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## Editors Note

We are the new editorial team and this is our 3rd issue we have worked on together, I think we are starting to get the hang of it. And what a good time to start out, there is so much going on in Iwade this summer from the Allotments Big Lunch and Iwade Schools Craft Fair to the Iwade Community Household Sale and Iwade Rock! We can't wait!

The Iwade Observer can only ever be as good as its content and we are keen to include contributions from local people. So if you have a story, event or you have a business based in Iwade and would like to offer a villager discount (in return for a bit of free advertising) or even a photo for the title page we would love to hear from you (details on the contacts page).

Happy June everyone, see you in July!

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# Iwade Observer

June 2013

Thank you to Sharon Naylor for this months title photo. And well done to the Iwade Herons Under 13's who were runners up in their league.



## Iwade Rocks Again!!

Iwade Rock 2013 is nearly upon us and preparations are in full swing. If you've never been to the previous events in 2011 and 2012 you are in for a treat!..... this year's event sees 10 local bands perform for you, from Soul and Swing to Classic Rock and everything in between. Iwade Rock 2013 takes place in the grounds of the Village Hall on 20th July, starting at 12 noon through

till 10pm. With everything under one roof, Live Music, Food, Drink, Kids Entertainment, a Racing Party Bus and much more..... Advance ticket sales are available right now, to pre book go to [www.bookwhen.com/iwade-village-hall-events](http://www.bookwhen.com/iwade-village-hall-events). Details of all the events and bands can be found on the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/iwaderock](http://www.facebook.com/iwaderock) This year's Charities are The Sittingbourne First Responders and of course The Iwade

Village Hall. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for fine weather.... Keep an eye out for the flyers and posters to start appearing in and around the village very soon..... For more information contact Keith Reynolds for the music side of things on [Keith@thekulpritts.co.uk](mailto:Keith@thekulpritts.co.uk) and myself for everything else, [dmunderhill@sky.com](mailto:dmunderhill@sky.com). See you all in July.



## Why Responders Rock.

Sittingbourne Community First Responders are lucky enough to have been chosen as one of the charities who will benefit from the proceeds of Iwade Rock, but who are they?

In a nutshell, they are the voluntary arm of the Ambulance Service who attend life threatening 999 calls within their local community. When a 999 call is received by Ambulance control, if there is a Community Responder closer than the nearest Ambulance, the responder is dispatched at the same



time as the Ambulance. Trained in essential first aid and basic life support, they carry equipment including a defibrillator, oxygen set and airways, so can start (what can be lifesaving) treatment before the Ambulance arrives. They were initially set up to treat cardiac arrests and heart attacks where speed of treatment greatly increases the patient's chance of survival, but are also now trained to treat a range of other medical emergencies.

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## Walk on the Rural Side by Nicola McKenzie

So Iwade does have a rural side still as it turns out despite the dogged determination of housing developers. Thanks to Kate Grimshaw for contacting us here at the Iwade Observer (like we have an office!) to run a story (and a news desk!) on the rural side of Iwade that some people in Iwade just don't get to see.



Kate owns Toad Hall Farm, perhaps you've driven past it along Raspberry Hill Lane. She offers livery for horses and all her current liveries are from Iwade so is really serving the local community. If



you require livery you can contact Kate to have a chat on 07557 530261 or pop down to Toad Hall Farm and you're sure to find her there, it's a beautiful spot as I found out for myself when I popped down to see her last week in the glorious sunshine. It has beautiful views over the estuary which are apparently at their best at sunset.

Kate contacted me to chat about John McKenzie and his brother Peter who are a

mine of local information and I had the pleasure to meet. I got the grand tour of Swaysdown Farm next door where John and his brother rear game (explains the occasional tame pheasant in the village!) and have pear orchards and eenie meenie Christmas trees growing happily. They also grow turf so if you are walking on what you believe to be a public footpath and it is like a putting green you probably shouldn't be there.



John has so many stories to tell and I could have spent all day there listening but we drew the line at a first chapter.

