

## GIRLS NIGHT IN

SATEDA are a charity based in Swale and Medway who help support victims of domestic abuse. They are on a mission to end domestic abuse all together, find them at [www.sateda.org](http://www.sateda.org)

Swale Ladies who Latte have teamed up with SATEDA to help them on their mission, by raising awareness and fundraising for their cause.

We are hosting a 'Girls Night In' on 5th May 2023 at Iwade Village Hall from 7pm. (see separate poster) It will be a fun evening for over 16's including beauty treatments, demonstrations, refreshments, information and lots more ...

Tickets are £5 and include a goodie bag and welcome drink.

If you would like tickets, a stall or any other information please contact Tania Gough at [tlemery@outlook.com](mailto:tlemery@outlook.com)



**GIRLS** *Charity*  
*Night In*

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IWADE VILLAGE HALL ME9 8RG  
**FRIDAY 5TH MAY**

Tickets available from 24th April at The Mews Brewhouse - cash only...

ENTRY £5	WELCOME DRINK	FROM 7PM
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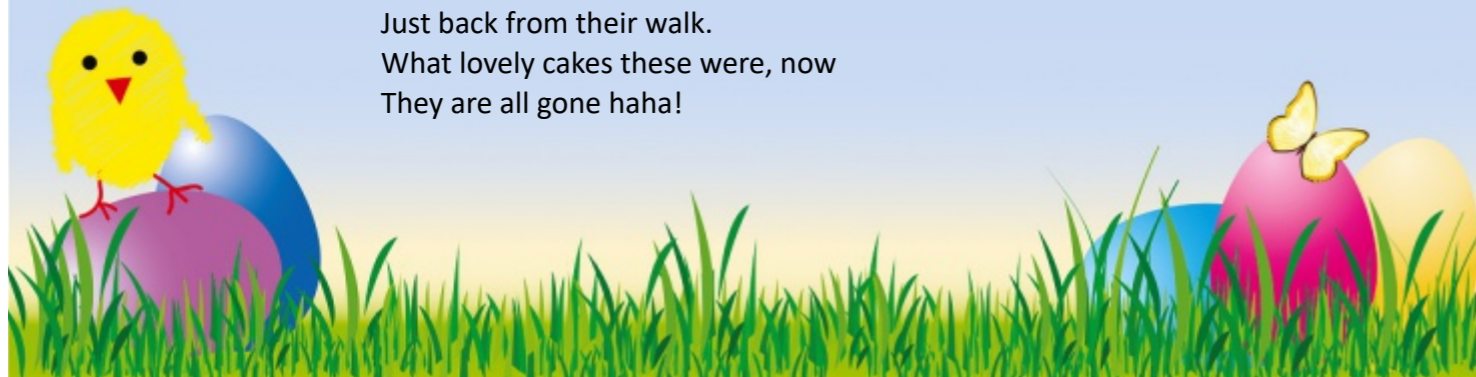
Stalls, treatments, demos, refreshments & fun for 16+

SATEDA  
Charity no 1155163

## AN EASTER POEM

By Lisa

Rabbits in the hutch at night  
Chocolate eggs, dark brown, in a box by day  
- Waiting to be collected.  
Lambs under a tree, having a nap before tea.  
Simnel cakes waiting to be eaten by hungry people  
Just back from their walk.  
What lovely cakes these were, now  
They are all gone haha!



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April 2023

# THE IWADE OBSERVER

## TINKERBELLS EARLY YEARS - VEGETABLES AND CATERPILLARS!

Donna Barker



The children have been busy for the past couple of terms, they have planted vegetables slightly earlier this year and we are hoping we will get a good pick of potatoes and cabbages this year and hopefully some strawberries. Lots of



learning about growing plants and vegetables, the children all made cress heads and took home runner beans to watch them grow. The children have been on lots of walks locally and had lots of bus trips into town, visiting the library, police station, fire station and the pet shop. The children have created their own minibeasts and spring flowers using various materials which have brightened their display board.

Our story for this term has been The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle, the classic edition of a best-selling story written for the very young. A newly hatched caterpillar eats his way through a variety of foods until he gets bigger and bigger and eventually turns into a beautiful butterfly. The story is one of our all-time favourites.

