

Iwade Observer

October 2015

Thursday 1st October 13:00-15:00
All Saints Coffee Shop
 See article on page 3 for more info

Friday 2nd October 18:30-7:45 | Yoga
 Yoga at Iwade Village Hall with Paula. Email paulayoga108@gmail.com for more info ...

Saturday 3rd October 19:00
Fish and Chip Supper and Movie
 See page 3 for more info

Sunday 4th October 10:45
Annual Harvest Celebration
 At All Saints Church, all welcome.

Monday 5th October 19:00 | Christmas Choir
 First meeting of the all new Iwade Christmas Choir at All Saints Church. All welcome, just bring your voices!

Tuesday 6th October 13:30 | Yoga

Wednesday 7th October 19:00
Iwade Village Hall AGM
 All residents of Iwade over the age of 18 are welcome.

Thursday 8th October 11:15-11:25 | Mobile Library
 At the Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of identification required to join. Why not give it a try?

Saturday 10th October 15:00
Iwade @ the Barn Open Day
 See article on page 4 for more info

Sunday 11th October 10:00-13:00
Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre
 If you're interested in booking a stall at a future market, please email fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk or by mobile on 07588 401553. Please support your local market and come down to visit.

Tuesday 13th October 10:30 | Iwade Reading Group
 See article on page 6 for more info.

Wednesday 14th October 19:30
Iwade Parish Council Meeting
 At Iwade Village Hall

Thursday 15th October 13:00-15:00
All Saints Coffee Shop

Friday 16th October 19:00-22:00 | Spiritual Evening
 See add on front page or article on page 3 for more info

Wednesday 21st October 19:30
Iwade W.I. October Meeting
 Talk by Paul Beard from 'Barnardos' on Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow. Competition. Charity Shop Item. General Raffle.

Thursday 22nd October 11:15-11:25
Mobile Library

Sunday 25th October 13:00 | Iwade Art
 See article on front page for more info

Thursday 29th October 13:00-15:00
All Saints Coffee Shop

Saturday 31st October 16:30
Iwade does Halloween
 Iwade does Halloween so well so join in the fun on this day. If you don't want trick or treaters knocking at your door keep an eye out for the official Kent Police posters and if you do then light a pumpkin and maybe even decorate your house to show you're game. Have fun!

IWADE VILLAGE
New Stalls! **FOOD & CRAFT FAYRE**
SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER
10am - 1pm

Locally sourced fruit and veg and loads of homemade cakes, pastries and pies. Sweet and savoury, something for everyone! Preserves and chutneys alongside self designed jewellery and bespoke wedding pieces. Handmade greetings cards, wooden gifts and candles, hand sewn crafts along with ladies fashion scarves and handbags. Locally produced honey to taste and buy. Lots of extra stalls for October and refreshments always available.

Come along and see what's new!

New stalls always welcome - Call Geri on 07588 401553 or email fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk



Zombie Apocalypse Iwade
31st October 2015
"HAUNTED HALLOWS"



NO ONE SHOULD FACE CANCER ALONE

Home Start

Home-Start is seeking parents to train as volunteers to support families with children under 5 years living in Sittingbourne and the Isle of Sheppey. Our volunteers offer practical help with the children, share their knowledge of family life and local resources for families. If you are a parent or grandparent and would like to know more please contact us on 01795 429007 or email home-startsitt@btconnect.com

Want to be a part of the Observer team? Learn new skills?

We are desperately seeking a trainee Iwade Observer Editor. Have you got what it takes? Would you like to learn transferable skills and enhance your cv?! Why not join the Iwade Observer team - we're a friendly bunch. Just a few hours a month commitment needed - send us an email to the.iwade.observer@gmail.com to find out more ... go on you know you want to!!

Washing Person Vacancy for catering company collection/delivery Iwade Monday/Tuesday email info@andersonscaterers.co.uk or call Caroline on 07826 047 487

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Iwade in Bloom!!