Suffice to say John towed and sunk the barges in

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In Sittingbourne, there are currently 7 Community Responders with their team leader, Alex Hill being based here in Iwade. Part of the Community Responders' work is to share their knowledge with their community and they have provided demonstrations in CPR at the Iwade Easter Egg Hunt, the 1st Iwade Beavers and the past 2 Iwade Rock events – and they will be back again this year offering the chance to pick up some life-saving skills. Alex has been a Community Responder for over 2 years now and prior to that had over 20 years' experience with St John Ambulance. As a responde, his youngest patient was only 3

days old and his oldest was 97 years young, he's treated people in their homes, at the local primary school, at factories, on the pavement in the rain and as far afield as Faversham and Ashford. On one occasion he did have to get to a patient by climbing their back fence – all he could think of at the time was the film 'Hot Fuzz' and it was 50:50 as to whether he went over or just ran through the fence – to the relief of the neighbour, he did make it over. His main tip for the summer is beware of the heat – you'd be surprised how many people, young and old, end up needing medical treatment as a result of hot weather. It can bring on breathing problems, heart conditions

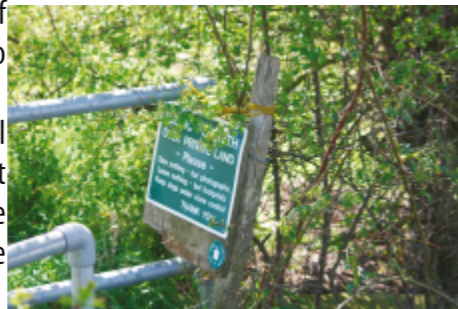
the estuary back in the 60's to fill a gap in the sea wall, working for James Dredging. They were then covered in clay dug from a pit on Basser Hill. This allowed around 350 acres of marshland to be reclaimed for farming, acres which previously flooded twice a day.

According to John, there's a painting of Stangate Creek in the Tate so I looked it up. According to the internet (what would we do without it?) Stangate Creek is in the Parish of Iwade and was painted by Joseph Mallord William Turner circa 1823-4 entitled Stangate Creek, on the River Medway

That's all for now but I'll be popping back to see John as he has some amazing stories to tell. Did you know Iwade has always had a Rookery as they liked to nest in the Dutch Elms before their fate at the hands of Dutch Elm disease? Now they nest in the Poplars. Apparently the old football and cricket (yes cricket!) team was called The Rooks. So the Heron has some competition then it would seem.

Why not explore the Saxon Shore Way from the end of Upper Fans Lane, turn left to head down to Raspberry Hill Lane across the fields or right to head to KingsFerry Bridge.

Send your photos of rural Iwade to the.iwade.observer@gmail.com and we'll publish them next issue. Enjoy the countryside Iwade, we do still have some!



as well as the obvious sun burn and dehydration. It sounds obvious, but make regular use of the shade, use suncream (and reapply regularly) and sip a drink (little and often).

They are looking to grow the team in areas where they lack cover at present, particularly in Upchurch and Newington. No previous experience is needed, just plenty of common sense, about 20 hours a month of free time and commitment.

If you would like more details about the Community Responders or are interested in joining, please contact alex.j.hill@btconnect.com.

## Dates for the Diary

•Sunday 2th June 12:30-  
**Iwade Allotments' Big Lunch!**

•Thursday 6th June 11:15-11:25-  
**Mobile Library**

At the Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of identification required to join.  
You can contact the Mobile Library on their mobile on 07740 183758

•Sunday 9th June 10:00-13:00-  
**Iwade Village Market**

Every second Sunday of the month, breakfast available from 9am, hope to see you there!

•Wednesday 12th June 19:30-  
**Iwade Parish Council Meeting**

Every second Wednesday of the month, residents encouraged to go to Parish Council meetings in the Village Hall.

•Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th, Monday 17th June-  
**All Saint's Church Flower Festival**

Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday and Monday Noon to 5pm

•Saturday 15th June 11:00-14:00-  
**Iwade School Craft Fair**

•Wednesday 19 June 19:30-  
**W.I. Meeting**

•Thursday 20 June 11:15-11:25-  
**Mobile Library**

•Sunday 30 June 11:00-15:00-  
**Iwade Village Community Household Sale**

(Collect a sellers map from 10:30 in the village hall)

•Thursday 4 July 11:15-11:25-  
**Mobile Library**

•Saturday 6 July 7pm-  
**Annual Summer Concert**

All Saint's Church, tickets available in advance on 478103 or on the night. £5 each including refreshments. £4 concessions, Under 5s go free.

Please bring a seat, concert will be inside if damp.

