

Iwade Parish Council & Kent Orchards for Everyone Project

## LET'S MAKE IWADE ORCHARD HAPPY . . .

an orchard for you to enjoy

Come - help plant some new plum trees on

**Sunday 8th March, 2015**  
at 10.00 am

Look forward to beautiful blossom and delicious plums, yum, yum

Meet at Iwade Community Orchard opposite Woodpecker Drive  
We would love to see children and families adopt the trees and learn how to look after them.

Event is free and refreshments provided  
Please wear sensible clothing and footwear  
Tools will be provided

Contact Pippa Palmar 01303 815170  
pippa.palmar@kentdowns.org.uk  
James Hunt 07788101228

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## The Most Important Beetle in Kent

### 'THE NOBLE CHAFER'

Lives in your orchard . . .  
Let's find out more about it

**Sunday 22nd March, 2015**  
at 2.30pm

Meet in Iwade community orchard opposite Woodpecker Drive. Discover more about this very special beetle with the 'Peoples Trust for Endangered Species'.

Event Free  
Children and adults welcome  
Contact Pippa Palmar 01303815170  
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# Iwade Observer

## March 2015

### Are you Passionate for Plums?

Fruition has come to your Community Orchard – yes, we have won funding! from Pippa Palmar, and James Hunt.

Do you live in Iwade and why is your community orchard so important?

'Kent Orchards for Everyone Project'  
Our traditional orchards tell us a story about our heritage and we're lucky to have our community orchard in Iwade included in the Kent Orchards for Everyone Project, funded by £220,000 Heritage Lottery Funding . This year residents will see a lot of events happening which will hopefully see the community getting involved in running and participating in management, training, biodiversity, heritage and celebration of our orchard.

This new project will help you to enjoy your community orchard and discover what is hiding amongst those sorrowful trees following this winter's weather. Watch the phoenix rising, with plums galore over the next three years!

Kent Orchards for Everyone Project will support communities in celebrating and conserving, their very own traditional community orchard.

This is a fantastic opportunity to involve all Iwadians and stimulate those nostalgic memories of years gone by. It will create a footplate for you to celebrate your heritage, to help and collaborate in surveys and

educational events in your traditional orchard'. This project will give you the skills to establish good management practices within your community orchard.

At our first event, on Sunday 8th March, we will be planting 27 trees in the orchard and need your help. Please come along and help plant the many varieties of trees that we have sourced, including some which have almost disappeared in Iwade – remember picking those greengages from all the orchards in Iwade before the houses were built? Hopefully you'll be doing that again soon.

As many of you know our trees have the rare Noble Chafer Beetle living in them. The Noble Chafer is not only protected but is at high risk of extinction in the UK. It was thought to be extinct in Kent but it has been found in Iwade, the only new discovery of the Noble Chafer in the U.K! Come and find out more on Sunday 22nd March at The Orchard.

Watch this space for hijinks in the 'Orchard', something for everyone, did anyone see the dinosaur, watch out for the reptile survey once the warm weather is here. For more information please contact Pippa Palmar - pippa.palmar@kentdowns.org.uk  
Tel: 01303 815170

*Mothers Day Special*

## Girls Night In

COME TO OUR PAMPER PICK 'N' MIX EVENING

IWADE VILLAGE HALL  
13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015  
7.00PM – 10.00PM

5<sup>T</sup> TREATMENTS AVAILABLE INCLUDE  
THREADING, FOOT THERAPY,  
MANICURE, TANNING, WAXING AND  
MASSAGE

PRODUCTS FOR SALE FROM YOUNIQUE  
COSMETICS, SOUTHILL DESIGNS,  
LEXI ROSE BOUTIQUE, EXQUISITE VINTAGE  
TEAS, CHOCOLATE GIFTS, BODY SHOP AND  
NECK CANDY

INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON  
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SEMI PERMANENT MAKE UP, TATTOO  
REMOVAL AND TEETH WHITENING

£2.50 A TICKET

YOUR TICKET AS ALWAYS INCLUDES  
A CHILLED CHEEKY DRINK

COME AND JOIN US FOR A TREATMENT  
OR A LIL SHOPPING

YOU DESERVE IT...!

