

## Good Lord! It's Christmas!

By James Apps

So, all right, we have another year under our belts, and it's time to reflect on what went on in 2019. Like every year it began in January, wet and cold but still with a good crowd of walkers, and like every other year ends up in December and a Christmas bunfight!

The in between bit was a series of walks around, and to and from the village as the weather dictated. We saw a Spring filled with flowers and blossom, and sometimes with rain and winds, a Summer that was hot and cool, and wet, and of late a sudden drop in temperature. All par for the course. A small team turned out to sort out part of the Saxon Shore Way that we use regularly, which effort was appreciated by other walkers using the pathway.

We had a most excellent buffet style Easter meal at the Woolpack of most delicious curries (and chips) - the British cannot get away from eating chips! - and added a few more walkers to the group. Some drifted away, and during the year many had holidays, family events and such to attend

but, all in all, attendance was good. I lost the plot in November and relinquished duties as "the grumpy bloke who walks in front" and that task is now being shared with each walk leader taking a turn. A sort of collective effort.

To note, that this year was a good one for fruit on the hedgerows. We sampled ripe damsons, blackberries, plums from the old orchard near the ponds, and cherry plums. We heard the frogs in the ponds, saw birds of prey on the marshes, horses grazing, flocks of ducks and geese, and swans on nests or gracefully flying in pairs.

In contrast to those pleasant mages we have a real treat to look forward to - A Merry, seasonal General Election complete with your own sprig of seasonal virtual holly.



Tip: save the electoral leaflets to make Christmas decorations!



And as this is written prior to the Christmas Holiday it is a chance to wish you all a Merry Christmas and say that we will be having our usual bunfight at the Woolpack in early December. Never gloomy, Iwade will no doubt show us a good display of Christmas decorations around the village, and no doubt a twinkling fairy on top of the flagpole. The whole will add to the pleasure of watching the seasonal changes.

Unless of course we have a blizzard. Anyway, Toodle-pip!

We meet each Thursday, come rain or shine, in the Village Centre, at 10:30 for a 10:45 start - why not make it a New Year's resolution to come along!

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## Season Finale at Sittingbourne Speedway

By Paul Heller

Sittingbourne Speedway brought the curtain down on their speedway season with the running of the final round of the Club's Six Team Tournament.

The meeting originally scheduled for Sunday October 13th was rained off, but went ahead on Sunday October 20th, 2019. The track still showing the effects of the previous weeks heavy rain was very wet to start with but the



brisk, cold wind soon saw the track start to dry out and consequently the racing got better and better especially in the later stages of the meeting.

The actual meeting was won by the Sittingbourne Crusaders but the overall winners after six rounds of competition were the Crayford Kestrels who duly

received their trophy and medals. The meeting also incorporated the Ivor Thomas Memorial Trophy, in memory of Ivor Thomas the founder of Iwade Speedway, and the Malcolm Simmons Trophy, in memory of one of England's finest speedway/grasstrack riders who was a great friend to the Club.

The work never seems to stop for the staff as preparations are now in hand to get the mini-track prepared for the start of the Club's Annual Winter Speedway Pitbike Series with the held on November 10th 2019.



## Iwade Parent & Toddler Group

By Louise Wade

It seems all the children had great fun at our Halloween toddler group! We had 'potions' to get messy with, biscuit decorating, as well as 'scary' crafts to make. We saw some great costumes too.

If you haven't been before, toddler group is on every Tuesday in term time, 9-11am in the Village Hall. It is £2 plus 50p for any additional siblings, this gets you a cup of tea/coffee as well as a drink and biscuit for your little one. There are lots of toys to play with including a baby area for the younger ones, as well as a craft table (they can sometimes get messy!).

We hope to see lots of you soon. Plans are already underway for our Christmas session!



## All Saints' Remembrance

By Nigel Downes

What a fantastic Remembrance service we had at All Saints on Sunday 10th November. As usual, we had members from Iwade's uniformed brigades join us, and Iwade School made some superb decorations, the Church looked amazing! However, that wasn't enough for us. Our service also paid respects to all the animals that died in the wars. Like the red poppies we wear, purple poppies are worn for the loss of animals' lives. We were blessed to have Laura Cheeseman join us along with 'Chancy' and 'Little Dude' resplendent in their purple attire. Chancy and Little Dude led us to the Cairn where more wreaths were laid. A fantastic day, thanks to all involved.