•Wednesday 10 July 19:30-  
**Iwade Parish Council Meeting**

•Sunday 14 July 10am to 1pm-  
**Iwade Village Market**

•Wednesday 17 July 19:30-  
**W.I. Blue Town Visit**

•Thursday 18 July 11:15-11.25-  
**Mobile Library**

•Saturday 20 July 12:00-22:00-  
**Iwade Rock- Village Hall**

(see front page for more info) Tickets and details at www.bookwhen.com/iwade-village-hall-events

### MIDDAY MEAL SUPERVISORS NEEDED

The school is recruiting additional midday meals supervisors. If you, or someone that you know, would be interested in working 12.00 - 1.00 each day, please contact the school for an application form

### SCHOOL LANE PLAYING FIELD

The parish council would like to advise residents that the school lane playing fields are closed to the public as they now belong to Persimmon Homes and are therefore private property.



Josh Killick of Stangate Drive, recently won the British Schools Weight Lifting Championships for his age group. Well

done Joshua! More on Joshua next month...

### KEEPING IWADE TIDY

Costcutter politely asks that dog owners tidy up after their dog if they make a mess when they are tied to the noticeboard while their owner is in the shop.

### GOALKEEPER NEEDED

Iwade Herons current Under 8s (School Yr3) are looking for an experienced GoalKeeper to strengthen their squad for the coming season and to play in this season's friendlies and tournaments throughout April, May, June and July.

Please contact Darren Roe on asroe@tiscali.co.uk or phone 07882 107 680 for further information.

For all readers a 10% off sheet prices for a Dry Carpet Clean No Water No Drying Time No Hassle. If you would like a quote call Ben Miller 07920 445540

Discount of 10% on Turf to Iwade residents if you go and collect.

Contact Wayne McKenzie on 07967 463327



## Bee-ing Friendly in June

by Ann Menzies- Iwade Allotment Association



I'm sure that most of you reading this know just how important bees are to the human population, pollinating a huge number of food crops which we rely on to survive. Recently the EU voted to impose a two year ban on certain insecticides (neonicotinoids) which some scientists believe are killing large numbers of the bee population. Pesticides aren't the only problem though; viruses and mites are also taking their toll. Unless you are a bee keeper, there isn't much you can do to deal with mites and viruses, but all gardeners do have the chance to improve a bee's lot. For a start, if you do spray against pests, then do so when bees aren't active in the garden, late evening or very early morning and follow the instructions on the bottle carefully.

A couple of years ago Sarah

Raven launched a campaign to increase the number of nectar and pollen rich plants used in gardens, and now many garden centres display the Royal Horticultural Society's Perfect for Pollinator's logo to show which plants are better for bees. As a rule of thumb, flowers with lots of petals either have less pollen and nectar, or it isn't easy for the bees to get at. Planting some of the following plants will help feed bees and give them a better chance of surviving the other problems they face. Lavender, single dahlias, sweet William, foxgloves, wallflowers, scabious, single fuchsias, honeysuckle, courgettes, pot marigolds, French marigolds, nasturtiums, sunflowers and asters. There are many more, have a look online or around a local garden centre or nursery to find others.

British wild flowers (weeds to many people) can be important sources of pollen and nectar, so despite my article last month, they do have a place in the garden or on the allotment plot, but cut the dead flowers off before they set seed and cause problems. Wild flowers along hedgerows and verges are important roads for bees as they travel from one area to another. Imagine driving along a motorway for hundreds of miles with no food or water, this is what it can be like for bees and other pollinators. However pollen and nectar rich a garden is, if it is not linked to others by a Bee Road, pollinators might not be able to travel the distance between them through lack of sustenance. Remember, bees work to feed us, so it's only fair we should put in just a little bit of work to feed them too.

### ALL SAINT'S CHURCH by Stephen Plumb

May 19th was Pentecost Sunday, a day that remembers the start of the church some 2000 years ago, when the Holy Spirit 'came upon' the disciples and 1000's of people became believers in Jesus.

The same Holy Spirit is still at work in and through the church helping it to proclaim to each generation, in ways that people can experience and understand the Christian gospel.

The weekly All Age Service which began at Christmas is one response at All Saint's to seek to make church more enjoyable and relevant to our daily lives.

There are plans to make some minor alterations to the historic building, so to make it more comfortable, and providing a flexible and usable 'space' for the church and the wider community.

At last month's APCM two new

church wardens were elected Pamela Horner and Dawn Plumb, and a new PCC. Their task is the same as the first disciples, to be 'empowered' by the Holy Spirit to make the gospel known and experienced in their community.

All Saint's is here for the community in Iwade, so why not come along one Sunday morning at 10.45am?