TICKETS ON SALE AT  
IWADE PHARMACY OR  
IWADE VILLAGE DOES FACEBOOK

## Lambing Season

Please walk your dog responsibly!

Keep to footpaths  
Keep dogs on leads

Q. Can a farmer legally shoot a dog that is worrying sheep?  
A. Yes, under section 9 of the Animals Act 1971, such action must be reported to local police within 48 hours.

[www.viovet.co.uk](http://www.viovet.co.uk)

**Iwade Village Market**  
On the second Sunday of the month EVERY month  
10am till 1pm  
iwademarket@btinternet.com  
or call Alex on 07710 454124.

**Iwade Children's Secondhand Toy and Clothing Sale**

Sunday 29th March  
11am-2pm

For more info and table booking, please call Iwade Village Hall on 07724 862774

### Bringing Culture to Iwade

**IDEAS TEST**  
Ideas Test is an arts organisation which works in Swale and Medway to increase opportunities for people take part in the arts and creative activity. We are working with the parish council and others to create an exciting new project unique to

Iwade and its residents. The project is sub titled Out of the Ordinary Places! We'd like to know more about you and what you are interested in to help shape our ideas. You can really help shape this project by filling in a short survey - it will take less than 10 minutes of your time, and will help us to develop a programme you will

mailing you at any time. You can find a link to the survey on iwadevillage.co.uk look for the Ideas Test Logo Ideas test recently did a photo reconnaissance round the village and the photos show, Phoebe, Fliss and Sam photographing at the speedway track and the subject for the shot Paul Heller.

enjoy being part of.

The information you give us will be used anonymously. If you choose to give us your name and contact details we will never give them to a third party and you can ask us to stop



## Iwade Herons FC Calling all Under 5s!

Graham Young

Please feel free to put names down for new Under 5s for next season Sept 2015 - If your child will be starting reception year at school from September 2015 and wishes to join the village football club, please email:- [graham.young1978@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:graham.young1978@hotmail.co.uk) for further details.

Please note that training sessions will start in Sept '15. Places are limited and are issued on a first come first serve basis, so please be sure to reply quickly to avoid disappointment.

**Our Under 6 team in their new Persimmon sponsored kit.**



**Don't forget you can help support the Iwade Herons while you are doing your online shopping, just go to [www.iwadeheronsfc.co.uk](http://www.iwadeheronsfc.co.uk) and click on cashback. The club will be grateful of your support!**

## Iwade W.I. by Glenn Walters

February's meeting was postponed to the 25th as renovations were taking place in the Village Hall, as a result our speaker was not able to attend. Instead we had an "in house" speaker, our new member Lesley Taylor. Being the 100th Anniversary of the WI this year the subject matter was the History of the WI. Very appropriate.

We are looking forward to our March meeting when Sarah Watson tells us about "Natural by Nature Oils" - Aromatherapy. There will also be a demonstration, so there will be a lucky someone on the night! The raffle will consist of Easter chocolate and the competition is for a favourite candlestick or burner.

Phone me on 01795 436515 if you are interested in joining, a great way to make new friends and enjoy interesting evenings, outings etc.

**Members celebrating our Birthday meal at the Coniston Hotel, Sittingbourne. A great night out was had by all.**



## "View from Iwade"

On the 16th February a group of villagers got together at the home of Graeme and Pamela Horner, following a FB post, to discuss the feasibility of putting on a production based around the many local and national historic events that could have been witnessed in part or in full from Iwade i.e. The View from Iwade.

Graeme has been working on the script for a Son et Lumiere style production which will take place on 17th and 18th April at The Barn. The production will centre around various events in Iwade's history from an insight into a celebration that could have taken place about 4500 years ago at our recently uncovered henge, right through the ages to some major events of the twentieth century.

Graeme and Pamela have managed to secure a grant to fund this exciting project, but still need more volunteers 'on board' You won't be required to dress up or act as this is a voiced production; you won't even be required to memorise a script just have an ability to read confidently and expressively. There are still places for males and females, and for other roles typically need to support a production.

After this production it is proposed to formally establish an Iwade Drama Group, an idea that was wholeheartedly supported by those present

Interested? (in either this production or a future drama group) then contact Graeme or Pamela on 01795 437026 or by email at: [gandp199faraday@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gandp199faraday@hotmail.co.uk) for further details.