We celebrated world book day by dressing up and talking about our favourite books, characters and rhymes. It was a great day and everyone's costumes were amazing. Our registers are filling fast for September 2023, if you are interested in a place at either of our settings please email us for further information at [enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk)

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody an Eggcellent Easter. We hope you all enjoy the holidays with your families and we look forward to seeing you all in term 5.







## IWADE MONDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We are a small friendly group who meet (unsurprisingly!) on a Monday. We meet at The Barn on alternate Mondays for tea, coffee biscuits and a chat from 10:30 until midday. We hold quizzes, play games and have occasional speakers as well as just a chance for a good old-fashioned natter!

At our meetings this month we had a lively discussion on the ills of the world and also had a visit from Kerrie Moncrieff of Kent Fire and Rescue service who gave us an entertaining talk. Over the course of the next couple of months we will be

holding a card-making session led by Hilary Foulds, a 'different' quiz, a surprise 'celebratory' guest and may be thinking about a Spring picnic.

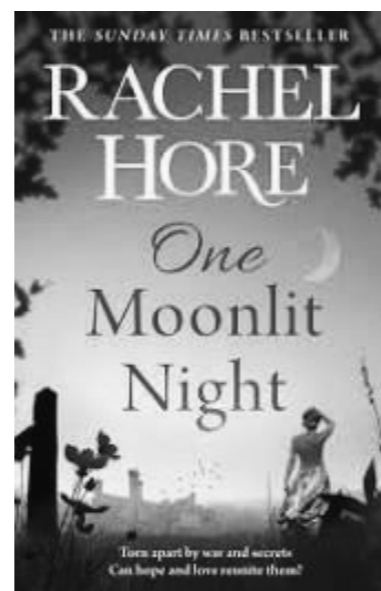
If you'd like a bit of company and a chance to make new friends just come along to one of our Monday meetings which are on April 3rd, April 17th, and fortnightly thereafter. We look forward to seeing you there.

## IWADE READING AND BOOK GROUP

### Sylvia Francis

At our meeting on March 14th the Reading Group reviewed *The Couple at No 9* by Claire Douglas.

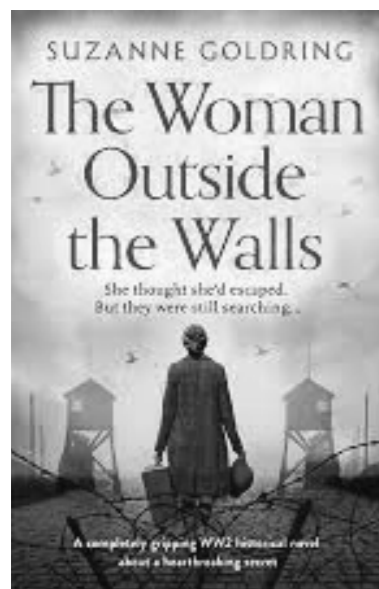
This was well received by the majority of our members that enjoy a "whodunit." When Saffy and her partner Tom inherited their dream cottage at No. 9 Skelton Place from Saffy's sick Grandmother they thought their dreams had come true, that was until bodies were found whilst renovating for the new kitchen. Forensic police advise the bodies had been there for thirty years. This story has many twists and turns and is utterly absorbing.



Next month's group will be held on Tuesday 11th April 10.30 in The Barn when we will be reviewing *One Moonlight Night* by Rachel Hore. If you like a good book do come along. Tea/coffee and maybe even cake provided.

Also, at next month's meeting Christine has kindly offered to share her knowledge of using electronic devices for accessing and purchasing books electronically. Please bring your phone or kindle with you if you would like any help or advice.

The following month we will be reading *The Woman Outside the Walls* by Suzanne Goldring.



## Volunteers wanted



Iwade Speedwatch scheme are looking for volunteers to support them in reducing speed and improving the safety on their local roads with the support of the police.

Can **YOU** help visit [www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org) to register to join our group.

Can you help your community and spare a few hours to reduce speeding vehicles in your area?

