope to see you there!

### Wednesday 16 April | April W.I. Meeting

Christina Hawes will be doing a Flower Arranging Demonstration.

If you would like to join the Iwade W.I. or find out more contact their Secretary Glenn by telephone on 01795 436515 or by email at [gl.charisma@sky.com](mailto:gl.charisma@sky.com)

### Thursday 17 April 19:00 | Passover Meal

Cost £5 per adult, children are free.

Contact Steven Plumb on 01795 429752 for more information.

### Friday 18 April 11:00 | Messy Church

Enjoy crafts, activities and worship focussing on the message of the cross in the church and finishing at 12.30 with an outdoor picnic.

### Sunday 20 April 11:00

#### Easter Sunday All Age Communion Service

All welcome.

### Sunday 4 May 09:00 | Iwade Village Clean Up

Iwade Parish Council are currently organising the detail of the 2014 Iwade Village Clean Up, this year with the emphasis being on fun. 9am to 1pm will be when the hard community graft takes place and 1pm onwards for fun to be confirmed!

Get the date in your diary and let's all pull together and make Iwade an even lovelier place to be.

Hope to see you there! Head to Iwade Village Hall any time 9am onwards and you'll be given your instructions!

## Iwade Health Centre Update

by Thomas Reichhelm East Malling Health

We are currently doing a lot of work behind the scenes around data quality and in house processes which had become necessary after many years of uncertainty and neglect.

Further to the appointment of our excellent prescribing Nurse Practitioner we are eagerly looking forward to the start of our new Lead GP, Dr Oochit who will join us late April and we are in the process of recruiting a further good quality GP to complete the clinical team for now.

In the interim, we are trying to provide continuity by using the same free lance GPs in order to keep disruption to a minimum.

## Iwade School Holiday Club

by Nicola McKenzie

Holiday Club is open at Iwade School on Friday 4th April from 7.30am to 6pm and then from Monday 7th to Friday 11th April same times.

On Friday 4th April there will be cooking (I may book myself in!) and the following week there will be a range of Easter activities to entertain the children.

It is open to all primary school children, they do not need to be Iwade School pupils but do get in touch to book a place.

You can contact Holiday Club on 01795 412310 (you can leave a message if they are not there), alternatively contact Iwade School office on 01795 472578 or email Holiday Club at [basc@iwade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:basc@iwade.kent.sch.uk)

Sessions are £20 all day, £10 for half a day with discounts for sblings.

## VIOTTO Hair & Beauty Salon

Owned by Matt Viotto of School Lane Iwade, has just recruited 2 new Iwadians to offer a wide range of beauty services.

Tania Emery & Sam Smith offer waxing, electrolysis, thread vein, wart & mole removal, ear candles, teeth whitening, semi permanent make up, manicure, pedicure, Shellac & Gellux polishes.

We are offering a 25% discount on any beauty treatment with this feature.

212 Station Road, Rainham Call 01634 235902 to book.



## Bar/Waiting Staff needed

The Woolpack Iwade are recruiting for full time experienced Bar/waiting staff. Must be prepared to work evening and weekends and must have own transport. Hours and rates of pay to be discussed at interview level. please send CV to [mark.burgess01@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.burgess01@btinternet.com)

## Hair and Beauty

15% Discount for Heaven Hair and Beauty with every full service booked until end of April 2014. Quote 'Heaven promotion' at time of booking. Contact numbers on the back page!

## Taxi

Iwade's Montrose Executive Private Hire Taxi are offering 10% off to Iwade residents. Contact Montrose on 07730 353 330 or 01795 479302.

Silver Mercedes Benz registered with Swale Borough Council (Po33) registration number LM60 WDX

## Happy Reading!

If you have a World Book Day voucher then Katharyn at Kan: Kans Books (Usbourne) can redeem these during April and offers Iwade residents free delivery. Katharyn is a regular at Iwade Market too. You can contact Katharyn on 07982 728736 or at [Katharyn5@hotmail.com](mailto:Katharyn5@hotmail.com).

## Public Notice

### Kent County Council as Local Authority The proposed enlargement of Iwade Community Primary School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Iwade Community Primary School, School Lane, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8RS from 1 September 2015.

