

Iwade Rock
Nicola Owen



What are you doing on Saturday 23rd July? If your answer is either 'I don't know' or 'nothing yet'

then read on.

Iwade's very own 'Iwade Rock Charity Music Festival' takes place on Iwade School field between 12noon and 10.30pm and this year we are celebrate our fifth anniversary. Raising money for The Iwade Herons Football Club and Iwade School and supporting our charity of choice Demelza House Children's Hospice. If you're new to the village here's a quick rundown on the event which takes Iwade by storm in the summer.

Iwade Rock was born in July 2012 when it collaborated with the Village Hall; it fast became a popular event and due to this success a new location had to be found.

Luckily, Iwade School came to our rescue and the festival was given a whole new lease of life in 2014 but due to building work at the school, 2015's event had to be postponed. So we are back again for Iwade Rock 2016!

This year we have an amazing line-up of ten bands playing over 10 hours to entertain you and as always we have a plethora of entertainment for the whole family; inflatables, penalty shootout, face painting and party buses.

What sort of festival would Iwade Rock be without great catering; a hog roast, spud hut, vegan burger bar, bbq and to wash it down head to the cocktail taxi, Pimms hut, the party bar or coffee wagon.

Tickets are selling fast, with 2014 being a sell-out we suggest you get in quick. To reserve tickets email: tickets@iwaderockfest.co.uk.

We are looking for sponsors so if you think your business could do with some exposure contact us on sponsor@iwaderockfest.co.uk.

Please find us on Facebook as we will be running competitions to win some great prizes. <https://www.facebook.com/events/143730596893509> or search Iwade Rock Charity Music Festival

Dates for the Diary

Friday 1 April 9:30-11.30am Crochet and Natter All Saints Church

Then every Friday

Wednesday 6 April 13:00 Pop Up Coffee Shop All Saints Church

Free, tea, coffee, home-made cakes, toys and stories for the children

Thursday 7 April 11.15-11.25am Mobile Library Sheerstone
One piece of identification required to join.

Sunday 10 April 10am-1pm Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre
2nd Sunday of every month fantastic range of stalls

Sunday 10 April 10am Orchard Hedge Planting Event
Woodpecker Drive. All welcome. Free.

Sunday 10 April 3pm Pets Church Service All Saints Church

Tuesday 12 April 10:30am Iwade Reading Group
Contact Hilary on 01795 474656 or email hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to join the group.

Wednesday 13 April 7:30pm Iwade Parish Council Meeting
Iwade Village Hall
Every second Wednesday of the month. All welcome.

Wednesday 20 April 1-3pm Pop Up Coffee Shop All Saints Church

Wednesday 20 April 7:30pm Iwade W.I. Meeting Iwade Village Hall
Every third Wednesday of the month. Contact secretary Glenn Walters on 01795 436515 or at gk.charisma@sky.com

Thursday 21 April 11:15-11.25am Mobile Library Sheerstone

Saturday 23 April 10:45am St George's Day Parade Service All Saints Church

Saturday 23 April 7-10pm Family Quiz Night Iwade Village Hall
See poster on front page :-)

Wednesday 4 May 1-3pm Pop Up Coffee Shop All Saints Church

Thursday 5 May 11:15-11.25am Mobile Library Sheerstone

Sunday 8 May 10am-1pm Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre
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Iwade Does Strictly Come Planting Front Garden Competition

by Amanda Hurrell

The Village Market was busy on Sunday, 13th March with a steady flow of residents keen to sign up. I took over 30 applications, potted up as many sunflowers with the help of Cieran and Chloe and talked to so many residents interested in joining in. Some roads are already getting quite competitive with talk of growing the best hanging basket or tallest sunflower! The village is going to be very colourful this summer! If you want to get involved and grow some seeds for the planters in Iwade please do get in touch with me by email: thehurrells@hotmail.co.uk or on FaceBook, I have lots to choose from and sunflower seeds are still available



to direct sow into your your gardens. If you took sunflowers please keep me updated with your seedlings progress. The seeds were donated from Thompson and Morgan in exchange for me being a guest blogger and I will need some pictures to go with my article. I'm looking forward to the next market on Sunday, 10th April to hand out more seeds.