**We are very excited about this production here at the I.O! Watch this space.**

## Car Crash

Do any of our readers know anything about a car crash in 1983? Here's the details - "I am looking for the local newspaper that published the accident and death of the car(mini metro) crash with a bus in November 1983. It was definitely on the road classed as Iwade and was approaching the bridge to go to Sheerness. I know it was put in a local newspaper at that time and really would like to get a copy of the details that were published on the lady who passed away and her family Mum and Dad were pictured in the paper too. The lady in the crash was Judith Hills she was approximately 38 years old when the accident happened, was married to Malcolm Hills she had 3 children too at the time and her son was in the car, in the passenger seat, with her at the time of the crash; his name is Justin Hills and he survived." If you know anything email [nicola@iwadevillage.co.uk](mailto:nicola@iwadevillage.co.uk) or you can email Vicky direct at [jessietobert@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jessietobert@yahoo.co.uk)

## Neighbours-in-Arms!

Rynn Kemp

The final one of the Men of Iwade remembered on the Memorial Tablet in the Church is George Thomas Hopkins. George Thomas, having five sisters, was the only son of George and Mary Hopkins. George and Mary seemed to have moved around a little having had various addresses in Milton, Newington, Iwade and Queenborough. In the 1911 census the family were living at 8, The Street, Iwade, next door to William Barnes, and opposite Walter Colchin at The Woolpack and William Kingsnorth at Homersham Place. All four were to die within a space of 12 months!

George Thomas was born in the third quarter of 1897, a baby brother for Jane, Blanche and Clara.

George Thomas joined his local regiment the 3/1st East Kent Yeomanry before being transferred to the 10th Battallion Buffs, East Kent Regiment. By September 1918 The Buffs were entrenched near Quennemont Farm, a tiny settlement north west of Bellicourt, and some 20km south of Cambrai. At 5:40 on the morning of 20th September 1918 George lined up with his comrades along a 400 yard stretch of road and facing the enemy trenches. As they advanced they managed to break through the barbed wire, but under a tremendous barrage of machine gun fire they had to withdraw to their own trenches having lost 2 officers and 120 other ranks in the process before they were relieved by the 15th Suffolks in the evening. 20 other ranks were also reported missing, and it is probable that George was

one of these men. He is commemorated at The Vis-en-Artois Memorial about 10km south east of Arras. Vis-en-Artois bears the names of over 9,000 men who fell from the 8th August 1918 until the Armistice on the 11th November and who have no known grave.



Just over 5 months later George's mother Mary received a payment of £8 11s 7d from the War Office followed by a payment known as a War Gratuity of £16 on the 1st December 1919, well over a year after his death!

We remember all those who are commemorated on the church tablet and can only be in awe of the short and violent and terrifying lives they had to endure.

## Iwade Local History Group

What? Why? Where?

We all agree that Iwade is a great place to live, but what about Iwade of yesteryear?

So much has changed in Iwade in the last 20 years, and it is important to chronicle the past before its memory is lost!

Have you ever wondered why we have Monins Road, Alefe Way, Colson Drive, etc - who were Monins, Alefe and Colson? Why Stangate, Chetney?

What was Iwade like in the 15th, 16th, 17th century, etc?

How was Iwade 'governed' before we had a Parish Council?

What was the barn used for and where is the farm that it belonged to?

Did Iwade have a role in the war?

There are countless questions that could be asked - but what do we do with the answers and how can we build up an accessible Iwade related archive? Do you have an interest in local history, and Iwade in particular?

If you would like to get involved with the formation of an Iwade Local History Group please email [the.iwade.observer@gmail.com](mailto:the.iwade.observer@gmail.com) putting "Iwade Local History" in the subject line and we'll try and put everybody in touch with each other! We have already had some interest, but would love to hear from you if you have an interest in finding out more about our fascinating and historic village.



### Iwade Parish Church : Three events coming up at your Parish Church

Sunday 15th March is Mothering Sunday. This year the children of the village are being invited to bake a cake for their mum, bring it along to church with a chance to win a prize and also receive flowers to give to their mum.