It is proposed to enlarge the school to provide 90 places per year group, taking the total capacity of the school to 630. The school would admit 90 children into Year R in September 2015 and subsequent years, growing over a seven year period to reach a total capacity of 630.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90. A catchment area (defined by a map) will be created by the local authority for entry in September 2015, 2016 and 2017, which children living within will be ranked as high priority to attend the school.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Marisa White, Area Education Officer, Brook House, Reeves Way, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 3SS. Copies are also available at [kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations](http://kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Marisa White, Area Education Officer at the address above or email: [school.consultations@kent.gov.uk](mailto:school.consultations@kent.gov.uk) **The closing date for objections is 9 April 2014.**

Signed: Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director, Education, Learning & Skills

Publication Date: 12 March 2014

## IWADE WI

by Christine Freshwater

We enjoyed our March meeting very much with a very interesting talk by David Harper on "Pub & Inn Signs", and designing a beer mat for our competition. Several of our members attended the ACM in Folkestone. This was an interesting day as always with John Craven from Countryfile who was our speaker.

We have a Group meeting at Newington on 11 April which our members will be attending with a competition for an "Illuminated WI" which gives members a chance to undertake some calligraphy together with ornate decoration. Our own April meeting is on 16 April when we will enjoy a Flower Arranging Demonstration by Trina Armitage and our competition will be a floral corsage.

At the moment Iwade WI has a healthy membership of around 35, but we always welcome new members. See our web page via [www.iwadevillage.co.uk](http://www.iwadevillage.co.uk), click on "What's On" and the bar underneath will show WI, or for further information ring - Glenn on 01795 436515.

Don't be Shy - Come along and give us a try

## Freedom Pass

by Roger Truelove

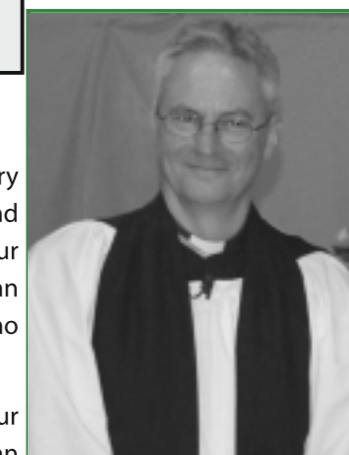
It's a bit of a modern cliché, but well intentioned ideas often lead to unintended consequences. When public finances were a bit more robust, a Kent County Councillor came up with the proposal to help young people with transport costs through a "freedom bus pass". For a initial purchase young people aged 11-16 were able to have free bus transport for a whole year, at a value that exceeds the initial cost of the pass. In a County like Kent, with small towns and a large rural hinterland, this was intended to free up the leisure time opportunities of young teenagers.

The pass became a considerable benefit to families in meeting the costs of home to school transport, in many situations where the official support available does not meet family needs. With the backing of the pass, many families made choices that they might not otherwise have made, and thus became financially dependent on this particular subsidy.

There is also the inevitable problem that those who do not qualify for the benefit, ask "what about us?" So, with many 16-19 year olds making an articulate case to be included which was always going to stretch the financial resources of the KCC.

With the current phase of austerity hitting local government, the administration at County Hall has struggled, to cut the costs and to extend the pass to older young people. A compromise was found that is a little more value to families meeting school transport costs. Even so, the £200 cost is a challenge to families who are stuck with school placements which they may not have sought initially.

Just for the record, my group proposed that the cost should be £100. When the budget was being set, it was clear that Council tax income in Kent is a little more productive than expected, because there are more people paying than was at first thought. We would have used this little bit of bonus to help with the pass, but to be fair I think the administration are only too aware of further cuts to come.



## Welcome Revd Julian

By Ron Partridge

The Revd Julian Staniforth was licensed as Rector of the Benefice of The Six, a group of churches centred on Newington, including Iwade, on 11th March, at a service conducted at St Mary's Church, Newington by the Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, Bishop in Canterbury. The church was packed full with well wishers - congregations

and ministry team of the six churches, Julian's family, many friends from Julian's recent life and associations, and representatives of the community. Julian comes to us from the parishes of St Martin-in-Herne and St Peter's, Greenhill. Prior to ordination in 2011, he has been a management accountant in the UK and in France, and was a founding director of Teletext, where he served while studying for the priesthood. He is married to Andrea, a piano and French teacher. They have three adult sons. The churches of The Six believe that he will be able to encourage spiritual growth, be visible in our communities and adventurous in ideas. We look forward to his and Andrea's fellowship and friendship now and in years to come.



