

BUSINESS FOCUS

Kate Hennessy Portraits

When I moved to Iwade nearly 2 years ago, little did I know I'd be expanding my wedding and portrait photography business by opening a studio in the village! Whether its weddings, families, or children I'm always aiming to preserve a little slice of the here and now. I'm a busy mum myself and time sure flies! Photos help us to 'pause' and 'rewind'! We're always preparing for the future but I love helping you enjoy and remember today!



I have a 1st Class BA(Hons) in Primary Education (teaching!) and after university, I launched my publishing company, 'Snivel & Shriek', which supports children's wellbeing! Since becoming a professional photographer in 2013, I've won regional and international awards for my photography but I'll always still be the one on the floor with the kids playing dinosaurs and chatting with other mums over a cuppa about the dramas and joys of parenthood!

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Future of the Observer Survey!

We have received over 70 responses to the survey published on Survey Monkey and in the Observer's December issue.

We would like to thank everybody who responded, for all your suggestions, and

overwhelmingly positive comments. We are now collating the results of the survey for presentation to the Parish Council, and will publish the results in the March issue.

Once again thank you for responding.

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Just One More Book

A little bit about me, my name is Jennifer and I run my own business as an Usborne Independent Organiser selling children's books. I decided to start Usborne to allow me to be someone other than mum to my son, Dylan. Usborne is family friendly and this made my choice very easy. I have been running my business for 9 months now and have enjoyed working with various baby and toddler groups, where parents have been able to purchase books from me, ranging from birth to

young adult fiction. These have also included book advent calendars for something different to chocolate, these went down so well I am already prepping for wrapping for next Christmas, and my birthday club. My business allows me to give a little bit back to the community, as I am able to help raise money for buy books for schools and nurseries without touching their budgets, for example running a Sponsored Read event. Any money raised then contribute by donating an additional percentage. I love being able to put books into the hands of children as I enjoy seeing how much Dylan likes to read. For 2018 I have started by running my second Stay and Read session at



Look me up at :- www.facebook.com/jennifersjustonemorebook for more information.

Flash Fiction

The Sheppey Writers' Group recently published an anthology of short stories, of 500 words or under, and called on writers in Swale to contribute. This is the first of a planned series which we hope to continue, possibly every two years rather than annually. As the chair of the group I would like to include poetry in future editions as well as the flash fiction. Flash Fiction is filled with a variety of entertaining stories including an excellent tale from an Iwade resident – we would look for more, for the next volume.

Briefly, as a writer and knowing what it is like to get started, publications like Flash Fiction are a good platform to expose your work. I look forward to even more contributions when we call for our next project.



You can obtain a copy of Flash Fiction from www.ff.taup.co.uk or by emailing cat-person@live.co.uk

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 Sheppey Writers' Group

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The Iwade Observer

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Felix Cleans Up

Felix Hollands, aged 7 of Iwade has been busy making our village streets cleaner. Felix volunteered himself to first tackle the area of Cormorant Road and Shelduck Close. Following Felix's success, others were inspired to join him, and even donate pickers for his cause.



Felix quickly set up a group for his litter picking venture called The Squashies, and they soon got to work!



On Saturday 20th January, Felix and his newly formed group endured the cold and rain to make a difference to our streets. The group managed to fill up many bags, and did a brilliant job.

For those that would like to join Felix's group, on Facebook just search "The Squashies - Felix's Litter Picking Group".

We can all do our bit and make a difference, next time you see some litter - just pick it up.



Air Ambulance supported by Model Flying Club

Medway Model Flying Club during 2017 raised £2121 for the KSSAAT Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust (KSSAAT). The Flying Club who operate from their "aerodrome" near Orchard Farm presented a cheque for this amount to Mr George Wildridge from KSSAAT. Pictured is Philip Fearn, on the left, Chairman of Medway Model Flying club, and other club members at the presentation.