Iwade Parish Council & Kent Orchards for Everyone Project

**Don't let the wind
dine on your community orchard!**

**HELP US TO PLANT A NEW HEDGE
to protect your
old plum orchard**

SUNDAY, 10TH APRIL, 2016
Woodpecker Drive, Iwade at 10.00am

This event is free and for more information please contact
Zoean Hunt on 01795 439765 or zoean@iwadevillagehall.co.uk
or Pippa Palmer 01795 439765 or pippa@iwadevillagehall.co.uk

**Saturday
23rd April
7-10 pm**

**FAMILY
QUIZ NIGHT**

**An event in aid of Iwade Village
Hall and All Saints Church**

**We've got the questions,
have you got the answers?**

Teams of up to 6 - £3 per person
Bring your own snacks and drinks

To book your table:
email secretary@iwadevillagehall.co.uk
or call 01795 439765
Children over 12 welcome but must be in a team

Iwade Village Hall. ME9 8RG

**Iwade
Crochet & Natter**

... Come and crochet, knit, sew,
cross stitch or embroider while having
a natter with friends and enjoy some
home made cake, tea and coffee ...

Every Friday morning at
All Saints Church Iwade
Starting on Friday 1st April
9.30am - 11.30am

Free of Charge but contributions
welcome for refreshments

Iwade Village Clean Up Day

The annual clean-up will take place on Sunday 22nd May; helpers to assemble in the Village Hall at 9.30 a.m. with the event finishing at 12.30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available in the hall during the morning, followed by a BBQ for helpers in the Woolpack Car Park at 12.35 p.m.

Extraordinary Iwade resident receives Award

Gordon Henderson, MP has recently congratulated Iwade resident, Elspeth Baecke, who has been awarded a British Citizen Award for setting up an orphanage in Malawi.

Elspeth Baecke, BCo, a former teacher at Sittingbourne Community College, set up a small charity called Smile Malawi in 2004 after watching children suffering in Africa on Comic Relief. Elspeth began fundraising and construction started on a new children's home in 2005. The doors opened in 2006 and it now has 39 children aged between 3 and 20-years old.

Elspeth was nominated for a British Citizen Award by her friends and was invited to an awards ceremony in the House of Lords on 28th January 2016 to collect her medal. Unfortunately, Mr Henderson was unable to attend the presentation and so invited Elspeth to meet him at his constituency office in Sittingbourne.

After the event Elspeth said, "It has been an amazing journey, building the orphanage and then being part of the children growing up. I now have to help the older

children establish themselves independently and I'm looking forward to seeing their success. I'm really honoured to receive the award and it was great to meet Gordon."

Mr Henderson said, "The British Citizens Awards recognise everyday people who do extraordinary things for their communities, charities or other causes and I am proud that one of my constituents has won. Elspeth has committed a lot of her time and even re-mortgaged her house to provide funding for her charity. She is an inspirational and selfless woman."

For further information about the charity please visit www.smilemalawi.com. If anyone would like to donate please visit www.justgiving.com/smilemalawi.



Iwade Crochet/Knit/Cross-Stitch/Embroider and Natter Group

We are very excited to announce that there is going to be a 'Crochet & Natter' group at All Saints every Friday starting on 1st April 9.30-11.30am. Although it is called 'Crochet & Natter' anyone is welcome - crocheters, knitters, embroiderers etc. There is no formal charge, but if you would like to make a donation to cover the cost of coffee/tea and cake there will be a box available to do that :-). Here are the details....no need to let us know if you are coming, just come as you are with whatever you are making, you will be very welcome. Please pass this info on if you have neighbours who you think might enjoy meeting people in the village. See you there! x



Tinkerbells Early Years Jody Paine

This term our children have been enjoying our topics 'Mini-beasts' and the 'Spring' season.

They have been very busy making and creating their own mini beasts, from spiders to ladybirds, caterpillars to butterflies, and some new and interesting breeds too! They have also enjoyed learning about life and growing by planting cress seeds and runner beans to take care of and grow at home. We are looking forward to planting and growing various plants and vegetables in our own garden too!

We would also like 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. They are wonderful and we have displayed them at Tinkerbells for all to see and enjoy.



We are currently full at both settings, and we are full to capacity at Iwade until September 2017 too! However there are a few limited spaces at our Clock Tower setting for September this year.

Therefore, if you are interested in a place for your child, please call in for a copy of our prospectus.

Next term's topic when we return after the Easter break will be 'Animals'.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter!

Litter Poets! from Jess McMahon

Little poets across Sittingbourne and Sheppey have had their anti-litter poems published into a book. Local charity, Litter Angels, ran a competition towards the end of last year, alongside their annual anti-litter poster competition, encouraging primary school children to write a poem about litter.