(Not entirely in bloom yet - but just keep an eye out over the coming seasons!)

On September 9th a hardy band of villagers congregated opposite Woodpecker Park to fill the new village planters with compost kindly donated by Countrystyle. Many, many barrowloads were transferred into what felt like bottomless pits, but the planters are all now ready to plant, and hopefully by now some of them will be looking splendid!

In shades of Whisky Galore! we had an Iwade version, Compost Galore! as villagers were able to help themselves to the left over compost for gardens, allotments, etc.

Many thanks to all who helped and to Morrisons from Sheppey for donating plants to get things started.



SPIRITUAL EVENING

Iwade Village Hall

Friday 16th October
 7pm to 10pm
 £2.50 Entrance Fee

Book your slot on the night for Readings available from Mediums, Healings, Tarot Cards, Ribbon Reading and aroma therapy massage. Cards, Jewellery, Crystals, Refreshments and Raffle

Tickets go on sale 9th October from Iwade Pharmacy or are available on the door

Iwade Art

Richard Hougueuz

You may have heard of a couple of art projects going on in Iwade, and some of you may have even enjoyed a "wend" with me. We are hoping to showcase some of what's been happening at a free Art installation and celebratory event in the new barn, on Sunday 25th October, from 1pm.

for more details please go to:
<http://ootoplaces.co.uk/places/iwade/>



Join our facebook event for details and updates
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1490068351289856/>

HALF TERM FUN!

Face painter & halloween games

Drinks & snacks on sale

Family Fancy Dress HALLOWEEN DISCO

PRIZE FOR BEST FANCY DRESS OUTFIT & BEST PUMPKIN CARVING!

Iwade Village Hall
Thursday 29th October 6pm - 8.30pm
 Tickets £4 per child or adult

Please contact Karen on 07770 758426 to purchase tickets

Iwade Allotment Association

Christine McQuade

A busy summer for everyone was rewarded with our summer picnic in September when the winner of the Scarecrow competition was chosen by the children. We had lots of entries, a couple of photos shows just some of them, and the prize for the best went to Katie & Mollie Eaglestone's pirate, they did an excellent job. The winner of the best allotment was won by Pam & Clive Flegg, who only took over their allotment recently, and must have worked so hard to reach this point, so well done to them too. And we can't forget Tony Poultney's 113 cm pumpkin, what a whopper that was! (Ed - think Frankie Howard here!!)



W.I

At our September meeting we hosted a Harvest Supper. This coincided, with the centenary of the opening of the first W.I. After a tasty supper, some of our ladies dressed up in the fashion of each decade and danced down the catwalk to music specially selected for the era. There was a lot of fun and laughter and a big thank you goes to the brave models, to Glenn for devising and writing the dialogue, to all the members for providing such lovely food and lastly, thanks must also go to the very kind young man who worked out the technicalities of music and sound, we couldn't have done it without him!

Our meeting next month will be a talk by Claire Pearson of the PAL medical detection dogs charity. Why not come for a visit, we meet on the third Wednesday of every month, for more details phone Glenn Walters on 01795 436515.



Iwade Rock Update!!

From Keith Reynolds

Iwade Rock 2016 planning is now in full flow; those of you that are new to the village may not know about this great event that has run for 4 consecutive years, apart from this year (Boo!!). It's a family oriented festival with plenty to do for everyone.

Iwade Rock is an annual music festival staged at Iwade School playing fields. Previous years, since its birth, had seen crowds flock to the Village Hall grounds, but in 2014 Keith Reynolds, Event Director, who lives in the village, decided to move to a new venue to ensure that a larger crowd could attend. 2014's event saw a sell out crowd of 2200 watch 10 bands take to the stage to entertain the masses. The weather was on our side with a scorcher of a day and I'm sure if you speak to anyone in the village they will agree that it was a resounding success and one of the annual highlights of village life here in Iwade.