Money was raised over the year with club raffles, competitions and donations. MMFC would like to thank everyone who has contributed, donated and helped in any way throughout the year to raise funds for this worthy cause. The KSSAA now need £10 million annually to run this vital service.

Medway MFC have been flying Radio controlled model aircraft near Iwadesince 1974 and from their current site at Orchard Farm since 1986 and have supported the Air Ambulance since 2004. We hope to be able to continue supporting them for many years to come. With little finance from government Air Ambulance services all over the country need all the help and support from the public they can get.

Medway MFC fly all types of model aircraft, including multi rotors or drones as they are popularly called. They are affiliated to the British Model Flying Association and encourage the safe flying of model aircraft. We currently have vacancies for new members so if you are interested in joining please visit our site at www.medwaymfc.org.uk

Phil Fearn

Iwade Village Hall Update

As I write this Christmas is already becoming a memory, but was a great success enjoyed by all who joined us for a visit with Father Christmas, some Christmas themed arts and crafts and the odd festive mince pie. Huge thanks to everyone who puts in so much hard work to make this event a success, including Bunnings Warehouse who have been extremely generous, and have already made donations for this year.

Coming up - our first quiz night, in aid of Swale Cats Protection, on Saturday 17th March at 7.30pm. (For more information see their article herein) There are also plans for further quizzes, race nights, table top sales and maybe a murder mystery evening later in the year.

We are very excited to be playing host to Quiff and the Shades on Saturday 2nd June. If you fancy an evening of live 50s and 60s music look on the Village Hall FB page and

IVDF or have a look at more about this scheme, have a look at www.quiffandtheshades.yolasite.com for a http://ksscrc.co.uk flavour of what's instore!

We are very lucky to have been approached by Kent Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company, who organise Community Payback, helping to reduce offending and improve lives who have offered to redecorate the hall for just the cost of supplies and not labour; an opportunity we would unlikely be able to afford otherwise. As the hall is such a well used amenity it does mean that this will have to be carried out on Sundays during February to have minimal impact on hall users. Unfortunately, this does mean we have had to cancel February's Food and Craft Fayre. My thanks to everyone involved with the market for their understanding, and my apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. However, we will have a newly decorated hall for everyone to enjoy for years to come. For

If you would like to get involved we are looking for a trustee and a clerk on the committee, or if you would like to help out with fundraising and events please contact: chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk All information on events, regular clubs and booking the hall can be found at www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk or contact: bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk



"Tree" Light Up - November 26th

Well that seems a lifetime ago now! The excitement of the build up to Christmas began with the "tree" lights being switched on, on a bright crisp evening in front of a crowd numbering in the hundreds. Festive music, and singing from the Iwade Can Sing Choir set the scene for the dramatic arrival of Santa who after a short countdown threw the switch to illuminate "Telly Tubby Hill"



The "tree" looked great in the darkness and certainly brightened many gloomy evenings as it sparkled and glittered after dark during the Christmas season. Thanks to all involved in staging another great village evening.



OfSXDec visit Iwade!!

The representatives of OfSXDec (the Office for Standards of Xmas Decorations!) carried out an unannounced inspection of Iwade during December and their findings were made known to the villagers of Iwade during the Advent Season. The result was a resounding "outstanding". How can we top that next Christmas??

The Observer ran it's Best Decorated House Competition (sponsored by ELS of Trinity Trading Estate in Sittingbourne) which was won by Coggy Jackson and family, alongside the Parish Council's Lights Competition won by Darran and Michelle Haines.

Pictures show both winners and some of the other beautifully decorated houses in the village. These represent just a very few of the wonderful decorations throughout



Above: Observer winner



Right: Parish Council winner



the village and are testament to the creativity and hard work of all those who unknowingly entered these competitions - you only had to have your lights on to have been entered!

If you didn't get a chance to walk around the village in the lead up to Christmas to enjoy the decorations make sure you do next Christmas!