## Tinkerbells Early Years

By Donna Barker

A fun and exciting term is well underway at Tinkerbells; we celebrated Halloween with various activities which were fun and developed fine motor skills. The children have been getting creative with various activities, experimenting with materials and have created various firework pictures, salad spinners were the most popular choice of resource used by the children to create their pictures!

The children have also begun with the many Christmas activities and events we have planned for December. We will be holding our Annual Christmas Carol Concert at All Saints' Church. We also have our nativity for the school-leavers and their families, preparations for the Nativity and Carol Concert are well under way. The children have started their Christmas wish lists, practiced their cutting skills making snowflakes which is helping us all get into the festive spirit. Mince pies and chocolate yule logs still to be made!

Next term will be exploring 'People who help us'; together we will learn all about the people in our local community who help us and keep us safe and we hope we will be lucky to have visits from some of the local services.

Our waiting list for September 2020 is growing rapidly at both settings, if you require sessions as from next year please pop in so we can add you to the waiting list to avoid any disappointment alternatively you can email us at [enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk)

Finally we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Monday Friendship Group

By Joan Exley

The Friendship Group meets fortnightly on alternate Mondays at The Barn. In November (well Oct 28th actually!) we enjoyed a visit from Mike Gordine to show us his beautiful handmade trinket boxes fashioned from a basic piece of wood into a work of art. Each box was meticulously polished and finished with colourful suede lining, giving us all Christmas ideas.

At our meeting on 11th November at 10.30 we had a brief talk about the Iwade villagers who are remembered on the tablet in the village church, and then visited the Church, for an Act of Remembrance at 11:00 am before walking round to the Cairn in Woodpecker Park. This was followed by tea and cakes in the Barn.

We meet in the Barn on alternate Mondays at 10:15 ish – next dates are December 9th and 23rd, and fortnightly thereafter. Why not come along – you'd be most welcome.



## Hello from The BrewHouse

By Mandy Reeves

We'd like to say a Big, Big Thank You to everyone that helped create the Poppies for our Memorial Garden to honour all our fallen servicemen and animals for this Remembrance Day

We received hundreds of Poppies from you lovely knitters in the village and surrounding areas and we are very grateful for all your hard work – Thank You So Much x

We were collecting donations for the Royal British Legion, so please look on our Facebook page to see how much was raised for this very worthwhile charity. (when this article went to press, we had not received the total of donations from the British Legion)

It's nearly Christmas & we will be offering Festive Afternoon Teas & Festive Specials for December, why not pop in & see what is on offer.

**Mandy & all the BrewHouse Crew would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year & a Massive Thank you for all your custom during 2019**

Don't forget we hold various events and groups every week:

Every Monday morning between 10 and 12 we run The BrewHouse Woolly Natters, a knitting and crochet group where you can bring along your current project and get inspiration or learn something new or help make items for various charities and meet new people and have a chat over a slice of cake and cup of coffee.

Wednesday mornings (during School Term



Time Only) between 10.30 and 11, come and join our Baby Musical Rhyme Time, it is a musical mayhem for all Pre-School children.

Come and sing along to well-known nursery rhymes and songs & have some fun with our musical instruments and puppets.

This is very popular, so we do recommend coming from 10am

Then why not stay and catch up over lunch

with all the other Mums, Dads, and Grandparents or family members.

If you run a group that is looking for a venue, give us a call on 01795 426520, or pop in & arrange a suitable date

You can keep up to date on all our antics, Special Offers and Events on our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/mewsbrewhouse](http://www.facebook.com/mewsbrewhouse)

We look forward to seeing you all very soon

## Iwade Men's Breakfast Club

By Ron Francis

The Men's Breakfast Club held its November meeting on the fifth, no fireworks!! Just a lively meeting as usual. Tony Trower kindly gave a talk about his life in Iwade, including the hugely diverse flora and fauna that we have in the fields and orchards around us. It was Tony that gave us the beautiful displays of flowers at the Barn this year. He concluded with some memories of his army life in Germany including, interesting locations and familiar places.

Our next meeting will be held on the 3rd of December at 9:30 So if you're retired, have a couple of hours for a bacon roll, cuppa and some lively discussion please come along to the barn and join us.