On Wednesday 1st April there will be a showing of Mel Gibson's film 'The Passion of the Christ'. This viewing is for adults only. There is no charge for the film, but a small charge for coffee & cake; refreshments served from 7pm with the movie beginning at 7.30pm.

After the success of last year's Passover Meal. On Thursday 2nd April we will be remembering the night Jesus shared his final meal with his friends, by sharing the Passover Meal together. There is something special about doing this in homes, so depending on how many people would like to do this will determine how many homes/hosts needed. The ticket cost is £6 and this includes a lamb roast, dessert, and drink.

Please contact Stephen Plumb for further details on captainplumb@btinternet.com or 01795 470418.

### Wildlife Rescue

by Ron Partridge

Recently we helped rescue an injured Egret along Halstow Creek. It wasn't that easy finding who to call. I tried to find an RSPB or RSPCA number, but finally rang our vet, who had a number.

I thought people might like to know what to do for an injured wild bird or wild animal. Contact the number below for advice and assistance.

Kent Wildlife Rescue Service -  
07824 893399 (Lorraine)

This is a local, entirely voluntary service.

Thanks for any support you can give.

And a PS from Ron - sadly the Egret didn't survive - It may have had trouble catching fish, and had become very thin. When I spotted it, another egret had been sitting near it, but flew off as I walked past. At least it had a quiet end, instead of being hassled by dogs or cats.

### Borden Cricket Club

Borden Cricket Club are seeking players, of any age and ability, to join the club. We play friendly fixtures on Saturdays and a mix of league and friendly matches on Sundays. We are members of the Kent Village League, currently sitting in Division 5 and are in the process of arranging pre-season nets. Why not give this great English game a try?

For further information please contact Colin Higgins (07884 016777) or Iwade's own John Whiskin (07719 597014).

### Iwade Reading Group

by Hilary Foulds

At our most recent meeting we had a lively conversation about our Book of the Month, Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks. This was written 20 years ago when not much had been known about living in France during World War 1. We have all seen films depicting this life but the book evoked emotions that are hard to forget. It was very moving and had a massive impact on how we felt about those times and all those poor young men living in terrible conditions in the trenches and underground tunnels.

The first part of the book sets the scene with the love interest and helps to identify the main characters. Then we move onto the war, which describes conditions and battles which are horrifying and shocking, well written so you totally understood and picture it.

The secondary plot was the move to 1978 when the granddaughter wants to discover more about the grandfather she never met. We empathised with her as we all discussed what it must have been like for our own grandparents in that era.

The sub-plots were well woven together to arrive at a fitting ending. A good read, we thoroughly recommend it.

February's Book of the Month is "Elizabeth is Missing" by Emma Healey. The book for March will be "The Other Boleyn Girl" by Philippa Gregory.

Next meeting of the Iwade Reading Group is 10.30am on 10th March at Lynn's. For more information contact Hilary on 01795 474656.

### Sad Farewell

Sadly we've received the news of the death of Rev. David Webb. David had been fighting against cancer throughout 2014. On Friday 23rd January 2015 at 6pm, David died in the Wisdom hospice.

Rev. David Webb and his wife Wynn moved into their home in School Lane in 1995, when David became Curate in charge at All Saints Church Iwade. Many Iwade residents would have known David through his ministry at the church, especially Weddings and Baptisms. David was actively involved in the community and served as a school governor at Iwade School. David & Wynn moved to Sittingbourne to assist at St. Michael's Church in the town centre in 2012.

David's funeral was held on February 19th at St Michael's Church in Sittingbourne.

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### LOCAL 'MUMPRENEUR' WINS INNOVATION AWARD

Local businesswoman Angela Higginbotham is celebrating after winning the Innovation award at the 2015 Puddle Ducks annual conference. Angela is the owner of Puddle Ducks East Kent, which offers swimming classes for babies and pre-school children along with aquanatal classes for mums to be.

The award recognises Angela's work in embodying Puddle Ducks' core value of 'Passionate' – being fully committed to the Puddle Ducks programme, caring about customers and being innovative in the delivery of Puddle Ducks classes.

In particular Angela has taken the aquanatal programme and developed a new business model which enables mums to be to Puddle Ducks aquanatal classes for free (subject to an administration charge) whilst still enabling the classes to remain economically viable, working closely with pools who want to help deliver this service to the community.