Tinkerbells Early Years - Carols, Inspections and "Superworm"!



We would like to start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the festive holidays!

Last term was so much fun at Tinkerbells and we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the festivities in many ways, from making things to singing songs. It really was a jolly term indeed! We held a Carol Concert at the church which was lovely and enjoyed so much by us all. The children sang beautifully and we are so proud of all of them for taking part. We also performed our annual Nativity to parents. The children were fantastic in their performance and we are sure that the parents enjoyed the heart-warming event as much as we enjoyed doing it.

On 11th December we were inspected by Ofsted. We are thrilled to announce that as a result of their visit we have been rated as Outstanding in all areas! We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and families for their continued support and involvement. The report is now available online for all to view. This term we are learning about 'People who help us' and keeping safe. We are excited about exploring this topic and learning about the many people who help us in our community. The book of the term is Superworm which the children are loving and many excited story times are being enjoyed by all.

We are currently full at Tinkerbells Iwade until September. However, there are a few spaces available at our Clock Tower setting. Therefore, if you are interested in a place for your child, please call in for a copy of our prospectus or to be put on our waiting list. Alternatively, you can email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk for more information.

Jody Nichols



The walker's group elected not to take a stroll on the 21st December and instead gather for a fat reducing walk on the 28th. Those who managed to stagger to the start were treated to a warmish sunny day with the addition of a snifter of home-made damson wine to start with from Terry. A most welcome libation.

It appears that the first walks of January including Steff's Country Park walk although somewhat wet and muddy attracted enough survivors from the Christmas indulgences to create a crowd. Welcome back all of you and we look forward to more stalwart trekkers to waddle around the village taking in the sights.

Prior to Christmas I had the opportunity to leave Iwade in the evening and did a "Tiki Tour" of the village to view the lights. (Ed's note - if like me you wondered what a "Tiki Tour" was, it is apparently a New Zealand slang term for "a sight-seeing journey with no particular destination in mind ... or to wander aimlessly")

The experience was most impressive! Well done

Iwade for the many tasteful displays. I note also the sensible ploy of decorating the flag pole instead of wasting money on a Christmas tree. Seen in the early evening the effect was, if not striking, in keeping with the general high standard of Christmas lights this year.

We are back into walking now and although we will be mostly tromping the hard surfaces we will explore as much of the village as we can. Also, it is noted that The Barn is now functioning which will be an asset for

Surviving Christmas



the village creating another focus of culture and services for Iwade. There are some few things that did not survive Christmas and these are evident along The Ferry road. Somebody dumped a defunct Christmas tree - why when there is a collection for them? There are now three refrigerators, an easy-chair, various bits of DIY discards and some child car seats, plus a nice deposit of

rubbish under the Sheppey crossing. Lovely!

I must also mention, in my capacity as co-editor and contributor to the Sheppey Writer's recent publication of short stories Flash Fiction, Iwade has a contributor. Profits from Flash Fiction will go to Crisis, and since launching

the book on 22nd December we have raised over £80.00. (see separate article for more info)

Finally; Happy New Year to you all and look forward to your company in 2018.

Pictures show Mist over Ferry Road and a grey day at Milton Creek Country Park.

James Apps. Iwade Health Walks.

1st Iwade Brownies - Skittles and Sleep overs!

This term 1st Iwade Brownies decided they wanted to do a Science badge! The leaders gave us the control and asked us to choose what experiments we would like to do! We are going to have great fun exploding things, making weird things including lava lamps, and experimenting with a whole load of things! We are also thinking of a trip to the Science Museum in London. We did an experiment with Skittles and warm water which was super easy and amazing to watch! You put

the Skittles in a pattern, pour warm water and watch! It is like magic.



We are also going to a Fun Day at Howletts animal park soon with other Brownies, and some of us are having a sleepover after - we can't wait! Hopefully we will see lots of animals, and get some sleep!!