The event is run on a voluntary basis with profits going to local charities and local causes. (Iwade Village Hall, Iwade Herons FC and Iwade School in 2014) For 2016 the team have decided to support Demelza House a local children's hospice supporting young children and their families with end of life care....

Due to building works taking place at the school this year the availability of the school playing fields was limited, forcing Keith to postpone until 2016. Next year's event is planned for 23rd July, gates open at 11am and music starts at 12 noon and runs till 10.30pm.

Tickets are currently on sale (1st Batch of 500) and were released on September 1st 2015. Sales are very good with the first batch having seen 380 fly off the shelf in the first 2 weeks!! The next batch is due for release on November 1st.

Information about the event (Line Up, Activities + Attractions, Ticket Prices Etc...) can be found on:

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/iwaderock

Twitter: @iwaderock

and the event page:

www.facebook.com/events/1437305969893509/

Web Page (Due to go live Christmas

2015): www.iwaderockfest.co.uk

You can contact the team on these email addresses:

General Information: info@iwaderockfest.co.uk

Sponsorship: sponsor@iwaderockfest.co.uk

Tickets: tickets@iwaderockfest.co.uk

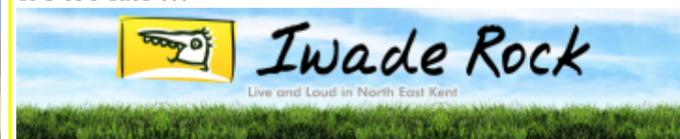
Trade Stand Enquiry: sell@iwaderockfest.co.uk

Want to be part of the team?: volunteer@iwaderockfest.co.uk

Band Submissions: play@iwaderockfest.co.uk

Keith Reynolds: keith@iwaderockfest.co.uk

Please visit and sign up and order your tickets before it's too late !!!



from Charlotte Moore

"CATs (Community Activity Teams) is a free, mobile youth service operating across Kent, and is in Iwade, Woodpecker Drive every Wednesday from 18:30 to 21:00

We are working with Kent County Council to bring a broad range of activities and youth work sessions that also provide support and advice on any issues you may have. From a fleet of youth vehicles our CATs teams bring activities to where you are.

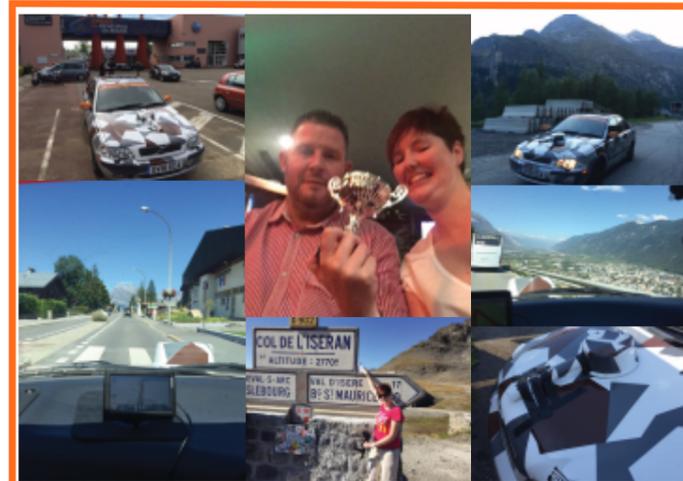
How we support you:

- Raise your aspirations and support you in achieving your potential;
- Communicate effectively;
- Develop self-confidence and determination;
- Learn to manage your feelings & relationships;
- Develop creativity and problem-solving skills.

What does a CATs session look like?

Well, that would all depend on where it is, we turn up at a set time and bring resources so you guys can have fun, such as football gear, games, art equipment, etc.

Although we are there to have fun, we are also there to support you with any issues or worries you may have, whatever they are. We can give you advice and support on drugs & alcohol, sex, health, school, relationships. If you want to talk to us we are there, if you don't, just have fun! "



BoomBanger Rally

Dan and Debbie Childs

Wow! We're back in Kent, after a 2150 mile round trip starting lunchtime Thursday 27th August and finishing about midnight 1st September!