On receiving the award, Angela said: "I am so pleased this model has been successful. For us it was a way of providing such a great, free service for mums to be and making sure classes are popular, fun and vibrant whilst hopefully making some friends for life. When I started aquanatal teacher training I was pregnant with my first child so my first term of ladies saw us all getting larger and larger together. We now all attend baby groups together as well as of course our Puddle Ducks swimming classes, and my little one has friends now from before he was even born. It's been a great social experience and was great exercise and I want to make the experience the same for the other mummies to be. It's not just about the exercise, it's about meeting other mums to be too and having people to chat to through those pregnancy months.. and beyond! Offering the classes for free has meant more people coming along and creating lovely size classes with great atmospheres.

Tracy Townend, Puddle Ducks co-founder commented: "Angela's innovation demonstrates her commitment to providing the best possible classes to her customers. Mums to be across the country have access to this fabulous activity which combines the perfect balance of relaxation, laughter and exercise - a wonderful way to unwind and stay healthy in pregnancy"

With classes perfectly tailored to suit your child's age and confidence, Puddle Ducks classes are full of songs, rhymes, games and activities working towards little one swimming independently, safely and happily, both above and under the water. Puddle Ducks Aquanatal classes take a holistic approach to mums' physical and mental well-being, combining relaxation with cardiovascular exercises to help prepare the body for labour.

For class timetables and availability, visit [www.puddleducks.com/eastkent](http://www.puddleducks.com/eastkent)



### Dates for the Diary

**Sunday 8 March 10:00 | Iwade Orchard Plum Tree Planting**  
See front page for more info

**Sunday 8 March 10:00-13:00 | Iwade Market**  
Iwade Village Hall with lots of gifts for Mother's Day  
Contact iwademarket@btinternet.com or 07710 454124.

**Tuesday 10 March 10:30 | Iwade Reading Group**  
Contact Hilary on 01795 474656

**Wednesday 11 March 19:30 | Parish Council Meeting**  
At Iwade Village Hall, Residents encouraged to attend

**Thursday 12 March 11:15-11:30 | Mobile Library**  
At the Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of identification required to join.

**Friday 13 March 18:30 | Girls Night In**  
See article below for more info.

**Sunday 15 March 10:45 | Mothering Sunday Service**  
See article on page 3 for more info.

**Wednesday 18 March 19:30 | Iwade W.I. March Meeting**  
At Iwade Village Hall

**Sunday 22 March 14:30 | Iwade Community Orchard**  
The Noble Chafer Beetle - see back page

**Thursday 26 March 11:15-11:30 | Mobile Library**

**Sunday 29 March 10:00**

**Children's Toys and Clothes Table Top Sale**  
£5 per table, book by calling Iwade Village a Hall on 07724 862744. Items should be age range birth to 10yrs approx.

**Wednesday 1 April 19:00**  
"The Passion of Christ" Film Screening - see page 3

**Thursday 2 April 19:00 | Passover Meal**  
See article on page 3 for more info.

### Girls Night In

*It's time for the 3rd instalment of Iwade's 'Girls Night In'.*

*The next 'Ladies only' event is being held in the village hall on Friday 13th March from 7-10pm, just in time to purchase some last minute Mother's Day gifts and treats.*

*Stalls include Lexi-Rose boutique, Yunique cosmetics, South Hill Designs & Neck Candy jewellery and chocolate stilettos - yes chocolate stilettos! Also beauty treatments which include Indian Head massage, foot therapy, mini-facials, brow waxing and nails.*

*We will also be showcasing semi-permanent make up, teeth whitening, tattoo removal, wrinkle reducing injections and Cryolipolysis (fat freezing).*

*Tickets are available from the Pharmacy or through Iwade Village does Facebook at £2.50 each.*

*Bring you friends, neighbours and Mums!!!*

*Look forward to seeing you there!!*

## IWADE HEALTH CENTRE UPDATE

from Iwade Patient Group

Great news from our Patient Meeting in February as IHC announced that the phone system is being changed! The cogs of the NHS turn slowly though, so this could take a couple of months.