Kerry Holman

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

A new venture!! Come and have a bacon roll and a chat in Iwade @ The Barn every first Tuesday in each month from 9:30 until 11:30. Starting on the 6th March and then 3rd April, 1st May, etc. Open to all/any adult males in the village - so come and give it a try. Further news and report in next month's Observer.

DON'T FORGET!!

The deadline for the March issue due out at the end of February is February 14th. We would be really grateful if you could do your best to try and meet this date, as with a short month we are left with minimal time to get everything done, off to the printers, printed and distributed!

Send your contributions to
the.iwade.observer@gmail.com

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Monday Friendship Club

This new club, in Iwade@The Barn, is open to both males and females, comes about as a result of many comments on FB about lack of opportunities for more mature villagers!

Although this is starting before you get your Observer (started on January 22nd) it will happen on alternate Mondays from 10:00 to 12:15 thereafter. So, put in your diary now :- February 5th, then February 19th, March 5th, etc. Do try and get along; a chance to meet like-minded folk, have a cuppa and a natter and maybe some games.

Iwade Can Sing - Can YOU?

Linda Irving

Do you sing in the shower or group of people who gather every around the house and dream of Monday evening in Iwade Church to that moment when the audience do exactly that. They come in all erupt into applause following your shapes and sizes and just enjoy the virtuoso performance? Then the fun of singing.

bubble bursts and you're back to the day-to-day chores!! But, Hey, They are part of 'We Can Sing UK' singing is fun and you enjoy it but and are guided by the steady hand don't believe you'll ever be a of their choirmaster T Jae Cole who performer - well you could change keeps them in time and in tune. He that! makes it fun and ensures that every voice has a place - even yours!!

You watch the TV and admire the people who join choirs and what It's a group where everyone is they achieve. You're even a little welcome and they could do with but envious, and somewhere at the you adding your voice and would back of your mind is a little voice love to see you. saying "I would like to have a go at that!" Well you can.

Details can be found at
www.wecansing.uk/iwade-can-sing

You may not know but there is a



Swale Cats Protection February update

Is it too late now to wish you all a happy new year!! Public holidays, of course, make no difference to our merry band of volunteers. All our usual work has to go on! Just before Christmas we held our first ever bingo night at Iwade Village Hall which was a massive success. We managed to raise £375 for the cats. Our heartfelt thanks go to all involved. During the bingo, there was a request for a quiz night - so we are going to run one on March 17th and we'll be splitting the profits with IVH for this evening. As I write this, we have sold all 16 tables, but please do get in touch (details at foot of article) if you want to come along as we may have had a cancellation.

Fundraising is always a hot topic for us but what we could really do with though is more bodies to help us - it's not arduous or even remotely taxing.

We do about 6-8 events per year and we ask that people sign up for a minimum 2-hour slot, and you don't need to do every event. E.G. the Food and Craft Fayre at IVH is just 4 hours including set up and clear up, or a more physical event we do is at Bunnings - it's an 'on your feet' event, helping to run the BBQ outside the store. It's good fun and, if you can only do a couple of hours, that'd be fab! We are very grateful to Bunnings (especially Nikki, their Communities Manager) for their support.

Like to help in some other way? We'd love to receive your unwanted Christmas presents so we can use them in future raffles. The quiz night raffle will be Easter themed, so if you have anything suitable, we'd be very grateful.

See www.cats.org.uk/swale. We're also on FB, Twitter and You Tube so please join us over there by searching for Swale Cats Protection. Contact us: publicity@swale.cats.org.uk or 01795 437372.

Iwade Reading Group

Jackie Kemp

Iwade Reading Group held the first meeting of the new year on January 9th, with some of us having read Victoria Hislop's most recent book, 'Cartes Postales from Greece'. It being soon after Christmas a number had started and one or two had only just had the book. Will they go on to finish it or even start it? I wonder. Parts of the book are appealing and reflect Greece as several of us know it. But there was agreement that the book flagged through the middle and, in parts was not really very believable. We really wondered how a person who is capable of some really good writing could end her recent book in such an unsatisfactory way!