A number of poems were chosen from each of the 10 schools that took part. The book of poems was then compiled by Gordon Henderson, the Chairman of Litter Angels, and illustrated by Litter Angels volunteer, Samantha Williams. The published book is now available to buy and has already sold 67 copies.

Mr Henderson commented, "I would like to thank all the children who took part in the competition and congratulate all those who have had their poems published. They might not all be little Byrons or Wordsworths,

but their enthusiasm and commitment show they understand the harm that litter does to our local environment, which is the awareness the charity tries to achieve. I would like to thank also the talented Samantha Williams who beautifully illustrated the book."

Miss Williams added, "I was very impressed with both the quality and quantity of poems we received. It was very easy to illustrate every poem when I was presented with such original ideas. The hardest part was deciding which poems made it into the book!"

To buy a copy of the poetry book, which is priced at £5.99, please contact Litter Angels on 01795 423199 or download an order form from their website: www.litterangels.org.

Photo shows Iwade's talented (and now published) poets.



London Southend Airport changes to flight patterns.

Gareth Wiseman

Following James Hunt's post last month I have had a look at the documents; there are still some more to read, but a quick summary is as follows.

The changes are being made to formalise flight paths for aircraft after take-off before they come into the upper airspace in line with the CAA proposals. The main one that affects Iwade, Kemsley, Sittingbourne and Sheerness is the runway 05 South departure. The proposed change will formalise and narrow the departure route, but it will also dictate a minimum height of only 3000ft, currently the planes are at around 7000ft. However it does state in the document that they will allow the aircraft to climb as soon as possible which would be their preference. The reason for the formalisation is due to the new proposed approach route for London City (London City and Southend are owned and operated by the same company) which is at a height of 4000ft down the Thames Estuary (Appendix F, 2.7.1 page 6 of 23), this then limits the climb of the 05 runway departures from Southend.

Current traffic flow from Southend on 05 South is 44 per week (just over 6 per day) and they aim to increase this to 130 per week (almost 19 per day!)

by 2021, which with the increased traffic would limit the amount of times they could allow the aircraft to climb early and might mean more aircraft flying at a lower altitude as the numbers increase.

Potential conflicts if they are at the most Eastern edge of the route and at the minimum height of 3000ft would be over Kemsley Paper Mill which is a little over 1 mile away. How this would affect Iwade I'm not sure, but the documents do state they will try and climb as soon as is practical (Appendix F, 2.7.7 Page 8 of 23)

The centre of the route passes over Elmley Nature Reserve, I believe there is CAA documentation giving minimum height and noise levels over SSSI areas but not sure about nature reserves, the route appears to be far enough away from Iwade's SSSI area but the scale of the OS map is poor to confirm this.

There is a consultation period until 27th May and Iwade Parish council are on the list of distribution and can forward any concerns. London Southend Airport have the documents available on <http://www.southendairport.com/8-english/75-standard-instrument-departure-procedures/>

New Business Alert !!!

Local girl Tania Emery, is starting up a new business in the near future named 'Beauty Academy South East' or BASE for short. It will be located at 42 High Street, Sittingbourne (above Empire men's clothing) and will be teaching facials, manicures & pedicures, eye treatments, make up, waxing and spray tanning.

After being in the Beauty Industry for 25 years, Tania feels that she now has the necessary experience and skills to train others.

Her 2 colleagues Denise Regan from Rainham and Julia Collins also from Iwade will be on hand to help the smooth running of BASE.

Check out their website:- www.wearebase.co.uk or follow them on Facebook/ beauty academy south east.



Iwade Evening Walking Group

Christopher Wood

Is it time for you to lose some excess fat, get in shape or simply to make some new friends? If so then the Iwade Walking group has now added a Monday Night to its already popular Wednesday evenings. A reminder that this group is free, there are no sign up forms and anybody can take part - what could be easier?

Walks start at 7:15pm and last between an hour and an hour and a half. Routes are different each week and sometimes are changed due to the weather. We all meet outside The Woolpack for 7pm for a prompt start.

Sensible walking shoes or trainers are advised.

If you need further information then please contact me on my email address; chris.wood116@googlemail.com or message me via the Iwade Walking Group Evenings Facebook Page.

Iwade Yoga - Paula Fernandez

I was first introduced to the natural health benefits of Yoga back in 1992, when I took a course in sophrology. This awoke an interest in Eastern philosophy, mysticism and meditation.