IF YOU WISH TO GET INVOLVED IN SPEEDWATCH IN IWADE PLEASE CONTACT EITHER:

CLLR BARRIE WHITING AT [CLLRBWHITING@IWADE-PC.GOV.UK](mailto:CLLRBWHITING@IWADE-PC.GOV.UK)

OR

CLLR RAY LANGHAM AT [CLLRRLANGHAM@IWADE-PC.GOV.UK](mailto:CLLRRLANGHAM@IWADE-PC.GOV.UK)

## VOLUNTEER ROLE AT THE IWADE OBSERVER

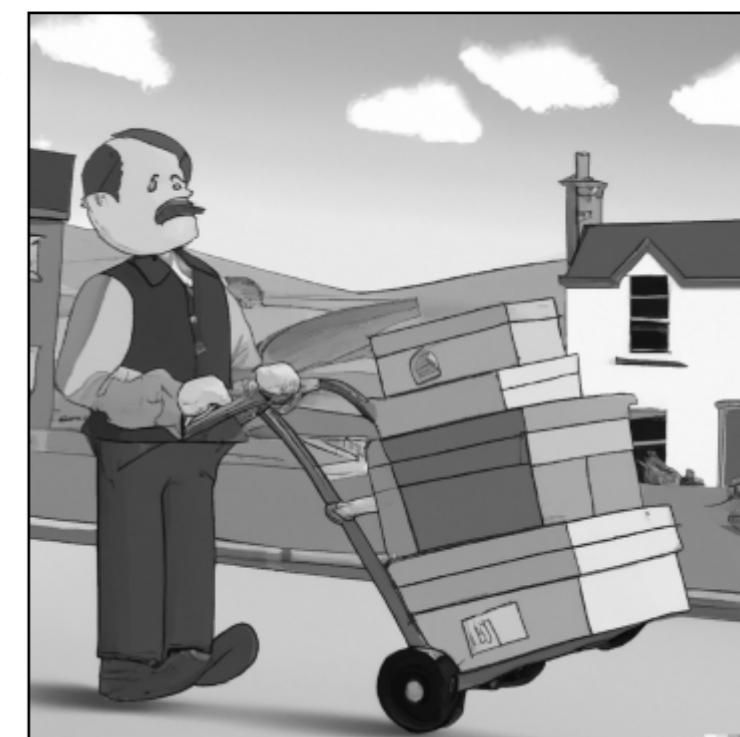
### Urgently Needed

Distribution Manager

We urgently need a volunteer to take on the role of distribution of bulk copies of The Observer to our team of about 30 "deliverers" for onward delivery to households in Iwade.

This would entail collecting from our printers in town (so a car is vital), for 10 months each year (no Observer in August or January), sorting into bundles of 70/80 as appropriate and then distributing bundles to the delivery team. This could be a shared role.

Please get in touch if you'd like to help or would like more information. Email us at :- [the.iwade.observer@gmail.com](mailto:the.iwade.observer@gmail.com)





**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING -  
MINUTES CONT.**

**Projects – Updates on Current and New**

**King's Coronation 2023** – Cllr Dollimore agreed he will continue plans to light the Beacon.

**Reports from Representatives**

**Hall** – During half term the fire extinguishers will be tested, and ceiling insulation will be fitted. During the Easter break work will be carried out on the floor.

**Any Other Matters Arising**

1. Cllr. Dollimore advised we need to look into cutting the brambles that run along the back of the village hall wall, bearing in mind that this needs to be carried out when the birds have finished nesting. Clerk to add to the March agenda.

Action: Clerk

2. Cllr. Whiting advised the Pond Farm site team agreed to repair a fence on Grovehurst Road but this is still to be carried out. Clerk to chase.

Action: Clerk

3. Cllr. Langham advised the Speed Watch team will carry out speed tests this month and volunteers for the team are still required.

4. Cllr. Whiting advised meetings to discuss the Bobbing Garden Village Plan have been held by residents of Bobbing and Borough Councillors who advised a legal team is required to fight the proposal. Iwade Parish Council will discuss a contingency fund for legal fees at the next budget meeting. Add to the next Agenda.