### Church Flower Festival

Over the weekend of June 15th/16th/17th, All Saint's Church Iwade is holding its bi-annual Flower Festival, and all are invited to come and spend some time in this lovely old building to admire the displays. Church will be open Saturday 15th 10-5pm and Sunday and Monday 12 noon-5pm.

On Saturday 6th July we welcome the return of the U.K. PAPER BAND for the Annual Summer Concert in the Church Grounds at 7pm. Tickets are £5 each (concessions £4). Children under 5 free. This includes refreshments too. They will be available on the night or reserve yours by calling 01795 478103. Please bring your own seats, but will be in church if damp.

### FOOTBALL IN STANGATE DRIVE

Residents around the Stangate Drive park kindly ask that if footballers or other children lose their ball in a garden they do not climb into the garden when the owner is not there.

Please also be respectful and try not to organise large ballgames in this area whilst we understand it's difficult now that School Lane recreation ground is not available.



Hello Iwade!

My name is Sally Coe and, for those of you who don't already know, I'm your local Doorstep Learning Champion.

I've lived in Iwade for almost 10 years and, amongst other things, I do my best to promote learning through the Doorstep Learning programme in our local area.

Before becoming a Doorstep Learning Champion, I was a participant on the programme myself and got so much out of the courses I attended that I volunteered to be a local ambassador for the scheme! It really changed my life around!

Doorstep Learning offers an exciting range of courses that promote personal development and help people build their skills, confidence and increase their support network in their local community.

Since it started in 2005, the

## DOOR STEP LEARNING by Sally Coe

programme has helped over 1,000 people into work, volunteering and further education.

I went along to my first course 3 years ago and was surprised at just how much there is on offer. I've since attended several courses discovering abilities I never knew I had - including juggling scarves with my grandson and balancing peacock feathers on our hands! It's not all academic stuff!

I hope this article sparks your interest. I know from personal experience just how much can be gained from taking part, not only qualifications and experience, but new friendships and support too.

### Doorstep Learning Courses

Doorstep Learning is run by AmicusHorizon Housing Association and is funded from the Big Lottery and Skills Funding Agency.

Courses are FREE and available to 16 and overs, who live in Swale. We also help with reasonable travel and childcare costs.

All classes are small and friendly with knowledgeable tutors from Kent Adult Education, Swale Council for Voluntary Service and Swale Heating.

There really is something for everybody, so why not take a look at what's on offer? If there's a subject you're interested in but can't find on the list, let us know and we'll do our best to find out if we can set up a course.

To find out more, pop into the office or call/text us on the

numbers below. Your local Doorstep Learning programme is run from The Community Learning Centre, 6 Newbridge Avenue, Milton Regis, Call us on 01795 436409 or call/text on 07958 335371 or 07733 104765.

Website: [amicushorizon.org.uk/DoorstepLearning](http://amicushorizon.org.uk/DoorstepLearning)

### Current available courses:

- Cake Decorating
- Massage
- Jewellery Making
- Sugar Craft
- Introduction to Supporting Children's Learning – Taster and Full Course
- First Click and Short Computer Course
- Better Word Processing
- Introduction to Social Media & Network Sites
- Excel
- Confidence Building
- Community Volunteering
- Security Officer Certificate
- Overview of Working in Health & Social Care
- Parents Into Employment
- Interview Skills
- Emergency First Aid at Work – Appointed Persons Certificate
- Introduction to Paediatric First Aid for Parents/Grandparents/Carers
- Food Hygiene
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)
- Introduction to Plumbing
- Health & Safety in the Workplace

### County Councilor Roger Truelove

Having recently been elected as a County Councillor for Swale Central, which includes Iwade, I would like to thank all those who voted and to assure everyone that I will do my best to represent all the people of Iwade.

As I did before as a County Councillor, I will work closely with the local community and especially with the Parish Council.

My special interests at County Hall will be economic

growth, health and education. I am keen to see the development of small businesses in Kent, to monitor the Government's health changes and to see that education does not become a divisive service.

I am Labour, so I believe in seeking greater equality and I believe that good public services, freely and equally open to all, are part of a decent society.

Having said that, I always work with other parties for the general good of the whole community.

## **MOST OF ALL, IT WAS FUN!** by Mike Whiting

After four years as a county councillor representing Iwade, it was with more than a little sadness that I saw the numbers at the election count on May 2 and realised that I had not retained my seat.