Yoga has brought so many positive changes into my life, and over the years my love for the practice and values of yoga have deepened. Yoga continues to help me overcome the challenges that life brings. Yoga is for everyone, and I try to help each student discover their own unique path through yoga. Classes focus on stretching, breathing, relaxing and developing mobility, strength and balance. I like students to walk away feeling rejuvenated, balanced and powerful. We have a varied student base. A mixed ability range, men and women, from 12 to 87 years attending for many reasons including reducing pain, good health, etc

I continue to study with leading yoga teachers and am qualified to teach Hatha, Vinyasa flow, Yin yoga, Restorative yoga and meditation. Why not give it a try?! - at The Village Hall (Tuesday 1:30-2:45pm and Friday 6:30-7:45pm)

Village Hall Update - April 2016

How are your brain cells? A little rusty or in tip top condition? You could find out by coming along to the quiz night we have planned for Saturday 23rd April from 7-10pm. It's to raise funds for the Village Hall and All Saints Church and promises to be a fun-filled evening, with interactive rounds as well as the more standard ones. Watch out though, the jokers could trip you up! Book yourself a table before the event to guarantee your spot, it's just £3 per person with teams of up to 6. See the poster on the front page for more info.

We are hoping to run more events in conjunction with other community groups, so if you have an idea that would raise funds but don't have a venue, please speak to us and we'll see what we can do to help!

In March, our colouring competition during the Food and Craft Fayre was a huge success and the judges were blown away by the entries, thank you all so much for entering! There were so many entrants for the 2-5 category, they had to pick 2 winners, so we are very proud to announce the winners here (parents already notified):- In the youngest group, our winners were Elizabeth Knight aged 5 and Jacob Smuts aged 3. For the 6-9 year olds, our winner was Mikayla Farley aged 6, and last but definitely not least, our winner in the 10-13 bracket was Shelley Mitchell aged 10. Perhaps we'll do another one in next month's Observer, if there's room, a nice summary picture maybe. Keep a look out! The organisers of the Food and Craft Fayre would like to thank everyone for coming down each month, they work tirelessly to get a variety of stalls there and your support is crucial. Next month, they are hoping to have more products from Featherbed Farm available, perhaps some small bags of hay, straw and animal feed, some bird seed, potted plants (think of the gardening competition!) and other smaller items to sell alongside the chicken and goose eggs that are so popular. The next Food and Craft Fayre is Sunday

10th April, if there's something you would particularly like to see, please do get in touch and let them know:- fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk or Geri on 07588 401553

Coming up in May/June, we will have another psychic event. The last one was so well attended that we unfortunately ran out of available sittings with the psychics, but the organisers have listened to all of the feedback given and have some plans to not only ensure this doesn't happen again, but also to make it bigger and better.

The next event will be an all-day one with private readings and therapies on offer during the day, with some pre-bookable and some on the day availability. Then, in the evening, there will be just one psychic on stage with an audience. We're sure it'll be a busy day, so please buy your tickets and book your readings early to avoid disappointment.

Ticket info and full details will be available soon via our website, Facebook and Twitter pages and the May edition of the Observer.

If you're looking for somewhere to hold a little party or gathering, please get in touch as IVH may be a perfect fit for you. We have tables and chairs available (free with hire), a kitchen and bar area and plenty of dance floor space!

Additionally, if you're new to the village or just want to know what's going on at the hall each day, please take a look at our website as it has the contact details for all of our hirers. We have Tinkerbells Nursery, Brownies, Kingsquad, Parent and Toddler, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers alongside fitness classes and Iwade WI; we really are jam packed with activities, so take a look at the website and contact the organiser for more info. That's it for this month, always something going on in Iwade, what a great place we all live in, and hope to see you down at the hall soon.

www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk, phone 07724 862744, or search FB and Twitter for Iwade Village Hall.

News from All Saints' Church

Three Peaks Challenge

Always up for a challenge, Steve Plumb has agreed to take part in the 24 hour Three Peaks Challenge. That is climbing 3 mountains Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon, all within 24 hours. Steve joins a team of eight others who are all taking up this challenge to raise money for local organisation The Family Trust, a Christian organisation, who work with children and families in Maidstone, Medway and Swale. In Iwade the weekly Kingsquad is run in partnership with the Family Trust and Iwade Church. Family Trust workers & volunteers also regularly take assemblies in Iwade school. If you would like to sponsor Steve please visit: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/donatesteps.aspx?beneficiarycampaignid=4493>

Pets Service

A first for All Saints Church Iwade. They are holding a 'Pets Service' on Sunday 10th April at 3pm. Residents of Iwade you are invited to bring your pets, cats, dogs, rabbits, whatever. Perhaps a fish in a tank on the altar! The service will last about 30 mins and include a prayer of blessing for humans and animals, and finish with some food for all!