## Phil the Bag and Sittingbourne Christmas Lights

It may seem an odd time of year to mention the Christmas word but Samantha Bryant and her fellow Committee members of the Sittingbourne Christmas lights work throughout the year to fundraise, preventing over 4 tonnes of fabric items from going to landfill this year alone. Anything that can be sold goes into the Air Ambulance shop in Sittingbourne so incredibly worthwhile as they raise vital funds too!

Sam would like to thank Iwade residents who have really got behind the Phil the Bag collections with 8 pick ups in 2013 and on the 3rd of 2014 already.

Sam says that every day the wonderful people of Iwade are asking her to pick up a bag or 2, the day before she emailed this thank you, there were 6 alone!

Sam is a Committee member for the Sittingbourne Christmas Lights and we'd like to thank her here at the Iwade Observer for her thank you to residents.

**Keep up the good work Sam!**



## Easter Events at All Saints Church Iwade

by Stephen Plumb

•Passover Meal To remember the night before Good Friday this year All Saints Church are hosting a Passover meal on Thursday 17th April at 7pm in church. Cost £5 per adult (children free). Tickets available 30/3, and places are limited.

•Good Friday

On Good Friday 18th April, at 11am to 12.30pm All Saints Church are hosting an Easter Family Time. This will include crafts, quiz, songs, video, and Easter Egg hunt. The morning will end with a picnic (drinks and cakes provided) but please bring your own packed lunch. Please phone Steve on 07905040119 to let us know you are coming as places are limited.

•Easter Sunday.

Sunday 20th There will be an All Age Communion Service at 11am to celebrate Easter.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Joan Exley

Chair Iwade Allotment Association

At last the rain stopped! What a great weekend we have just had (7/8th March) and how good it was to spend time in the fresh air. Lots of allotment holders took the opportunity to start preparing their plots for the growing season, including weeding. How come weeds manage to thrive in any weather condition!

We have built more raised beds for this season, so we spent our time putting these in place and filling them with lovely two year old compost ready for the potatoes that have been chitting in egg trays. By the time we had done this work, cut back the autumn fruiting raspberries, and sewn parsnip, leek, cabbage, pepper, cucumber and tomato seeds, we felt that Spring had truly arrived and we had earned our pre-dinner V & T. Fingers crossed for a good growing season.

## Windowsill Gardening

by Amanda Hurrell

Have you ever wanted to grow your own herbs on the kitchen windowsill? It's really easy and there are some great bargains about at the moment; Wilkinson's have an offer on seeds 3 for 2, great value and you can get the kids involved too! To start you off you could use a Stewart kitchen garden propagator kit (from Wilkinson's £5) like I have and they come complete with four olive green matching pots. I've put some pea shingle on the base, I normally use old newspapers but couldn't find any. I used seed soil from Wilkinson's or you can buy similar from Asda/Homebase for about £3 a bag but it goes a long way. Once they have germinated (2 true leaves) you can move them carefully to bigger pots for the kitchen windowsill to use in your cooking or give to friends as presents.

Here is a list of the seeds I have used. These are easy to grow and useful in the kitchen or veg patch/garden.

- Chives - decorative pink flowers and mild onion flavour leaves.
- Basil sweet - mild aniseed flavour. Easy to grow it quickly produces succulent leaves on the windowsill.
- Parsley Moss Curled - very versatile, easy to grow in pots on the windowsill. Once established transfer to veg patch where it will happily grow for a couple of years
- Dill (Anethum graveolens) - sweet aniseed flavour is perfect for adding to sauces, salads or soups. An attractive hardy plant with feathery leaves, so good for the garden or veg patch. It grows best in a sunny spot (The Range 2 packs for 99p)



IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING Held on Wednesday 12th February 2014

Visitors/Public Time

A resident raised the issue of flooding on the Grovehurst Road entrance into the village; the Clerk is chasing KCC regarding this problem. A query was raised regarding two trees that had been cut down in the park; these were removed due to Ash Dieback disease.

Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO referred to the fallout from the farm raid at Raspberry Hill; quite often people spot issues and put them on Facebook, can residents report them direct to either him, Swale Borough Council or Kent Police.