I have really enjoyed representing Iwade, getting to know the people and working with the Parish Council to help where I could. Be it lorry signs, speed indicators, bus shelters, road surfacing, a new lollipop lady or successfully persuading Swale Council to throw out plans for additional housing developments in Iwade as part of my Enough is Enough campaign, there was always something to do, always some fight to be had. Above all, it has been fun.

There was much talk about Eric Pickles visit being an election stunt. That was not the case, though the picture at Ickle Pickles was fun - thanks Hannah! I invited Eric months ago as part of my Enough is Enough campaign, his diary dictated the date. It was really important that as Secretary of State in charge of planning for the whole country he saw Iwade, met those involved in planning locally and had had

a chance to understand the massive development that has happened in the village. I drove him round the area so that he could see for himself the importance of the green space between Iwade and Kemsley, Bobbing and the Meads. If the Borough Council sticks to its new line but is opposed by developers, then the developers will, I am sure, appeal and the matter will pass across Eric's desk for him to make a decision. I had to do all I could, on your behalf, to get him on board. Whether it will be enough remains to be seen, but at least we have tried, and got the head honcho here to see for himself.

My last fight on your behalf was to pave the way for a 20mph zone across the whole village. This has been refused by KCC in the past, but I had the following assurance from the cabinet member Bryan Sweetland just before the election; Bryan said,

"Mike,  
Thanks for your note, I know we have already spoken about this on a number of occasions. As you know Kent has almost 800 roads with a 20mph speed limit in place already and the

Government is now keen to roll this out further, particularly outside schools where we already have a number of 20mph trails in place.

I'm very happy to progress this further in the summer which will coincide with the completion of the trails outside Maidstone schools.

Iwade with support from the Parish Council and yourself will be the sort of community that fits the rollout.

Let's discuss further when we next meet.

Best wishes,  
Bryan Sweetland  
Cabinet Member Transport and Environment  
Kent County Council".

This is really encouraging. At the end of the day, I think the decision should be made by residents. This note suggests firmly that you will be given the chance to have your say and that if you say yes, then you will get your 20mph.

I wish you all well for the future, Iwade is a great place and one that has a real heart to it. Don't lose that.

## **Introducing Lee Burgess**

A bit about me, I'm 23 and I have lived in Sittingbourne all my life and in Tunstall for the past 14 years, I have been involved in politics since I help set up the Swale branch of UKIP in 2009, I have been on Tunstall PC for 4 years and chairman for about 7 months. I firmly believe in parish councils as the lowest and most accessible tier of local government and I will endeavour to keep a good and strong relationship between the

PC/people of Iwade and KCC. As a politician I am a public servant and am here to serve your community and will do what I can for who ever comes to me for help. As I am quite new to this role I hope you will bear with me while I find my feet, but as the months and years progress, I hope to live up to the responsibility I have been charged with. Lee can be contacted on - Lee.Burgess@kent.gov.uk



## **Iwade W.I.** by Tricia Ebelthite

Where did the month of May go? The Iwade WI have been busy recently and have been on an outing. On the 2nd of May, we travelled by coach to the Music Hall at Brick Lane. This trip was to celebrate St George's Day. What a most enjoyable afternoon. The entertainment was such brilliant fun. During the interval, we had a delicious afternoon tea, a lovely selection of sandwiches and plenty of delicious cakes accompanied with traditional tea.

After which, a really fantastic show continued, music, merriment and comedy. Also, Radio Kent's very own Paul James, who shared a joke or two. Tears of laughter and enjoyment were shared by all.

Our last gathering, on 15th May, we had our Resolutions meeting, where we discussed and voted on the decline of our High Street and Town Centres. The outcome of this meeting was forwarded to the National AGM. We also had our Rogues Gallery event. It was great fun and really very entertaining,

trying to identify members of the Iwade WI. The members photos were taken between the ages of 0 and 5 years!

Our next meeting, on the 19th June, we have Over Land in a Bus, London to China. It should be a very interesting tale to sit and listen to, by Sarah Jane Ladbrooke.



## **Iwade Parish Council Notes taken from the meeting of 10th April 2013**

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

New Housing Proposals for the Village – A Scoping Opinion has been received from Swale Borough Council regarding land at Pond Farm, following an approach to the Parish Council by Agents acting on behalf of the Developers, Crest Nicholson. Cllr Whiting mentioned that the Borough Council is opposed to any further development, apart from that already granted planning permission. Clerk instructed to write to Swale Borough Council stating that the Parish Council backs the decision made at the Local Development Framework meeting on the 21st February to oppose any changes to the Core Strategy as directed by Central Government.