More good news as we are now at our full complement of clinical staff. Dr Dada completed the team on 9th February. She will be working Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. This should aid the availability of appointments, but, again, we ask that you consider an appointment with an alternative member of the clinical team if it is appropriate.

IHC have been taking data analysis of all appointments booked and this will help them to offer the right amount of 'on the day' appointments next to the routine ones.

Speaking of appointments, we had a small drop in the number of people missing appointments in January. It's still a huge problem, but the new text message service will hopefully help the numbers reduce further. Please remember to let the reception staff have your most up to date contact details and mobile number so the text message service can be utilised for you.

Missed appointments for January were: GP – 49, Advanced Nurse Practitioner – 11, Practice Nurse – 52 and Health Care Assistant – 20. Stick it in your diary, add it to your phone, but please don't forget your appointment!

We'll soon be starting another survey and we'd love to hear your views. This time, we will concentrate on whether additional services, privately funded by the patient themselves, would be useful at IHC. Examples would be minor cosmetic surgery such as botox, non-cancerous mole removal, HGV licence medicals or even travel injections. A lot of the services in mind can already be booked for, but patients may not wish to wait, or prefer to have an appointment outside of regular hours. Any funded service offered would not impact at all on regular surgery hours or appointments available. They would be carried out by external practitioners, or by our clinical team outside of their regular working hours. The survey will be available from IHC and also on the IHC website [www.mhiwade.co.uk](http://www.mhiwade.co.uk). Any queries are welcomed at [iwadeppg@outlook.com](mailto:iwadeppg@outlook.com).

Thanks for reading our update!

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING Held on Wednesday 10th December, 2014

Cllr. Rook introduced Elspeth Baecke. Elspeth commented that she started up Smile Malawi nearly eleven years ago. In 2003 on a visit to Malawi she was shocked by the plight of orphans and children in Africa and wanted to do something. Her answer was to build a Childrens' Centre in Malawi which opened in October 2006. Originally the Centre took in homeless street children from the city of Blantyre and gave outreach care to children in the local village of Ndokota but now takes others. Most of the children are orphans because of Aids. Originally all of the funding came from her own pocket and was used to build the orphanage; these days she manages to raise over £60,000 a year to run it. The orphanage started with 11 children and now has 38; they also work with the nearby School in Mchemba and the orphanage in the village is known as Khumbanyiwa. She is very interested in the proposal to twin Iwade with Malawi and when she visits the country in March 2015 she will research how to set this up at that end and advise the Parish Council of her findings.

The Chair thanked Elspeth for her very interesting and thought provoking talk.

•Community Warden(Nick Mayatt)/PCSO's report. He had a few telephone calls from Borough Cllr. Stokes regarding children playing football around Cormorant Drive; Cllr. Stokes also referred him to parking in Chetney View and parking on the pavement and roads causing problems at weekends. He referred to the vandalism at the bus shelter. Cllr. Hunt mentioned that he and the Clerk had walked around the village with Steve Wakeling, the Handyman, and looked at trees, posts, damaged verges, etc. As a result of this Steve has quite a long list of things to do, which also includes building 4 planters for the corner of School Lane and two for the grassed area in Grovehurst Road.

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

•Twinning – Agreed to approach Swale Borough Council to see how this can be taken forward.

•Electric Shocks, Sheppey Way – Cllr. Wastall has a meeting with U.K. Power Networks Engineers on 18th December to look at the height of the cables.

•Ward Homes - Councillors had a

meeting with the company to discuss a piece of land to the rear of the Woolpack; they are looking to see if it can handed over to the Parish.

### Correspondence

•All Weather Pitch, Iwade School  
As the area of School land in question is only useable for nine months of the year Cllr. Gale informed that he and Iwade Herons have written a letter stating that they will support this project. The School is interested in going down this road and to see if there is any funding. Cllr. Gale stated that the pitch needs to be open to all residents.

### Broadband Signal Boosters

Vodafone is running a Rural Community Programme, there are ten volunteers in the village with a Sure Signal Box attached to the outside of the house; the School and Health Centre and the rest are residents. This group forms a circle around the village. Everything is free, apart from the running of the boxes which costs £30 per year.