Highway and Safety Issues

The Highway Agency has concerns about the cumulative effect on the A249 and Grovehurst Roundabout; the Parish Council has argued this point upon receipt of many applications recently. We believe the Highway Agency's comments should be taken seriously by KCC and we second their request that a condition be placed on any planning permission which would restrict the applicant's vehicles to using the old Ridham Dock vehicle route.

Ironically KCC's Road Casualty Reduction Strategy states: "In Kent in 2012, 50 people died, 474 people were seriously injured and 5231 people received a slight injury as a consequence of a road traffic crash. Whilst the long term trend in our county is down, for death and serious injury, this represents a 1% increase over the previous year, mirroring national figures for 2011."

If KCC want to keep this down Members should not be considering putting extra lorries on roads in areas that already have concerns. It is therefore vital that death and injury on Kent roads continues to be tackled as effectively as possible by all agencies involved. Iwade Parish Council wishes to point out the residents cannot walk safely from Iwade across the busy Grovehurst roundabouts especially for children/teenagers in Iwade who would like more freedom to go places either by cycling in to town or crossing the Grovehurst roundabouts, which is difficult now without with more and more Lorries using our junction. Residents complain there is nothing for

the youth in Iwade and our busy roads are trapping them here.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (Eris Pickles) has said "Meeting our energy goals should not be used to justify the wrong development in the wrong location" so this application should not be approved just because the company is a recycling firm. Swale BC and the Highways Agency both recognise that the Grovehurst Road roundabouts are at capacity and Kent County Council's Planning Committee need to listen to them, the Parish Council and residents of Iwade. If there was no issue with the roundabouts and junction it wouldn't be included in the £200 million bid to the LEP for road improvements across Swale.

One problem is that each planning application is looked at separately; the cumulative impact is never taken into account; the Parish Council knows this because we have raised it time and time again! This is happening again with the traffic impact of this application. The Highway Agency's recommendation that a condition is put on the permission that the Ridham Dock Road is used is a very good one. The main thing is that KCC Councillors don't need to listen to their Highways Officers; they should be listening to those people who have local experience and see the issues.

Date for Parish Meeting/Arrangements It was agreed to have an informal get together with parishioners for a chat and refreshments on 28th May from 7.00 p.m. and then formally opening up the proceedings at 7.30 p.m. It was suggested that the Parish Council invite Nicola McKenzie to give a slideshow and talk on The Barn project.

Medical Centre

The Chairman and Clerk met with Tom Reichhelm, Managing and Medical Director of Mallings Health. He was very open and honest about the situation at Iwade Medical Centre and at the end of the conversation assured that two new Doctors were being appointed and that he is confident that Iwade Surgery will have a complete permanently employed and dedicated

clinical team from April.

Ward Homes Development

Swale Borough Council will be asked to enforce the removal of the temporary haul road (3 years), permission for which was granted whilst land to the west of Woodpecker Drive/Helen Thompson Close was developed. Stating that the development has been completed for some time and this road has not been removed as per the condition set out in the notification of grant of permission, dated 14th January 2010.

Village Clean Up/May Celebrations

Members agreed to hold this event on the 4th May, 2014. Chairman has already made arrangements with Litter Angels; Dean Stickells will be contacted to see if the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers want to be involved. Cllr. Wastall and Cllr. Gale will look into Morris Dancers; Cllr. Rook will investigate obtaining a May Pole. It was agreed to walk around the village beforehand to see what needs to be done. Clerk to bring this item back to the March meeting.

The Barn – Wards Homes have been given four weeks to do the remedial work. An approach has been made to KCC to see if the left over money from the Broadband Grant can be used for ICT equipment for the Barn. We have been told there is a really good risk of this going forward; has also mentioned some of the money being used for the same purpose for the new hall.

The New Hall – A pre-planning meeting was held in January with Planners, Len Mayatt, Paul Osborne from Persimmon and members of the New Barn Committee. It was agreed that details be forwarded to Swale showing how the proposed new hall will sit on site. It was interesting to hear that the site is considered amenity land and is not for use as a sports field. The Hall Committee will need to contact the various service providers to ascertain how a vehicle cross over will affect their facilities. Also to check with Tony Hillier to see if it will be possible to work together and for the hall and medical centre to share car parking and perhaps an entrance.