Action: Clerk/RFO

**“LET ME BE AS GOLD”**

In the current TV series “The Gold” about the Brinks Mat robbery, there is a scene where the stolen pure gold is smelted and mixed with other metals. For the gold is too pure to sell on the open market, but when mixed with other metals its true value can be disguised.

There’s something sad in that scene, not just in seeing such pure gold being tarnished by sheer human greed, but in the impact on the lives of those involved in that robbery. For the life they hoped for from that theft doesn’t become reality. Something beautiful, rather like Paradise Lost, is destroyed and tarnished; not just the gold, but human lives wasted. Isn’t that true for so much in the world, in our lives? Just look around. How easily we tarnish God’s good gifts, the beauty of this planet we share and the potential of each human life?

This season of Lent started with the story of Jesus’ temptation in the desert where the mettle of his character and calling was thoroughly tested, smelted if you like. In the cauldron of those days in the wilderness when the sense of hunger was real, the shortcuts to self-serving power, wealth and significance were seductively laid before him. Yet as Jesus resists the temptation for these things to divert the course of his life and mission, what emerges from this desert smelting is a life that is like pure, untarnished gold.

What is the point of giving up things for Lent? Giving up something like chocolate may help us shed a few pounds (in weight & money!). Yet is this not in fact a time when God calls us to shed much more, to let him smelt our lives, so that the true gold in our hearts may emerge? Is this not a time when we allow God to help us let go of those unhelpful habits, attitudes and behaviours, that may bind us preventing us from living fruitfully as he always intended us to live? Will we let God purify our hearts so we may be as gold?

Blessings

Julian  
Rev Julian Staniforth, Rector of The Six

**SERVICES: APRIL 2023**

2nd April 2023 Palm Sunday			
Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
8.00am	Lower Halstow	Quiet Communion	Rev Amanda Lane
10.00am	Upchurch	Communion	Rev Jacky Davis
10.00am	Newington	Morning Worship	Teresa Parker
10.30am	Iwade	Family Worship	Lis Willmet
10.30am	Hartlip	Morning Worship	Rev Amanda Lane & Canon Neville Emslie
10.30am	Uplift (Upchurch Village hall)	Family Worship	Rev Nick Carpenter & Gill Gay

9th April 2023 Easter Sunday			
Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
6.00am	Lower Halstow	Sunrise + Communion	Rev Amanda Lane
10.00am	Upchurch	Communion	Rev Jacky Davis
10.00am	Newington	Communion by Ext’n	Lis Willmet + Canon Neville Emslie
10.30am	Iwade	Family Communion	Rev Nick Carpenter
10.30am	Hartlip	Communion by Ext’n	George Hulme
10.30am	Stockbury	Communion	Rev Amanda Lane

16th April 2023			
Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
10.00am	Newington	Family Worship + APCM	Rev Amanda Lane
10.00am	Lower Halstow	Communion	Archdeacon Andrew Sewell
10.30am	Iwade	Family Worship + APCM	Rev Julian Staniforth
10.30am	Hartlip	Morning Worship	Jill Rothery
10.30am	Uplift	Family Service	Mark Burch/Gill Gay

23rd April 2023			
Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
10.00am	Upchurch	Communion	Rev Amanda Lane
10.00am at St Mary's	Newington with Methodists	Fellowship	Lis Willmet + Teresa Parker
10.00am	Lower Halstow	Worship + APCM	Rev Nick Carpenter
10.30am	Hartlip	Morning Worship	George Hulme
10.30am	Iwade	Family Worship	John + Kim Guest
4.30pm	Stockbury	Evensong	Rev Amanda Lane

30th April 2023			
Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
10.00am	Upchurch	Communion	Rev Nick Carpenter
10.00am	Newington	Join with Lower Halstow	
10.00am	Lower Halstow	Communion	Rev Amanda Lane
10.30am	Iwade	Family Worship	Lis Willmet
5.00pm	Stockbury	Evening Praise	George Hulme

Holy Week 3rd April 2023			
Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
10.30am	Lower Halstow	Prayer & Praise	Rev Jacky Davis

4th April 2023			
Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
11.00am	Stockbury	Communion	Rev Amanda Lane

5th April 2023			
Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
7.30pm	Hartlip	Reflective Service	George Hulme