Church Open

Many villagers have commented that they would love to see the church open for people to use for quiet reflection, or simply to have a look around. We are pleased to say that we are going to try this, and with effect from Monday 4th April the church will be open 7 days a week during daylight hours. Why not take the chance to have a quiet moment in this ancient building or if you've never been in, come and have a look at its timeless simplicity

St George's Day

To mark St. George's Day (23rd April) there is a parade service on Sunday 24th at Iwade Church, starting at 10.45am. Some of the Iwade uniformed organisations will be attending. Everyone welcome.

And don't forget on the same day a chance to show off your trivia skills! A Family Quiz in conjunction with Iwade Village Hall. See separate poster for full details.

Iwade WI - Val Pugh

It's April already. Easter has come and gone along with our March meeting where we had a talk on 'Its more than just Chocolate' by Melanie Gibson. It was a interesting talk and to compliment the evening we had a Competition and a Chocolate Raffle. On Wednesday 20th April we will have Judi Knight giving us a talk on 'Eking out the Rations'. Also in April we have our Spring Group Meeting where eight WI Groups get together. This time it will be held in Bobbing VH with Delia Mathewson giving a talk on Astrology. This gives us a chance to catch up with other WI's in the local area. Apart from our monthly meetings we do other things, for example, lunches out, card making afternoons, Rummikub mornings, craft afternoons and knitting for charities. We have made premature baby clothes and blankets for the Oliver Fisher Baby Unit. Our latest venture is making 'Twiddle Mats' for Dementia Patients in Hospitals & Care Homes. These can be knitted or crochet with attached ribbons, wool, buttons & various trimmings. If you would like to make any, they are approx. 7"x 9" they would be much appreciated. Or if you would like to donate any wool to the WI we will put it to very good use. Interested in any of the above? Why not give the WI a try. For further information or wool donations please contact our Secretary, Glenn Walters on 01795 436515.

Iwade Reading Group

We met on March 8th to discuss Our Endless Numbered Days, a first novel by Claire Fuller. We all talked but only some of us had read the book! The twists and turns in the story, the enticing setting, the fear of war in the second half of the 20th century made me realise what I was missing. There was intrigue and mystery, spookiness and speculation about the parentage of a baby that was born during the story. The people who read it were so enthusiastic that it made those of us who found excuses not to read it feel we had missed a good story. We went on to plan our book choices for future meetings. Instead of the Margaret Forster book mentioned in last month's Observer, we'll be reading 'Behind Closed Doors' by B.A. Paris, Irene's choice. You never really know what goes on behind closed doors ... In May we'll be reading the Margaret Forster book, 'Diary of an Ordinary Woman'. Later we will read Elena Ferrante's 'My Brilliant Friend', the first of a series of four books following the same main character over several decades. You've probably realised now that we don't always read all the books and we talk about everything under the sun and a bit about books and have tea or coffee and cakes and biscuits. Want to know more? Contact Hilary on 01795 474656.

Iwade Parish Council Minutes of Weds 10th Feb 2016 Meeting

1. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr. Mitchell declared an interest in Item 9.1. Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School.

2. Visitors/Public Time

1.Visitors – A resident complained about parking in the village, it is getting worse. The Vice-Chair advised that Cllr. Hunt will be walking around Iwade with an Environment Warden pointing out all the areas that are of concern so that these can be investigated. If residents can take photographs of offenders and forward to the Parish Council it will help. Parking is also making it difficult to get out of some roads. Cllr. M. Gale advised that there will be six monthly reviews of the school highway issues and he would like to see everyone getting involved, including residents.

Mick Drury addressed the Council; he represents the owner of Iwade Race Track and 30 acres of land in the Marsh Bank Old Ferry Road area. The application is for 3 low cost affordable housing and the intention is to tidy up the frontage, sort out the drainage and road way. The long term intention is to make some lakes for fishing and to gradually reduce the amount of general clutter that is there. These units will be offered first to residents in the Bobbing, Iwade and Lower Halstow Ward. A resident raised concerns relating to the overturned car in a ditch next to the gateway entrance to the Village, Ferry Road. He was worried the oil and diesel was leaking into the waterways. Clerk to ask the Environment Agency to investigate.