**For the minutes in full please go to: [iwadevillage.co.uk](http://iwadevillage.co.uk) Council page**

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES MEETING Held on Wednesday 14th January 2015

Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO - The Community Warden's report had been circulated. Nick has been approached by residents in Chetney View and Stangate who have concerns about parking and emergency services gaining access; he will look into this and see what he can do. Fans Lane is again an issue with dog fouling and the dog waste bin is not being emptied. Clerk to check with Swale's Cleansing Section.

The Chairman read out a letter from Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes, who was unable to attend due to a prior engagement. Cllr. Stokes had proposed deferring Planning Application for outline planning permission for 43 dwellings at the School Lane site (Sheppey Way) and met with the Planning Officer to discuss the possibility of re-siting the three blocks of flats. He has also asked if the kerb on the left as you approach the new traffic island from Bobbing can be reduced and asked when the gates to the Village will be move to the Bobbing side of the new island. He has also been dealing with traffic problems caused by a chicane in Sharfleet Crescent.

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

•Twinning – Swale Borough Council is keen to see this progressed; the Parish Council needs to send a letter to the person in charge of the Village in Malawi, copying in Swale so that they are aware of progress. It will be a cultural link.

•Persimmon Development – A response, promised back in October, has finally been received from Swale Borough Council, but Members felt that the issues had not been addressed. Agreed to go respond that the question regarding enforcement has not been answered and that the Parish Council had lodged a Part 1 complaint regarding this section.

•Electric Shocks, Sheppey Way – Bring back to February meeting.

•Ward Homes – Surplus Land – The Chairman updated Members on a recent meeting with Ward Homes; to again look at handing over land to the rear of the Woolpack Public House; the possible proposal for 10 houses in Dunlin Walk and a new development incorporating a new village hall, nursery and extra recreational land to the rear of their latest site. Wards discussed the possibility of creating a Neighbourhood Plan so that if Swale's Local Plan is not accepted Iwade at least has a say in where any future housing is sited. They also agreed to assist with the costs, but at the end of the day if the Parish Council does go down this route there will be a referendum and the decision will be in the hands of villagers. The Chairman suggested asking Cllr. Mitchell to look at Neighbourhood Plans again and Members agreed to investigate this further.

•Early Notice of Consultation Period Swale Local Plan – The Medical Centre needs more parking, due to the increase in housing in the village. It is good to see that issues with the Grovehurst roundabout are mentioned in the Plan. There is a need to increase walking and cycle links to Sittingbourne. Apart from the agreed development, Members are pleased that proposed housing has been taken out and that they have kept the countryside gap between settlements.

•All Weather Pitch Iwade School – No updates; agreed to take off the Agenda until further details are received.

•Updates: Planters; approval has been received from Swale Borough Council for these to go ahead. Kingsferry Bridge Listed Building Status – Cannot obtain listed building status but a local designation might be possible; the bridge was built in 1960.

### Correspondence

•LGBCE electoral review of Kent – Agreed to respond that it would be sensible for Iwade and Lower Halstow (currently Swale Central) to be taken

into the Swale West Ward, which will then bring them in line with Borough boundary changes coming into effect in 2015.

•Supporting Swale's Parish and Town Councils: Consultation on draft Statement of Intent – Agreed Clerk to respond stating that it is disappointing that Swale is still not taking into account the Charter proposal nor fully listening to Parish Councils.

•Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16 – Clerk to respond that Parish Councils are still not receiving the promised funding and point out that it is misleading quoting percentage precept increases because in monetary terms the values are often extremely low.

### Finance

•The Barn – The Barn Trustees have received a quote for insurance of £1063, which is a larger sum than anticipated and asked the Parish Council for assistance with this. It was proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, all agreed, that £1063 be donated to [Iwade@theBarn Trust](mailto:Iwade@theBarnTrust).

•Flower Beds – Approval has been given by Swale Borough Council; awaiting quote from Village Handyman. Bring back to February meeting.

### Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

•Cllr. Stokes arranging a meeting for February. Agreed to withdraw the School Travel Plan and school building work from the Agenda and now include S.106; parking on grass verges and fly tipping.

### Any Other Matters Arising

Cllr. Plumb advised that Charlotte Hudson is holding a training session on how to run events; Members were interested.

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