Don't let this review put you off Victoria Hislop's first three books as they were very good, but in discussion we really wonder whether, once an author has had one or two best sellers the publishers push them too hard to write more books, which are then rushed and are not as well written, with no time to re-read, reflect and revise. It was good to meet up again and we missed those friends who couldn't make it.

Our next meeting is a special treat being arranged by Hilary. Back to normal house group meetings in March, although we are planning to read Ian McEwan's book 'Enduring Love' for February 13th.

If you are interested in joining us please make contact on our FB page - simply search for "Iwade Reading and Book Group"



WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SITTINGBOURNE PARKRUN?

New runners, experienced runners, old runners, young runners and beginners, (and not forgetting walkers Mr H!) If you are not already aware, there is a fantastic gathering of people who congregate at Milton Creek every Saturday morning for a 5k parkrun!

As a resident of Iwade, I have now completed well over 50 parkruns and here's the reason why I think you should come and join us.

If you are an experienced runner, then Milton Creek offers a great parkland route offering a chance to test yourself against a hard-core field of regulars who can clock some pretty serious times! Think yourself good over 5k? Then come down and let's see what you've got.

If you are a beginner and looking for a support network for your running then look no further! parkrun in Sittingbourne and indeed across the county, the UK and dare I say, the planet, has helped millions of people go from 'couch-to 5k' over the last five years! There are so many phenomenal stories of how parkrun has helped people lose weight, get fit, gain more confidence and of course make new friends. The support network at Sittingbourne is second to none.

If you are simply looking to get in shape, then parkrun again is a great opportunity to run with almost 200 other like-minded people every week. The spirit and camaraderie at Milton Creek is like no other. Everybody simply wants you to enjoy it and do as well as you can..... Do it once and I'll guarantee you'll come again!

The ethos of parkrun is to have FUN and KEEP FIT. This is a great way to start your weekend. You will get to meet people who maybe starting for the first time, people who have ran over 250 times or indeed people who pop along from time to time just for the craic.

This event is completely FREE OF CHARGE! Organised by a group of people who are dedicated to ensure that everybody has a safe and enjoyable run each and every Saturday morning.

We also have the facility for tea, coffee and biscuits after the event which is a real treat after a 5k run.

To find out more, simply go to www.parkrun.org.uk/sittingbourne or just rock up at Milton Creek (Green Porch entrance) at around 8.45 for a 9am start ANY Saturday morning. We will be there to welcome you! Andy Howes. Iwadian, parkrunner and Sittingbourne Strider.



News from the Mews!

Well it seems for ever since Christmas and the New Year, but we would still like to really wish all our customers a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks.

A very brief note this month just to let you know of a couple of upcoming events at The Mews Brewhouse. We are looking to start an Over 50s club on Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 4 and

Thursday mornings from 10 - 12. This is for anybody, recently bereaved, moved into Iwade, like somebody to chat with, a bit of company, a warm friendly refuge! it can be whatever you want, but we'd love to see you.

Also live music is back; by popular demand we have great band High Jinx (see www.facebook.com/highjinxband) performing again around Valentine's Day - keep a look out for info for exact times on our FB page www.facebook.com/mewsbrewhouse or at <http://www.mewsbrewhouse.co.uk>

Mandy Reeves

Looking for local contacts? Check out the village website:
www.iwadevillage.co.uk

Iwade @ The Barn



The Trustees are thrilled to share the fantastic news that our newly restored village Barn is now available for bookings by residents of Iwade! A big thank you to all the volunteers and local companies who have been working so hard to progress the Iwade @ the Barn project to this wonderful stage.

TV - think beautifully rustic with modern facilities.