**We meet on the first Tuesday of each month – make a note in your diary.**



### Our trip to the Royal Observatory

On Friday (4th October) my class and I went on a school trip to the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. The teachers chose to go to the Observatory as in school we are learning about space and we went on 4th October because it was the start of space week.

We went by coach which meant we had to be at school by 8:15 am so we could leave at 8:30. Even though most people were tired they were still buzzing with excitement. On the way there, a couple of people thought they saw the Eiffel Tower but we hadn't left the country (the teachers were appalled at our lack of common sense). After a 50 minute journey (that felt like 10 minutes) we arrived at Greenwich Park.

To get to the observatory we had to walk through the park. The view of London was excellent from the park, we could see the O2, one of the queen's houses and the Canary Wharf.

Once we got to the observatory, we had to wait for our sister school (Iwade) to fully go in. Whilst waiting, we saw only part of Herschel's telescope because the rest of it was crushed by a tree. Also we saw the red time ball which would rise and fall every day at 1pm so sailors knew what time it was. To the right of the time ball was the telescope dome (which was shaped like an onion). The astronomers put telescopes there to watch the stars go by. Next, we went to the meridian line which separates West and East. We put one foot in the East and the other in the North, then we took photos.

After the meridian line, we went on top of the viewing platform where we could see a different view of London. There were big landmarks such as St Paul's Cathedral and the Cutty Sark. Shortly after, we went into the Meridian Observatory where there was a statue of Edmond Halley (2nd astronomer royal). At the end of the room there was a telescope that looked straight up, and at the other end there was another.

Next, we went to Flamsteed house which many astronomers and their families lived in. We looked around the rooms and saw many objects that the families who lived there owned. In one of the rooms there were gifts that the families received for their discoveries. Next, we went upstairs into a room that showed "Saturn". We were almost late for the planetarium show, so we had to go quickly (which was a shame because we hadn't seen everything yet).

The planetarium show was called "Universe at your Doorstep". The show was due to start at 11:15 and we left Flamsteed house at 11:13, but luckily we weren't late because the previous school's show overran. The show was extraordinary because instead of people acting out the show, we watched it on the ceiling. In the show, we learnt fascinating facts like Olympus Mons (a volcano on Mars) is three times the size of the UK and our galaxy is only a tiny dot in many galaxies.

After the planetarium show, we went into Greenwich Park to eat our lunch. As we started eating, pigeons flew in every direction trying to eat our food. Luckily for the pigeons, I accidentally dropped my crisps, so they had a nice snack underneath my feet. Soon after lunch, we cleared up and walked through the trees and leaves to get back to the coach. We got back to school just in time for the celebration assembly.

What I enjoyed most was seeing the planetarium show because I found out more facts about the galaxy. After that trip I would recommend my friends and family to go there.

**By Callum M (Year 5 Bobbing Village School)**

Wednesday 16th October 2019

### My trip to the Royal Observatory

On Friday 4th October, Seahorse, Kingfisher, Yew and Hever classes left school at 8:30 am to go to Greenwich Park for a school trip.

Once we arrived at 9:15am, the teachers that were with us did a head count and started sorting their groups. After the head count, we started making our way to Flamsteed House. Inside we saw lots of different things. I really like seeing all of the essentials they used back then.

Once finished in there, we started towards the planetarium where we were going to watch a show. (At first I wasn't so sure, but in the end I was glad I went in).

We got there after what felt like a tremendous amount of time. I felt a rush of excitement flow through me as we queued up to get in. As the man removed the rope from the barrier, we strode through, with a tense excitement in the air. The kind man guided us through to the planetarium, where we met a lady who explained everything to us so that we knew exactly what to do if the alarm went off.

The show started as we got comfortable in the seats, which were angled so the viewer had a good perspective of the ceiling (which was domed). Once it had started all of the oohs and aahs came flying through the air.

The lights went out and we could see the solar system above. The lady who was commentating explained to us why Pluto is a dwarf planet and where stars come from. The show lasted at least half an hour.

By the time the show was over, we were all extremely hungry, so we had lunch! We all sat down at little wooden tables and ate our packed lunches.

Once we finished our lunch, we ambled towards the tall, white, red coach.

All in all, I thought the trip was very fun and educating: I recommend booking a trip to the planetarium because it motivates you to learn more.