We experienced great driving roads yet very long days and hard work travelling at different times through France, Italy and even a short trip into Switzerland. We experienced all types of weather, rain at the start in Rouen, snow and cold in Val D'Isere and finishing in Nice with a refreshing 34 degrees! The car did really well for such a high mileage in a short period and the only thing that failed was the foam cannon on the bonnet which we ended up cutting off at the side of the road in Carmagnola Italy. En route we took a drive round the road sections of the Le Mans circuit and a visit to the museum; the trusty Volvo managed 75 mph down the Mulsanne straight. Quick trip to Paris for some daily challenges before heading to Beaune for an overnight stop arriving about 9pm. The trip then took us towards the Alps with a trip to Lake Annecy on the way with an optional dip (we declined). A stop for a photo at Orsieres, Switzerland, into Italy for a bit and back to France with lots of mountain roads before stopping again in the Val D'Isere ski resort. Nice early start the next day after a meal and drinks in Val D'Isere before heading out on some of the most amazing roads we've both ever driven. Quick stop at the Col De L'Isere for a photo and then back on the move to head to Nice and the finish line. The final day saw us in and out of France and Italy and even a short visit to Monaco to see the F1 circuit, it's either full of scooters or very expensive cars. We took the chequered flag first on the Promenade des Anglais, Nice, parked and ordered a nice cold beer.

To top the trip off we finished joint third and have so far raised £2440 for the MS Society.

We made this 'mad' trip to raise funds for The Multiple Sclerosis (see <https://www.justgiving.com/Magic-Sparkle/>) and to top the trip off we finished joint third and have so far raised £2440 for the MS Society. Thanks to everyone for sponsorship, interest and support, and there's still time to sponsor us if you wish. For more details see August and September Observer articles.

Debbie and Dan

Iwade Village Hall – October 2015

Events coming up at Iwade Village Hall. We're always on the lookout for new things to put on for you and we hope you'll come along to support and enjoy them.

•Spiritual Evening on Friday 16th October from 7pm-10pm. We have various readers, healers and therapists booked and these include ribbon reading, tarot cards, healing, aromatherapy massages and the ever popular readings. Be sure to arrive early!

While waiting for your appointment, browse the stalls, including healing crystals, stones, jewellery and other related goods. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets, costing £2.50 from Iwade Pharmacy from Friday 2nd October, or on the night. Hope to see you all there!

•A new yoga class starts in October. Run by Paula who lives locally, she has classes on Fridays from 6:30-7:45pm and Tuesdays from 1:30-2:45pm. Starting Friday 2nd October, booking recommended as classes can get really busy. Paula will adjust the class for all levels, just bring a mat. Contact Paula at paulayoga108@gmail.com.

•In November, our Christmas Fayre - Sunday 15th November from 10am-1pm. Loads of stalls, offering exclusive gifts for the person who has everything. Christmas themed stalls are booked alongside our regular monthly market ones.

•Our October Food and Craft Fayre is on Sunday 11th between 10am-1pm. Did you visit us in September? We revamped, we got new stalls in, but the footfall still wasn't great. What do you think we could do to improve it? Without your presence, the stallholders will not book for the future and we may lose our local village market. What would entice you in? More food stalls, more craft stalls, more of something else? Tell us and we'll do our best to make it happen. Email Gaye and Geri at fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk.

Want to get involved in helping to run the Village Hall? Come along to our AGM on Wednesday 7th October from 7pm. At the meeting, the Committee will stand down and nominations will be taken for the roles.

To close; a reminder and plea to you all. The Village Hall is not cheap to run due to its age and it needs the support of the community to keep it going. By visiting the monthly markets and coming along to events, you provide the essential support needed. Thank you and we hope to see you soon.