Iwade @ the Barn is a now a registered charity (1163386), and has been set up as community hub ready for the residents and businesses of Iwade to fully enjoy. It boasts underfloor heating, superfast broadband, modern open plan kitchen, high speed computers and a 4K

Please visit our new website at iwadebarn.org.uk to view our bookings calendar and to complete a booking form.

Alternatively, do get in touch to see if booking the barn is an option for the date and purpose you have in mind.

Email us on: iwadebarn@outlook.com or by mobile on 07835 280037.

Thank you!
The Trustees of
Iwade @ The Barn

Don't forget to follow us on social media!

www.facebook.com/IwadeBarn @IwadeBarn

Iwade Youth Group

Iwade Youth group has now been running since the beginning of the new school year in September and has become a popular and 'looked-forward-to' Friday evening activity among young people in Iwade.

We have had our trials and tribulations in getting the club off the ground and it represents a couple of years behind the scenes work and fundraising to get where we are! We have something in excess of 40 young people on our register now and a weekly attendance of approximately 12 - 15, and are hoping to increase this to 20 - 22 over the coming weeks. Look out for our Grand Opening when the better weather and lighter evenings get here!

Something though that would really help our development going forward is if YOU would volunteer to become part of a roster of helpers. You don't need any specific skills (patience is of course a virtue) but simply a willingness to help with sports, arts and crafts, games, tuck shop, etc. We can organise your DBS and there may be training courses available if you wish to take your interest further as we affiliated with the MYTrust (formerly Young Kent)

We look forward to hearing from you - please call 01795 439765 or email us at iwaderoc@gmail.com

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 8 November 2017

VISITORS/PUBLIC TIME

Visitors – A visitor queried the condition of the new pathways in Woodpecker Park; the Vice-Chair will look into this. Another resident mentioned people not picking up after their dogs; there were no bins in the Persimmon site; the Vice-Chair advised that hopefully one will be installed in due course. Action: Cllr. Hunt

County and Borough Councillors

County Cllr. Whiting reported:

- **Meadowfield School** – has written supporting the expansion plans.
- **Junction 5** – KCC oppose Option 12a; Highways Agency acknowledge the opposition to this at all levels locally and will be reviewing their plans and publishing their preferred option for further consultation in January/February next year.
- **Coastal Defences** – The Environment Agency has produced its preferred ‘Medway Estuary and Swale Flood Risk and Coastal Risk Management Strategy’ to manage our shoreline for the next 100 years. In general the strategy suggests ‘holding the line’ by raising the sea defences in line with projected sea-level rises, however, they plan to allow flooding to take place along the Raspberry Hill Lane stretch near Funton, where the road lies close to the coast. The Agency has public exhibitions at Eastchurch Village Hall, Sheppey, on 30th November from 3.00 to 7.00 p.m., and Riverside Country Park, Gillingham on 6 December again the same times.

- **Motorbikes, Sheppey Way, North of Iwade** – following a complaint by a resident, the Police will be carrying out regular monitoring and road checks in the area to identify culprits.
 - **Iwade Medical Centre** – There will be an open day on Tuesday 14 November from noon to 2.00 p.m., when the PPG and Medical Centre staff will be present.
- Borough Cllr. Stokes:-** has been dealing with ASB issues. He referred to damage to the build out adjacent to Iwade Garage; the drain hole has been fenced off by KCC.

Community Warden/PCSO – The Community Warden has not submitted a report this month. The PCSO advised he patrolled through and around the village on numerous occasions and found nothing of note or concern. ASB has been low which is always good. Was not working on Halloween however, colleagues commented that the community of Iwade has the best atmosphere and community engagement. Not as many calls into the control room as there have been in recent years and that goes for the district as a whole. Everyone is aware of the recent damage caused by a vehicle outside the car garage yesterday morning, there has been a positive result and enquiries are ongoing.