20 m.p.h. Speed Limit in Iwade-Cllr. Hunt's survey has shown that residents would prefer this speed limit, and it was recognised that speed restriction measures would need to be put in place on those roads in the village that do not already have these features. Cllr. Whiting suggested writing to County Cllr. David Brazier, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste, at KCC, seeking a 20 m.p.h. speed limit throughout the whole of Iwade.

Secondary School Transport – Bullying Issues – Cllr. Gale and the Clerk had a meeting with various representatives concerning the issues. There is a School Incident Policy which came out a few years ago, which means that during school time, when a child leaves their address the School has responsibility for their safety until they reach home at the end of the school day. County Cllr. Whiting has written to Headteachers about the Policy and asked for information on what policies they have in place. The PCSO and Community Warden are talking to the bus company to explore how they can work together, and it has also been agreed to look at the feasibility of setting up a help line on bullying.

Village Centre– Clerk reported that the Centre Management Group has stated that the former Budgens management did not have authority to manage the car park; this is overseen by the Group.

School Lane Playing Field – Clerk to write to Persimmon querying why, despite the Parish Council being told it's a health and safety issue,

the field is still 'open' for access.

### Visitors/Public Time

Parishioners – The Chairman was pleased to see so many youngsters present at the meeting, presumably to look at the possibility of creating a Youth Council. He briefly outlined how the Council could work, possibly in tandem with the Parish Council although it would be entirely independent, and how it would present youths with the opportunity to have a voice in their community; work towards achieving facilities within the village for their age group and other projects. He asked all those present, and who were interested, to leave their contact details with the Clerk and the Parish Council looks forward to taking the formation of a Youth Council forward.

Parishioners raised their concern at the lack of seats on buses transporting children to and from schools and children not being taken to their destinations (being abandoned part way through their journey). Cllr. Whiting explained that if a child has a free bus pass and travels on a bus allocated for school transport, then the child will have a seat; most pupils travel on public services and thus are not guaranteed a seat. Clerk instructed to write to the bus company concerning seats and failure to transport children to their destinations.

County Councillor and Borough Councillors – Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but he had mentioned to the Clerk that he recently had a meeting with the Medical Centre and there is an issue with car parking; Tony Hillier might be able to help.

Cllr. Whiting mentioned that a Lollipop Person has been appointed and is going to undertake training, which will release the required Legal Warrant; then it's all systems go!

Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – In Nick's report issues involved fly tipping incidents, dog fouling, dog noise nuisance, car parking and delivery vans blocking School Lane during the afternoon school run.

Swale Borough Council's Sports Development Reorganisation Consultation – Members agreed to write expressing disappointment that this service is being discontinued and adding that it will be a loss to the community.

KALC Community Awards Scheme - proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Jennings; agreed to adopt the Awards Scheme.

The Barn – The Chairman advised that he is still waiting to hear if Swale's Legal Department have advised on the way forward with the premises.

### Neighbourhood Plans

Cllr. Mitchell to try to ascertain costs involved in creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Iwade and to report back to the May meeting.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr. Jennings placed an item on 'Iwade Does Facebook' and two volunteers have come forward who are happy to run the scheme. He now needs to talk to the PCSO about getting this up and running.

### Other Matters Arising

Members are concerned at the number of Estate Agents' signs being erected in Grovehurst Road. These signs are causing damage to the fencing to which they are fixed. Clerk requested to contact the Estate Agents asking them to stop this practice and pointing out the damage.

Cllr. Jennings asked if a shield could be placed on one of the new street lights in Sheerstone; the brightness at night time is causing a nuisance to the adjacent house.

Annual Parish Meeting – Clerk advised that the Editor and Chief Reporter from the Sittingbourne Extra, and James Freeman and Jim Wilson, Planning Officers from Swale Borough Council, are happy to attend and give a talk on their work.

The Chairman and Cllr. Mitchell attended the conference concerning hub airports. Most delegates were against the Thames suggestion, which looks as though this is not a reality.

### Next Meeting

The next Meeting will take place as follows:  
Wednesday 8th May, 2013, 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall - Annual Parish Council meeting; followed by the normal Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday 21st May, 2012, 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall - Annual Parish Meeting

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