Keep up to date with what's going on at IVH by joining us on Facebook or following us on Twitter by searching for Iwade Village Hall, or just take a look at our website www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk

Church news

•Coffee Pop-Up

This continues in a slightly changed format. We enjoyed meeting lots of Mums, Dads, Grannys and Grandads over the school summer holidays. We have changed the date/time to reflect the shortening autumn days and the need for some Mums to meet older children from school. The new times are Thursdays fortnightly from 1:00 - 3:00. For October the dates will be 1st, 15th, and 29th and fortnightly thereafter. Get along, enjoy a free cuppa, meet other Mums, Dads, Grannys and Grandads for a chat - all in Iwade's ancient church.

•Harvest - 2015

On Saturday October 3rd at 7 pm we are showing a movie, The Way, and sharing a fish and chip supper in the church. (Movie free - fish and chips at cost!) Please let Pamela know on 01795 437026 or Dawn on 01795 470418 if you would like to come along. On the Sunday, 4th October, Iwade School will be coming along for The Annual Harvest Celebration at 10:45

•Choir

Like to sing? We are putting together a choir for the Christmas celebrations this year, and whilst we cannot promise you Gareth Malone we can promise a good time (come on you Military Wives devotees!). Give Stephen a call on 01795 470418 if you are interested. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday 5th October in the church at 7pm.

•Exploration!!

Interested in exploring what the Christian faith is about, and how this could have special relevance to you in today's busy world? The Six Group of churches (Hartlip, Iwade, Lower Halstow, Newington, Stockbury and Upchurch) are running an Alpha Course this autumn starting on Thursday 5th November. Venues will vary across The Six, and again please contact Stephen Plumb on 01795 470418 for further details or to see if this could be right for you.

•Shoe Boxes Appeal

We are once again supporting the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal, which gives joy and laughter to people across the world who live in desperate poverty, through the gift of a shoebox filled with simple gifts. If you would like to support us in our target of filling twenty shoeboxes, you can fill one yourself, donate a couple of items to put in a box (see list below, including an empty shoebox itself which are becoming increasingly difficult to find!), or simply donate £2.50 which helps defray the cost of distribution. Please contact Dawn on 01795 470418, Jackie on 01795 439765 (where you can also drop off any donations to 1 Alefe Way, Iwade) or Pamela on 01795 437026 if you would like to help. Donations should be received before 6th November please.

Items that are suggested for filling your shoebox

Toothbrush and paste, hat, scarf and gloves, underwear, socks, tights, soap, toy car (for boys), small doll (for girls) Shampoo, face cloth, deodorant, moisturising cream, comb/brush, sanitary products, shaving foam, razors, new make up.

Candles, screwdrivers, pliers, sewing equipment, pens/pencils/sharpener, notebook, colouring books, rulers, rubbers.

Sweets (but no chocolate or any other food) Best Before date at least March 2016)

Or anything else that you think somebody who has nothing might appreciate.

Tinkerbell's Early Years

Claire Stock

This term at Tinkerbell's has started really well with our new and existing children settling in well and learning all about themselves. The children have been given opportunities to take part in many activities from our topic 'All about me'. The children, with help from their families, have created some wonderful life size portraits of themselves which have been beautifully decorated by all involved. The children have also been enjoying our story theme for the term which is focused on 'Little miss and Mr Men stories.

Next term at Tinkerbell's is going to be a busy term as the Christmas period approaches. The children will be taking part in lots of fun Christmas themed activities along with our Christmas Nativity, which I'm sure as in previous years will be an enjoyable time for everyone.

Our annual fundraising Christmas Fair will take place on Tuesday 24th November from 3:30pm till 5:30pm. If anyone would like a stall, please contact Donna on 07966 762239. We would like to take this opportunity to ask if anyone has any good condition unwanted teddy bears that they would like to kindly donate for our teddy tombola at the fair, along with any donations for prizes towards our raffle. All donations will be greatly appreciated as all proceeds made at the fair will go towards fundraising for new resources for the children at the nursery. Everyone is welcome so we hope to see you all there.