6th April 2023 Maundy Thursday			
Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
7.00pm	Newington	Passover Supper	TBC
7.00pm	Iwade	Passover Supper	John Guest TBC
8.00pm	Upchurch	Communion + Foot Washing	Rev Amanda Lane

Note: In Newington at 10.30am there will be a Easter Family Special  
**7th April 2023 Good Friday**  
 The intention is for Prayer Walks of Witness in each village with a short outdoor Act of Worship at 11.00am. Reflective space will be offered in Newington & Lower Halstow at 3.00pm. [Note: these may be subject to change]

8th April 2023			
Time	Congregation	Service	Service leader/Speaker
6.30pm	Lower Halstow	Vigil Service	Rev Amanda Lane



# IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2023

## Present

Cllr. A. Dollimore – Chair  
Cllr. S. Tolhurst  
Cllr. R. Langham  
Cllr. P. Hyde  
Cllr. B. Whiting  
Samantha Gray, Clerk  
1 Resident

## Welcome and Apologies

The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed back Samantha Gray on her return from maternity leave. Apologies were received and accepted from Parish Cllrs. Lancashire, Cheeseman, S. Waters, D. Waters and Stalley-Moores.

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Tolhurst, the minutes of the Monthly Parish Council meeting held on 11 January 2023, were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

## Visitors/Public Time

**1. Visitors** - A Resident expressed concern regarding parked cars at the junction of Sanderling Way and The Street which is causing poor sight lines and near misses of incidents for passing vehicles.

**2. County and Borough Councillors** - None attended.

**3. Community Warden / PCSO**  
Written report from PCSO Kirsty-Linge:

### Crimes of Note:

**21/01/23** – School Lane – Vehicle stolen from outside address. Report taken.

**25/01/23** – Old Ferry Road – Reports of an accosting. Female jogger was stopped by a male in a silver car who showed unwanted

attention to her. Crime report taken & allocated for further review.

**26/01/23** – Ferry Road – Happy Days Nursery reported Suspicious female on the driveway of their address. When female was asked why she was there she became hostile and walked away.

### Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

**Various reports** of nuisance bikes near to Knauf.

**08/01/23** – School Lane – reports of nuisance moped driving around the area. Local officer made aware.

**10/01/23** – School Lane – reports of horses running in the road.

**24/01/23** – Old Ferry Road – Reports of Horses running in the road.

**27/01/23** – Peach Blossom Drive – Reports of nuisance vehicles. Local officer made aware.

**04/02/23** – Old Ferry Road – Reports of nuisance vehicles.

**04/02/23** – Sheerstone – Vehicle stolen from outside of address. Crime report taken, currently under investigation.

**06/02/23** – Stickfast Lane – 3 males in a van stopped a female in her car and pretended they were plain clothes Police officers carrying out a traffic stop. The victim handed over her driving licence which one of the males took and looked at before saying he wasn't really a Police officer and began laughing. Males were described as having strong Irish accents. Currently under investigation.

## Matters Arising from the Minutes

**Site Entrance Pond Farm** – Councillors Whiting and Tolhurst, and temporary Clerk Lynda Ives met with the site team at the Pond Farm development to discuss issues

on Grovehurst road. The site team agreed to gravel the path, re-seed the area of turf and repair the fence. Cllr. Hyde reported the drain is blocked, Clerk to contact the site team and ask them to clear this.

Action: Clerk

**Tracker – Cllr Tolhurst** – Cllr. Tolhurst updated members on the works in progress; First Port have advised the cold weather has delayed the repair to the wall but assured this will be carried out. The document has also been circulated to all council members.

**Mobile Phone Signals in the Village** – Temporary Clerk Lynda Ives contacted the four main mobile phone operators, but no response has been received.

**Flood Action Group** – Cllrs. Whiting and Stalley-Moores attended Flood Warning training in January. Cllrs. Whiting, Stalley-Moores, Tolhurst and Langham will attend Geographical Information System training this month. Volunteers for the Flood Action Group are needed – an advertisement for this will be published in the Iwade Observer.

**Pond Management** – An officer at Swale Borough Council has requested a quote to clear inlets/outlets and the brambles in the pond.