**By Mia (Year 5 Iwade School)**

## **Christmas Reflection: More than life and death**

The legendary Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously once said: *"Some people think that football is a matter of life and death. I'm disappointed with that attitude. It's far more important than that!"*. Many a football fan, who sticks with their team through thick and thin, will smile wryly and nod their head. Oh, yes how true! I find myself echoing the same sentiment, although not about football, but about the Christian message that lies at the heart of Christmas. For many this season may be a matter of presents, of family gatherings, of parties, of goodwill to all, of Nativity plays recalling the birth of the baby Jesus. Good things in themselves, and nothing wrong with any of it.

Yet this season is *"far more important than that"*. This amazing story, summed up as *"the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"*, comes to us each year. Yethave we grasped the extraordinary lengths the Lord, the Creator of all things, went in becoming human like us? And why? This was not just so that we might know we are loved. This was the Maker himself coming to fix, (as only the Maker can), what has gone wrong in the human heart so that we might live at peace with the Lord, with others, with ourselves and so fulfil our calling as stewards of creation.

These radical words shout out loud. Everyone and everything on earth matters! Their message of life and hope speaks as ever been to our times, given the reality of climate change, a polarised political landscape, the knife crime and mental health epidemics among young people, the shocking exploitation of vulnerable people for profit through human trafficking. They speak of the light of hope. For in Jesus the kingdom of God has broken in, to subvert forever the prevailing values of any culture that denies the dignity and worth of any person. We see this in the announcement of his birth to the shepherds. For it was those on the edge of society, not the powerful, who heard it first.

May we each hear the clarion cry of this good news breaking afresh into our troubled world and lives. May we receive afresh the wonder of Jesus' birth, proclaiming no matter who we are, that we are loved beyond measure by God. He has come close to make all things new to lift us to the height of his throne. And surely right now, what else could be *"far more important than that"?*

Every blessing!

*Julian*

Rev Julian Staniforth  
Rector & Priest-in-Charge of The Six Benefice

## **Iwade Reading and Book Group**

**By Jackie Kemp**

At our November meeting on the 12th we discussed 'The Snow Goose' by Paul Gallico. Written in the 1940s and based in Essex, it tells the story of a man, an artist, with physical deformities, coming to live in a remote village on the marsh, clearly a haven for birds. He loved his environment but locals were wary of him, only because he had a disability. A local girl called Fritha had heard stories about the man, especially how he cared for injured birds. She took a snow goose with injured wings to him. Gradually a friendship developed; the goose recovered over the winter and the man explained to Fritha about the migration of birds such as the goose.

I won't spoil the story - it's lovely but sentimental and shows care and compassion at many levels, not a soppy romance but showing love and affection.

A very short book, readable in an hour, that was really enjoyed by the group. Why do some authors go into 300 or 400 page books when 45 pages says it all, leaving so much to your imagination?

At our next meeting on December 10th we will be reviewing 'This is Going to Hurt' by Adam Kay. In January, we will each be bringing a poem or short extract to share with each other.

We welcome new members at The Barn, 10.30 am on the second Tuesday of each month. Come along, there is always cake ... and chatter!



## **Kent Community Warden**

Hello, my name is Adam McKinley and I am the Kent Community Warden for Iwade, Kemsley and Bobbing. I worked as a Community Warden in Maidstone for 10 years before joining the Swale Team this Summer. I have had a warm welcome in Iwade and am learning local issues and working on how I can help improve and support this friendly village.

As part of my role I try to improve quality of residents' life and that includes reporting issues to Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council and Kent Police as required to help keep the community safe. I will be working varied hours and will aim to add youth programs in the village next year. I am a trained Dementia Friend, have knowledge of benefits and what your entitled to, and can help with any housing related concerns regardless of your tenure or age.

Please say hello if you see me, I'm very approachable and if you have any issues please contact me on 07969584184.

Many thanks

Adam McKinley

Kent Community Warden Service | Swale and Canterbury Team, Iwade, Kemsley and Bobbing | Public Protection Service Growth, Environment and Transport.

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Wednesday 9 October 2019

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Trower, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 11 September 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

### Visitors/Public Time

**1. Visitors** – A resident attended to put forward his concerns and objections to the 19/503974/HYBRID planning application.

Jamie Finch and Beth Watts, representatives from Bloomfields attended to put forward their view that the new reservoir near Culnells farm would not add to flooding to the Village. Members listened to their arguments but at the end declared that their objections to this application still stood.