We would also like to inform you that all our spaces at Tinkerbell's in Iwade are currently taken, although if you would like to put your child's name down on our waiting list, please feel free to call in and pick up a prospectus. We do however currently still have spaces available at Tinkerbell's at the Clocktower in Adisham Green in Kemsley.

Ickle Pickles

by Hannah Williams

Ickle Pickles have had a very busy summer! We celebrated our 9th birthday in July as well as the 1st birthday of the Kingsferry Collaboration.

Despite our 'Outstanding' Ofsted grading last December we continually strive to improve and as part of that, Hannah at Ickle Pickles and Donna at Tinkerbells (as another Outstanding nursery) are Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of a collaboration of 10 nurseries in the local area. We set up following a Kent County Council initiative to encourage networks of nurseries to volunteer to work together to improve the practice in their member settings and help them to be the best that they can be in between Ofsted visits. We are very proud of our collaboration, and we have been very effective over the last year - we meet regularly to share ideas, organise training, visit each other's nurseries and make plans for development.

In the nursery our Baby room staff organised a 'Teddy bear's picnic' recently to encourage our new parents to meet each other - it went really well and we would like to thank everyone who joined us.

We also run a 'Team member of the Month' award every month, and our winner this month is Jessica in our Ickle Explorers room. She takes fantastic care of the children every day and has worked especially hard recently - she got to choose a shopping voucher to spend as her reward.

As always, please feel free to call us on 474551 if you are interested in your little one becoming an Ickle Pickle or you have any questions

Iwade Reading Group

Jackie Kemp

Our book for September was chosen by Hilary, and a good choice it was too. It was 'The Children's Act', written by Ian McEwan, and it appears we all liked it because for once we had all read the book from end to end!! Lots of talk when we met - its so often like this. When we get together, as well as talking about the books we read, and other things of course, we are surprised at how our discussions deepen the insight into the book. Someone makes an observation and we, almost to a person, find that we had noticed this, or something similar. So as well as reading books that perhaps we might not have picked up, (we all take turns to choose a book and this means we meet new authors, try genres that otherwise we'd avoid and mostly makes us finish a book * as we don't like letting others down), we are always amazed at what detail and threads we find in even seemingly straightforward books.

If you want to know more about 'The Children Act' and what the story line is, have a look on the Iwade Reading Group page on Iwade Village Does Facebook. It might tempt you to join us, even if only on-line because you can't make the meeting times. You are welcome to contribute through online posts - and we always are looking for new members and new ideas.

Our next book is 'The Sunrise' by Victoria Hislop. We are meeting at about 10.30 on Tuesday 13th October at Lynn's house. Come and join us. A message on Facebook will bring a reply telling you the address where we will be meeting. Or Contact Hilary on 01795 474656 or by email at hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk

* about finishing books! - we all struggle sometimes and its perfectly acceptable to not finish or like a book!

Iwade Apocalypse Zombie Walk - Halloween 2015

by Andy Jennings

It's that time of year again where Iwade is put on the map for Halloween celebrations. The Haunted Hallows team have considered a number of events for this year and decided on an event where anyone can join in the fun!

Are you ready for the first ever Zombie walk in Iwade!

Anyone can be a Zombie, all you need to do is act like you just got out of bed, drag your feet, moan a little and basically have some fun!

Details of the meeting point along with the route will be released closer to Halloween night, but in the meantime, here are the rules: -

1) YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU

By participating in Iwade Apocalypse Zombie Walk, you take on full responsibility for your own actions. You're a zombie that eats brains, so use some common sense.

2) RESPECT THE SPACE OF THE VILLAGE AND FELLOW WALKERS

We all love to shock and put a little scare into people, but please respect the space of other walkers and bystanders who may not be interested in the event. Do not attack, maul, or touch those not participating in the walk without their permission. Because the walk is also a family-friendly event, respect the space of your fellow walkers, especially those with little ghouls and pets. Keep your hands to yourselves -- unless they fall off of course.