## Planning

Applications are viewable on:  
Swale: <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications>; KCC: <https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

**22/505896/FULL:** Demolition of existing rear conservatory and replacement with the erection of a single storey rear extension. Garage

conversion, erection of a single storey side and front extension including changes to fenestration. ADDRESS: 19 Woodpecker Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8ST. Council members discussed and advised no comments.

**23/500192/FULL:** Land At Raspberry Hill Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8SP. Proposal: Retrospective application for creation of an access track and parking area comprising 6no. spaces (Revision of Planning Application ref: 22/503130/FULL). Council members discussed and advised no comments.

**23/500134/REM:** PROPOSAL: Approval of Reserved Matters for the erection of 19no. dwellings (Appearance, Landscaping and Scale being sought) pursuant to 22/503040/HYBRID: ADDRESS: Halfway Egg Farm Featherbed Lane Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RA. Council members discussed and advised no comments.

**23/500242/FULL:** Section 73 - Application for minor material amendment to approved plans condition 3 (to allow tenure change to affordable housing, to deliver all 7no. units as Shared Ownership) and variation of condition 10 (to allow occupation of dwelling via a temporary access until Kent Highways works on Grovehurst Road are complete) pursuant to 19/501332/FULL for - Erection of 69 dwellings accessed from Grovehurst Road; public open and amenity space; together with associated landscaping and ecological enhancement works; drainage; utilities; and internal access roads, footpaths, cycleways and parking. Location: Land At Pond Farm Grovehurst Road Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RD. Council members object to this planning application and stand by their comments made on the previous application 19/501332/

FULL, in particular their comments regarding Grovehurst Road: Concern over the access on to Grovehurst Road. This highway is already congested with traffic (often queueing back towards the Village Gateway) trying to get onto the roundabout.

## Correspondence

**KALC Community Awards Scheme 2023** – Council members discussed, and a decision was made.

**Woodpecker Drive – email 30.01** – A resident contacted the temporary Clerk to report that speeding in Woodpecker Drive has led to the injury and death of their pets, and they are concerned for the safety of children and animals. Council members discussed and agreed to source a quote for a speed hump.

Action: Clerk

## Finance

**Sign-Post School Lane** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members agreed to accept the increased cost of £70.00p for extra materials used to extend the Finger post from 2.4m to 3.0m.

Action: RFO

**Plaque for Beacon – Cllr. Lancashire** – no update.

**Gateway Repairs Sheppey Way** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, members agreed to accept the increased cost of £60.00p for extra materials used to replace damaged timber rails.

Action: RFO

**CCTV** – Council members discussed a quote supplied by Swale Borough Council and agreed it is too expensive. Cllr. Tolhurst to ask for a revised quote for 3 cameras with maintenance and 360-degree reach.

Action: Cllr. Tolhurst

**Grounds Maintenance Contract** – No update. KCC will give more

information in March. No response from Swale Borough Council. Keep on the Agenda.

Action: Clerk

**Faulty Street Light, nr 50 Sheerstone** – Council members discussed quotes from Swale Borough Council to replace a bollard which needs to be removed for a street light repair. Members agreed the cost seems very high and asked the Clerk to source alternative quotes if Swale Borough Council will permit the use of an alternative contractor.

Action: Clerk

**Request for Donation – 1st Iwade Cubs and Scouts** – Clerk to contact 1st Iwade Cubs and Scouts for more information. Keep on the agenda.

Action: Clerk

**Request for Donation – Iwade Ladies Group** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham, members agreed a donation of £200.00p.

Action: Clerk/RFO

**Request for Donation – Men's Breakfast Club** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, members agreed a donation of £200.00p.

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**Quotation – Festive Lights, Storing, Putting up/Down and PAT Testing 2023** – Proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, members agreed the quote of £8,020.00p from Gala Lights.

Action: RFO

**KALC - Dynamic Councillor Event (23 March) – Cllr. Tolhurst and possibly Cllr. Stalley-Moores** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, members agreed to the cost of £50.00p + VAT per course.

Action: Clerk/RFO

**KALC - Becoming a Local Councillor (21 March) – Cllr. Stalley-Moores** – The Clerk advised this course is free of charge.

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