**2. County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting written report received – he updated again on talks with SGN and the gas main replacement along the A2. Is trying to resolve the parking issue in Cormorant Road. Borough Cllr. Woodford sent a written report advising of the requests for nominations for the annual Volunteer Swale Awards; Orchard Community Energy and Kent Community Energy: now open for funding applications and SGN works on Kingsferry Bridge.

**Community Warden/PCSO** – Adam McKinley introduced himself he is our new Community Warden; he previously worked as a Warden in Maidstone and has a background as a youth worker.

The PCSO advised of the following – nuisance motorbikes, patrols have been unable to find anyone. Vehicle stolen from Wigeon Road and damage to a vehicle in Avocet Way. There have been fewer reports of any issues around the village. He has been looking at parking in Cormorant Road.

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

**1. Speeding and Speed Watch** – Agreed to take off the Agenda. Action: Clerk

**2. Drains, School Lane** – County Cllr. M. Whiting – Bring back to next meeting. Action: Clerk

**3. Parish Councillor Vacancies** – Positions advertised, closing date 23 October. Agreed to arrange a separate meeting to meet applicants. Action: Clerk

**4. HIP Committee First Meeting** – Held a meeting to discuss whether to form a Committee; agreed to put on hold for the time being because the whole of The

Meads is now a 20-mph zone and it might be worth looking at this for Iwade. The Meads obtained this by petitioning the Cabinet Member for Highways, KCC Cllr Mike Whiting. Members agreed to look at ways of raising a petition in Iwade. The other reason for putting on hold is because it was felt that costs of any schemes will be pushed on to the Parish Council by KCC. Action: All Councillors/Clerk

### Planning

**1. 19/504426/FULL:** Single storey rear extension and internal alterations: 10 Ringlet Grove Iwade Kent ME9 8XE – no objections.

**2. KCC/SW/0187/2019:** Section 73 application to vary condition 6 of planning permission SW/18/500195 (to allow for a revised phasing and restoration scheme) and seeking approval of details pursuant to conditions 33, 41 & 43 (relating to noise mitigation measures, drainage and habitat management and monitoring): Orchard Farm, School Lane, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8QH – no objections.

**3. 19/504467/FULL:** 7 Turnstone Close Iwade Kent ME9 8TU: Conversion and extension of existing garage to garden room and single storey side extension to form new garage – agreed to object on the following grounds - The impact this will have on the adjacent property, it will be overbearing. It will directly abuts the boundary between the properties. Loss of light to the adjacent properties (windows are on the side of the building). Query whether meters shown on the applicants' details will actually sit on the adjacent properties land? Manhole cover shown on plans will be inside the proposed garage, will provision be made for this to be accessible in the event of blockages, etc?

**4. 19/504650/FULL:** 42 Ferry Road Iwade Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8RH: Conversion of existing garage to an annexe with a single storey extension – no objections.

**5. 19/504687/LDCEX:** Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) for material start to development in breach of planning conditions: Plot 3 G-Park Barge Way Sittingbourne Kent ME10 2TD – agreed to respond as follows - The Parish Council objects on the grounds that this sets a precedent and will give the impression that others can go down this route. The Parish Council is not pleased to see yet another development in breach of

planning. It is disappointing to see that this has not been picked up by Planning Officers until several years have passed, especially as it abuts the SSSI site.

**6. KCC/SW/0210/2019:** Amendments to surface water and process water arrangements at Ridham Dock Biomass Facility, Iwade, Kent to enable discharge to the River Swale: Mv Environment Ridham, Lord Nelson Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Kent ME9 8FQ – agreed to respond - Councillors note that this company has had its environmental permit taken away because of contaminated water. Members object to this application until such time as confirmation is given that an independent company is monitoring the water to ensure it is not contaminated, evidence of this is produced to the relevant authorities and the necessary strategies are put in place so that in future contaminated water from the plant is not fed into the Swale, which is an important SSSI/Ramsar area.

**7. KCC/SW/0220/2019:** Construction of a footbridge to provide safe staff access from the Ridham Dock Biomass Facility to the SUDS pond: Ridham Dock Biomass Facility, Lord Nelson Road, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Kent ME9 8SR – no objection.