3) STAY IN CHARACTER

All Iwade Zombies are asked to shuffle, crawl, and limp, try to keep on the pavements and move out of the way for cars.

4) The walk is for fun, but we also do it to help others, so if you are given a Macmillan collections bucket, don't pester for kind donations, just rattle it like a Zombie

5) Iwade is a family village, young children will be around and joining in, respect this and have fun, we are not walking to scare, we are walking to entertain

6) We need villagers to join in for this to work, so please like our Facebook page for updates and how to part of something amazing!

www.facebook.com/events/496196190539023/

Let's keep The Iwade Zombie Walk fun for everyone!

Shock for local shepherd!!

by Rynn Kemp

I recently found this doing some research :-
In The Whitstable Times and Tankerton Press from the Saturday April 12th. 1913 issue:-

“ A lamb has been born at Iwade, near Sittingbourne with a head resembling that of an elephant. The trunk and flapper ears were clearly defined. The lamb died, and its head is to be preserved.”

This very short report sounds a bit of a shocker for a local shepherd - no mention is made of the farm on which the unfortunate animal was born, nor where the preserved head was to be kept!

Iwade Barn

by James Hunt

After many months of waiting, for works which needed to be completed to the exterior, and on some paperwork for the trust to be finalised, the Iwade Barn will soon be under the ownership of the Iwade@TheBarn Trust. The trustees are myself, Nicola McKenzie, Graeme Horner, Les Mitchell and Louise Wade with Gemma Stokes as secretary: we are now a registered charity.

The Barn is going to be handed over to Swale Borough Council and subsequently to the trust on the same day, all leases are agreed and ready to go – hopefully all will be completed by the time you read this. Due to works needed to the interior of the barn, such as WC and kitchen area, we have needed to apply for listed building consent and hope this won't delay things too much longer and that the barn will be in some sort of use in the near future.

It's nearly that time where we need YOUR help! The trust have had a lot of help so far in getting to this point, but we'll soon need the help of village trades people to get the remaining work done and get the hall opened as soon as possible. We've already had some residents offering their services, but the more we have the better! There are some services that we really need advice on such as flooring companies, carpenters, builders, etc.

On Saturday the 10th October between 3pm and 5pm we will be having an open day at The Barn so residents can come along to see inside; tradesmen/women in the village can have a look at the plans to see the work that needs to be done and whether they can help in any way, and also for everyone to meet the trustees. We also need your ideas on the future running of The Barn and what use you would like to see from it.

This is an exciting project for the village, it is YOUR barn so please come along and support in any way you can. There will be tea and coffee and maybe even cake! Hopefully we'll see you on the 10th October but if you can't get along and would like to offer your help in any way just email barnsos@iwadevillage.co.uk or call me on 07788101228.

Road Crossing Patrol

Iwade School require a Road Crossing Patrol to work 10 hours per week for 38 weeks per year (term time). The successful applicant will be paid within Kent Scheme KR2 which is £13,512 - £14,526 based on a full time appointment and will be pro rata for these part time hours. This school and all its personnel are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and persons. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check. For further information or for an application pack, please contact the school office on 01795 472578.

IWADE PARISH MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Tuesday 18th August, 2015

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies were received from Parish Cllrs. M. Gale, D. Gale, Plumb and Mitchell and the PCSO.

Visitors/Public Time

•Visitors – Several residents attended to raise their concerns regarding the Persimmon development to the rear of Mansfield Drive and Monins Road. They have known about it for some time and have no problems with it being developed but they do have an issue with privacy due to changes made.