PLANNING

17/505082/FULL: Demolition of existing building and erection of 8 no. detached and semi-detached houses, parking, garaging and access (revised scheme to that approved under planning permission 15/508514/FULL): Coleshall Farm Ferry Road Iwade Sittingbourne Kent – Agreed to respond that Members objected to the last submission for this site but it was approved. Technically this is a change to the layout so are unable to raise any comments on strong planning grounds, although the Parish

Council note KCC Highways have concerns, which we support. We strongly request that the Planning Committee take into account the concerns raised in the letters of objection from neighbours. Also agreed that the Clerk ask Borough Cllr. Stokes to bring neighbours’ objections to the attention of the Planning Committee. Action: Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. DCLG Consultation - Disqualification Criteria for Councillors and Mayors** – Noted.
- 2. KALC Community Awards Scheme 2018** – Place on next Agenda. Action: Clerk
- 3. Proposed Changes to Meadowfield School, Swanstree Avenue Sittingbourne** – Agreed to write supporting the changes. Action: Clerk
- 4. KCC Budget Strategy 2018/19 Consultation** - Invitation to Join – Noted.
- 5. Swale Borough Council, Draft Statement of Community Involvement 2017** – Clerk delegated to respond that Members agree that all Parish Councils should be fully engaged in this process. Action: Clerk
- 6. 2018 Boundary Review of parliamentary constituencies - deadline 11 December** – Noted; there are no changes proposed for Sittingbourne and Sheppey.

FINANCE

- 1. Cairn for WW1 Memorial** – Clerk advised a revised quote has now been received for £7300; County Cllr. Whiting has promised £1000; Swale Borough Council £1520; Borough Cllrs. Clark - £200, Stokes - £200 and Dewar-Whalley - £750, which leaves £3630 for the Parish Council to pay, which is below the sum agreed at the October meeting. ARC instructed to begin work on the Cairn.
- 2. Grass cutting contract** – Cllr. Hunt and the Clerk will be meeting with KCC and Swale Borough Council Officers tomorrow to look at two areas that that were not maintained under the previous contract. Action: Cllr. Hunt/Clerk
- 3. Iwade Observer** – Clerk advised to print an extra 100 copies per month will cost £26 per edition. Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Horner; agreed to increase to 200 copies at a monthly cost of £52. Action: Clerk
- 4. Shredding Quotes** – Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Horner; agreed to go with the firm Data Shred, at a cost of £69.50p for on-site shredding.
- 5. Planter – Sanderling Way** – Clerk to check with KCC to see if they will permit installing a planter on the triangular piece of land at the junction of The Street/Sanderling Way and if agreeable to look to putting this item in next year’s budget. Action: Clerk

PROJECTS/PROJECT UPDATES

Tree Lighting up Ceremony – Tree now received; Clerk awaiting Road Closure notice from Swale Borough Council; she is seeking volunteers to operate the barriers and to assist with connecting the tree. It was agreed to purchase 6 Hi Viz Jackets, at a possible cost of up to £35. Action: Clerk

The Barn – the floor will be laid tomorrow.

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VISITORS/PUBLIC TIME

• **Visitors** – A visitor asked for an update on Linkway, the Chair advised that because of one objection, this will be going to the December JTB and if approved the yellow lines will be installed in April 2018. Another resident raised the issue of low gas pressure in the old parts of the village; he will provide details to the Clerk. Action: Clerk

County and Borough Councillors

County Cllr. Whiting reported:

- **Lorry parking** –KCC and Swale B.C. are looking favourably at creating a lorry park in the Ridham Dock Area, such a facility is vital if lorry drivers are to park legally and safely and our laybys and roadsides kept clear. It does not mean there will be a park, but people are now taking the issue of inconsiderate and illegal lorry parking seriously.
 - **Rail services** – the Government has published a document for the new South East Rail Franchise, but despite lobbying, it does not include any requirement for direct services from Swale station to London, which could create parking at the station and reduce the number of commuters driving into Sittingbourne and Sheerness Town centre. He urged all Parish Councils to lobby rail companies, making the case for an improved rail service, thus taking cars off our already congested roads.
- Community Warden/PCSO** – The Community Warden checked fly tipping hotspots around the village and reported to Swale Borough Council; dealt with dog fouling issues and an ASB incident.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Parish Councillor Vacancy – Clerk has re-advertise former Cllr. White’s post. Sadly, she has received a letter of resignation from James Hunt, who has been with the Parish Council since July 2010. Members agreed to advertise after Christmas and will need to appoint a new Vice-Chair at the next meeting. Action: Clerk

PLANNING

KCC/SW/0278/2017: Extension of the existing IBA Recycling Facility by the use of an adjoining building and land; and associated amendments to the layout of the site: 3-4 Warehouse, Ridham Dock Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8SR – no objections.

17/505945/NMAMD: 7 The Waterway Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8FN: Non-material amendment to planning permission SW/02/0428- An amendment to the planning consent to the existing car parking arrangements – noted and that this has been refused.

17/506083/FULL: Demolition of existing garage and conservatory and erection of a replacement detached garage and erection of two single storey side extensions: Kimlee Grovehurst Road Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8QZ – no objections but it has been brought to the Parish Council’s attention that the work has started and is being undertaken at all times, including early in the morning.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. KALC Community Awards Scheme 2018 – Agreed to nominate

a local business. Action: Clerk

- 2. Swale Borough Council** - Local Landscape Designation Review – Request for Stakeholder Input: noted.
- 3. Help Kent Fire and Rescue Service** – consultation – noted.
- 4. Battle's Over** - A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018 & Early Update & New Guide To Taking Part – Agreed to wording on the Cairn plaque ‘Lest We Forget those from Iwade 1914-18 War’, to be surrounded by name of the seven who fell in the war and a map showing the location of them homes. Cllr. Cheeseman knows someone who might be willing to draw this up. Action: Cllr. Cheeseman/Clerk
- 5. Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Policing Survey** – Agreed to respond individually.
- 6. KCC Consultation** - Gypsy & Traveller Site Allocation Policy – Noted.

FINANCE

- 1. Cairn for WW1 Memorial** – Clerk advised she has now received grants from County Cllr. Whiting £1000 and Swale Borough Council £1520. She is still awaiting grants from Borough Cllrs. Dewar-Whalley, Clark and Stokes.
- 2. Grass cutting contract** – The Clerk met with KCC and Swale Borough Council Officers. Two areas not maintained will be brought up to contract standard and included thereafter; there might be an extra cost for these.
- 3. Planter** – Sanderling Way – Still awaiting a response from KCC. Action: Clerk

PROJECTS/PROJECT UPDATES

Woodpecker Park – The Chair advised that further work carried out but will revisit during the New Year to see if the issues have been resolved. The pond and stream been cleared of vegetation.

The Barn – computer desk going in tomorrow and Friday; hoping to get it signed off soon. Skirting needs to be done. The Parish Council thanked everyone who had worked on this project.

School Lane Playing Field

The Chair advised that ‘Iwade Does Rock’ to be held on the new playing field in 2018; this is contrary to the lease where residents have 24-hour access to the field, because as this is a ticketed event access will be prohibited. Although the Parish Council supports this event, there will be many vehicles (e.g. Fire Engine, etc.) on the field and there is concern that they will damage the huge amount of flood drainage chambers and pipework underneath. The Parish Council fought for hard the field to come back on board and it is now a premier facility; Councillors are concerned that this will ruin it. Iwade Does Rock is a great event, but Members felt that this was the wrong venue.

Yellow Lines Linkway/Springvale

Because of one objection this will now need to go to the December JTB, if approved the lines will possibly be laid in April.

ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING

The Chair thanked Cllr. Dollimore and his family, Dave and Jamie for their help with erecting the flagpole Christmas tree.