### Correspondence

**Area Committee Online Survey** – responses agreed, Clerk to complete online survey. Action: Clerk

### Finance

**1. Tree Lights PAT Testing** – Cllr. Dollimore to arrange. Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Lancashire; agreed estimated cost of £65. Action Cllr. Dollimore

**2. Conclusion of External Audit 2018/19** – Clerk advised that the Audit has been signed off with no issues raised. She posted the legally required notices on the Parish Council noticeboards and website prior to the 30 September.

**3. Internal Audit Report 2018/19** – Internal Audit Report prepared by Auditor David Buckett noted.

**4. Bank Mandate** – Agreed to add three more Councillor signatories. Action: Clerk

### Projects/Project Updates

**1. Festive Lights** – Agreed event to take place on 1 December, lights switched on at 5.30 p.m. and the road closed from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Clerk to ask 'Iwade Can Sing' Choir if they will join in. Agreed to

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES continued

spend £150 on Cadbury Selection Boxes (Cllr. Lancashire to action) for children meeting Father Christmas. S.E. 4x4 to be asked to man the barriers and Cllr. Dollimore to investigate obtaining a Snow Machine. Action: Cllrs. Dollimore/Lancashire/Clerk

**2. Community Flood Plan** – Next meeting 4 November to discuss whether it is worth getting multi-agencies involved. Take off the Agenda. Action: Clerk

### 11. Any Other Matters Arising

1. The wooden fencing near to the front of Woodpecker Parkplayarea is broken; Clerk to report. Action: Clerk

2. Clerk to order a Wreath for Remembrance Sunday from Royal British Legion – put on the November Agenda. Action: Clerk

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## Iwade @ the Barn - Community Day May 3rd 2020

The Barn continues in the early stages of organising a Community Day. We are inviting all of the community organisations (we've counted up to 40!) in Iwade, together for a day to promote themselves, and introduce themselves to the rest of the Village and a chance to show what a great place Iwade is. If you are involved in one of the many organisations, clubs, or societies in Iwade then you won't want to miss out, so make a note of the date – May 3rd 2020. We will be contacting YOU in the New Year with more information.

**Get the date in your diary – May 3rd 2020 - a chance to get together with loads of other community organisations and showcase our great village**

### Christmas services at All Saints' Church Iwade

Sunday 1st December	10:45	Communion
Sunday 8th December	10:45	Christingle
Sunday 15th December	10:45	All Age worship
	16:30	Memorial service
Sunday 22nd December	16:30	Crib service
Christmas Eve 24th December	17:00	Carol Service
	23:30	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day 25th December	10:00	Morning Fellowship
Sunday 29th December	10:45	Morning Fellowship

## Iwade PPG By Grahame Pungenti

At the November meeting of the PPG and Practice Manager Kirsty Baker at Iwade Health Centre the following figures were given for people NOT attending their pre-booked appointments:

- 89 Wasted Appointments
- Doctor 2hrs. 50 mins
- Advanced Nurse Practitioner 2hrs. 40 mins
- Practice Nurse 5hrs. 50 mins
- Health Care Assistant 3hrs. 40 mins
- TOTAL = 15 wasted Hours

## Iwade Village Hall Update

By the time you read this we will have had our first Lantern Parade for the Christmas lights switch-on, which we all very excited about at the Hall. We are also busy organising the Christmas Grotto, which this year will be on Sunday 22nd December. By the time this issue is distributed the tickets would already have been on sale for a few weeks, so please do keep an eye on our social media for any remaining availability, you'll find us on Facebook and Twitter by searching Iwade Village Hall.

The next quiz is being organised for 1st February 2020. We will start advertising this after Christmas, but please feel free to email [events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk) to reserve a table early! We are also hoping to organise a karaoke night in the New Year so please do join the Hall's Facebook page to keep up to date with events

Please remember that the market has a break in December and January, and that the next market will be on 9th February 10am-1pm with variety of stalls selling handmade goods, gifts, cakes, pies, preserves, fruit and vegetables and much more. Hot and cold drinks are available, along with bacon rolls and burgers. New stalls are always welcome, to book or for any other information please contact [fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk)

**Please come along and support your local market**

All information on events, regular clubs and booking the hall can be found at [www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk) or by contacting [bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk) and please also keep up to date on the Hall's Facebook page.

I would like to take this opportunity to give my heartfelt thanks to everyone who supports the hall, and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!