One resident in Monins road is faced with a 30 foot wall at the bottom of his garden directly abutting his boundary; he suggested that plots 207 and 208 are rotated so that their backs face properties in Monins Road and the garden in between means that they are not directly on the boundary line as shown at present. There are concerns over drainage; the new properties backing onto those in Mansfield Drive from No 46 towards No 36 are much higher; there could be flooding and slippage issues. In the March 2009 Sustainability Appraisal there was mention of a wildlife corridor to the rear of properties in Monins Road and Mansfield Drive, residents received letters advising that a hedgerow will be planted within the gardens of individual homeowners; all of this is not shown on the submitted documents; why have they disappeared? It was previously agreed and put in writing by Hillreed to one resident that there would be two-storey properties behind his bungalow; now there are three storeys. A resident asked how this goes forward from the Parish Council; Borough Cllr. Stokes stated that it looks as though it will go to Swale's Planning Committee in early October. Several objections have been lodged on the Planning website.

•Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO report had been circulated. It was noted that he dealt with fly tipping; ASB issues; predictive policing zones in Sheerstone; Smartwater initiative in Linkway, etc.

Planning

•15/504210/FULL: Unit B School Mews Iwade Kent ME9 8UW: Change of use

from (A2) office use to (A3) coffee shop – Agreed to respond that Iwade Parish Council is supportive of the Coffee Shop and pleased to see that this unit, which has stood empty for so long, will be in use. However, there are some concerns: That if the business is not profitable and the applicant decides to change the use or sell it on that a restriction/condition be placed on any approval that it only be used for the purposes of a Coffee Shop; the Parish Council will object to any other use such as another takeaway or restaurant which will conflict with existing businesses. Concern that it will have an impact on the mortgagee of the flat above the unit. That table and chairs are not permitted on the area outside of the unit.

3. 15/505910/REM: Approval of Reserved Matters including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 86 dwellings pursuant to outline application SW/08/1127: Coleshall Farm Ferry Road Iwade Kent ME9 8QY – Agreed to object (see issues raised in "visitors/public time")

Correspondence

•KCC Consultation: Kent Environment Strategy - deadline 25 September – Noted.

•Use of hall garden by Tinkerbells and contract – A site meeting was held with the new owner of Tinkerbells and it was muted that they could use the far end of the garden (towards the front of the site) as this will not impact on anyone. It was recommended that they erect a fence behind which they can place any nursery equipment and that the Parish Council will draw up an agreement, the land being subject to a 'Peppercorn Rent' of £1. It was proposed by Cllr. Hunt, seconded by Cllr. Clark and agreed by all that this go ahead.

Finance

•Request for grant for benches in Iwade Church – Proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded Cllr. Clark, all agreed to accept the quote of £729.98p (includes V.A.T. which is recoverable) for 2 benches, anchors and brass plaques, to be donated to the church.

3. Village Hall Garden – ROSPA

Inspection Report. – Clerk to check with ROSPA regarding the trees and to forward a copy to the Village Handyman to action necessary work and the Hall Committee for the area covered by them.

Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

•The Barn – The Charity Commission needed more information from the Trust, now submitted. Electricity meter has been installed but are now waiting for the plan to see where the Consumer Unit will go. Draft plans have been received from the Architect and have been forwarded to the Conservation Officer at Swale for comments prior to submission to Planning.

•Neighbourhood Plan –Tessa O'Sullivan has had problems obtaining addresses to use for posting out the survey. Agreed the Parish Council will try and obtain these from Swale Borough Council. If unsuccessful will ask Tessa to place the survey in envelopes so it can be circulated with the next edition of the Iwade Observer.

Any Other Matters Arising

•Cllr. Hyde raised safety concerns regarding the derelict area of land next to The Waterway; Chairman to raise this with Swale Borough Council to see if pressure can be put on the landowner to make the site and the fencing safe.

•Cllr. Hyde also raised the issue of the poor condition of the road surface in Grovehurst Road and the first roundabout as you go out of the village. He also commented on the faded white lines that need repainting in parts of the village. Clerk to raise these issues with KCC.

•The Chairman advised that he has received an update from Borough Cllr. Truelove, who has been looking at issues at the top of School Lane. It has been agreed that the junction of The Street with Sandling Way does not work as it should and will be looked into. School Lane – removing all the shrubs at the junction has helped the sight lines; it is also though that a stop sign and lines is needed further up where there is a problem.