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**Scottish Dancing**

## Editors Note

*I for one am thankful that winter seems to be slowly edging away, and the flowers are poking through the soil, Spring is finally coming! Thank you to all our contributors that have made this month's Iwade Observer possible.*

*Mel McDonald*

*Thanks Mel for tirelessly editing this month's Observer, I'm loving the Spring feel on the front and back covers. As I write the sun is out so maybe Spring is nearly upon us and rain will be but a memory. We can hope! If you would like to join the Iwade Observer team call me on 01795 439892 or email nicola@iwadevillage.co.uk. Thank you!*

*Nicola McKenzie*

# Iwade Observer

## March 2014

Outside it may be cold, wet and windy; but here at the Iwade Observer we thought we'd add some blue skies and blossom to remind us that spring is just around the corner. Our title picture this month is a beautiful painting called "Towards Sheppy Crossing" by Janet Darley. Wonderful! Thank you Janet! The blossom photos on the back page were taken in Cormorant Road by Anna Planck Thank you Anna!



## Volunteers needed

by James Hunt.  
 The Iwade Community Speed Watch team urgently need more volunteers. Community Speed Watch enables groups of concerned citizens to reduce excessive vehicle speeds on their roads. Operating at the roadside in 30 and 40 miles per hour (mph) limits, Speed Watch practitioners monitor the speeds of passing vehicles using portable speed indication devices. They record and report the speed and identifying details of vehicles travelling at or above nationally-specified speed thresholds (35 and 46mph respectively). The registered keepers of vehicles seen repeatedly or excessively speeding anywhere in Kent in the previous 12 months are then sent a warning letter and advice by Kent Police. Speed Watch data is then used to inform separate enforcement operations targeting speeding vehicles. Iwade has all the equipment needed but the scheme only works well by having enough volunteers. Residents in Kemsley and The Meads area want to implement the scheme in their areas and the idea is to join forces and share the equipment. By joining with other areas it will also mean a bigger group of volunteers that can help each other in the areas covered. Two volunteers go out at a time but it's good



to have different people who can be available at different times of the day to ensure different time periods are covered. Even if you could only spare half an hour a month please consider joining the team – the more in the team the better the impact we'll have. The main thing we need to do is to have enough interested people ready so a training session can be arranged. To join the team or for more information contact James Hunt on 07788 101228 or email james\_ipc@btinternet.com





### Tinkerbells Early Years.

by Claire Stock

Last term at Tinkerbells the children took part in activities based on our topic 'People Who Help Us' and 'Keeping Safe'. They were very fortunate to have a visit from Sittingbourne Fire station, gaining knowledge of the 'Stop, Drop and Roll' procedure and what to do in an emergency. The children were given the opportunity to sit in the fire engine and explore the equipment, which led to staff member's cars being washed with the



Firemen's hose, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We also had a visit from our local Lollipop lady Julie Murr who spoke to the children about road and traffic hazards and crossing the road safely. The children enjoyed being given the opportunity to hold the lollipop stick and demonstrated pretending to stop the traffic. Thank you to all involved for making this an enjoyable yet knowledgeable experience for the children.



We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Wickes in Sittingbourne for their kind donations towards the children's kitchen in the home corner and for the donation of resources to our woodwork area. These have provided the children with plenty of opportunities to extend their imaginations and create in many different ways.



Our topics for this term are 'Mini beasts' and the 'Spring Season'. These topics will provide the children with opportunities to visit our allotment to plant bulbs and prepare the raised beds for growing fruit and vegetables and will give them opportunities to explore and search for creatures in our very own mini beast hotel.



We would also like to let you know that our spaces for sessions at Tinkerbells in Iwade are currently at full capacity and only limited spaces are available at Tinkerbells at the Clocktower in Adisham Green Kemsley. We do however have availability for sessions in September at both settings. Contact details on the back page or at [tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk](http://tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk) :- ) Ed

The Year 5 classes at Iwade School are taking part in a project called Go-Givers, Make a Difference.