Action: Clerk

2.County and Borough Councillors – Non present.

3. Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – The Community Warden's report was circulated. During January he checked outlying fly tipping areas; attended the School gate; reported dog fouling in Fans Lane and delivered letters asking residents to help report dog fouling in Fans Lane, Stangate Drive, Dunlin Walk and School Mews. He reported a build-up of litter in Dunlin Walk and School Lane/Ferry Road junction to Swale Borough Council. A resident using a mobility scooter stated she could not gain entry to the local park due to mud at entrances - sent this onto Swale Borough Council who responded they will deal with

this problem. Dealt with a welfare issue and delivered Iwade Observers to the outlying district.

The PCSO has dealt with 2 thefts from motor vehicles in Iwade and criminal damage in Hollyblue Drive and Coleshall Cottages.

3. Planning

1. 15/510695/COUNTY: Iwade County Primary School School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8RS: Details of a scheme of landscaping pursuant to condition 4 of planning permission SW/14/500739 – no comments.

2. SW/15/502632/R45 – Details of landscape scheme pursuant to condition (45) of planning permission SW/15/502632 for the phased extraction of brickearth and restoration to agriculture – Orchard Farm, School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8QH – no comments.

3. 16/500090/FULL: Erection of a rear conservatory and installation of a garage door: 58 Holly Blue Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8WL – no comments.

4. 15/507706/FULL: Single storey rear extension. Alterations to roof to facilitate loft conversion, including hip to table topped gable roof conversion, raising of the ridge and chimney heights, and the insertion of dormers to the front and rear with small windows in between: 8 Colson Drive Iwade Kent ME9 8TT – to object on the following grounds:

- The height of the building will dominate the property opposite.
- The windows of the property will look down and into the bedroom windows of the property opposite, an invasion of privacy.
- There will be an impact on car parking outside the house.
- The building will be offset to the neighbour and forward on the pavement; again this will dominate the adjoining property.
- The property will be out of proportion with existing properties and the changes will affect the street scene.
- Concerns over access to the site as regards contractors.

5. 15/510372/FULL: Construction of an extension to existing vehicle workshop to provide additional working space, storage and staff facilities: Countrystyle Recycling Ridham Dock Kemsley Fields Business Park Ridham Dock Road Sittingbourne Kent – No objection.

6. 16/500649/FULL: Erection of a rear conservatory: 5 Elm Tree Avenue Iwade Kent ME9 8UD – no objection.

4. Correspondence

1. Kent MWLP 2013-30 Proposed

Further Modifications – Noted.

2. Kent Mobile Library Engagement – Noted.

3. England Coast Path - Iwade to Grain – Clerk to ask how much time is needed for the presentation and either arrange at the beginning of a Council meeting or an individual meeting. Action: Clerk

5. 'Fly A Flag For The Commonwealth - 14th March 2016' & Outline Press Release – The Vice-Chair briefly outlined the poll and comments on Iwade Does Facebook; the outcome of which is that there is general agreement to the pole but perhaps to relocate it; Clerk to place this on the March Agenda. The vast majority of residents were happy to see the George Cross flying. Action: Clerk

6. Swale Borough Local Plan Examination – Noted housing number per year has risen to 760; the Borough Council had 550 in the submitted plan.

7. Finance

1. Operation of School Lane Playing Field & Pavilion – Parish Council/Iwade Herons –The Clerk is awaiting further quotations for the maintenance of the playing field; once all details are to hand a meeting with the Herons will be arranged to discuss the pavilion and grounds; Swale Borough Council can then be informed as to how the Parish Council wishes to take this forward. Action: Clerk

2. Verge Signs – Proposed by Cllr. M. Gale and seconded by Cllr. D. Gale all agreed to purchase 20 signs at a possible price of £8 each. Action: Clerk

3. Village Garden Competition – Proposed by Cllr. M. Gale and seconded by Cllr. D. Gale agreed the sum of £50 to purchase Sunflower seeds.

8. Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)

1.Hall – Cllr. Gale reported that they have a new cleaner; remedial work on the floor and redecorating will be starting in the next couple of weeks.

9. Any Other Matters Arising

1.Cllr. Gale advised that the Vodafone rural signal project people will be in the village next week installing aerials on some of the properties and the signal will be live as from then.

Next Meeting - 13th April 2016 at 7:30 Iwade Village Hall

Full minutes online on the IwadeVillage.co.uk Council page