T.E.A.M Litter Snake-Leeds Class project is focussing on making a difference to litter in think of elephants, tigers and rhino's but we have decided to stick up for the little guy. Literally. The

Litter is a major problem worldwide, simply because it affects our environment.

Our project so far has taken us on a walk around the village, to collect evidence of the litter and the amount have never hurt a living soul. If these animals become of it. Even though, we felt that, generally, the village was tidy, some areas need particular attention.

For this reason, we would like the support of you, the villagers, in our campaign. If you are out and about around the village, make sure you put your rubbish in the bins provided.

So, together let's crunch down on that litter! From Leeds Class



Scotney Class-have chosen to try and stop the Pygmy Possum from becoming extinct. When people think of endangered animals they often pygmy possum is only 6cm long and weighs only 24 grams! There are less than 3000 of these cute, little, fluffy animals left. Unlike tigers, these harmless creatures for future generations.

These kind hearted animals need your help! Please, if you can help in anyway, contact Scotney class and help to support our cause. With your help we can try and stop another species from becoming extinct for no good reason.

### Iwade Does Hats for Brain Tumour Research 30th March

Hands up who would like to have a free luxury cream tea for six people served to you at your home by Beverley from Iwade's Award Winning Exquisite Vintage Teas ([www.exquisitevintageteas.co.uk](http://www.exquisitevintageteas.co.uk)) .. We thought so.... OK hands down now...

This year Beverley is supporting Brain Tumour Research in memory of her mother whose own tumour went undiagnosed for too many years. So for every tea that Beverley serves this year she is making a donation to the charity.

To be in with a chance of winning this delicious eating experience, or a dinner for two at Lateef in Sittingbourne, or a family portrait photoshoot from David and Jemma Rannard of Click-Create to name but a few prizes..... **All you have to do is gather on the village green at noon on Mother's Day wearing a hat...** and for a £1 donation per person you will be entered into this amazing raffle in aid of Brain Tumour Research.

Your hat can be old, new, home-made, couture, paper or even a knotted

handkerchief... So come on Iwade and have a little fun.....it's far easier than running a marathon and could win you a luxurious home-made afternoon tea.



The first week of March is National Astronomy Week, sadly there aren't any Stargazing events nearby.

However I would just like to share some of my enthusiasm for stargazing. If you take a moment to look up at the sky at night you may be surprised to know what you are looking at. Many people don't realise that the bright star you are seeing could well be a planet. The skies above Iwade are reasonably dark for this part of the country and many interesting things are visible.

A few of my favourite celestial objects will be visible together in the sky throughout March.

This star map shows the sky at 8:30pm on the 29th March which is WWF Earth Hour.

If we are lucky enough to have a break in the cloud (fingers crossed) look to the south, you will see our very own beautiful moon. Just above and to the right is a big bright yellow star, that is Jupiter; the biggest planet in our solar system.

Just below the moon and to the right is the constellation Orion. You will see three stars in a diagonal line (Alnitak, Alnilam and Mintaka) these make up Orion's Belt. Around them



### Stargazing

by Mel McDonald

forming a rectangle there are four main stars, at the bottom Saiph and Rigel and at the top Bellatrix (recognise that name?) and Betelgeuse

massive! About 20 times the mass of our sun. It is red

because it is a dying star, at any moment it could go supernova; unfortunately when you are talking about a 10 million year old star, "at any moment" could be any time in the next million years. When it does go, it will be a spectacular sight, such as this planet hasn't witnessed since 1604, we are long overdue a supernova!

Below Orion's belt, forming Orion's sword is a hazy looking patch. This is the beautiful Orion Nebula; where new stars are being born. Birth and death in one constellation, Orion truly is fascinating! This is just one tiny patch of sky. The longer you look the more you will see, as your eyes get used to the dark you will be able to make out satellites; which look like tiny stars moving across the sky. If you are lucky you could even spot The International Space Station travelling across the sky from horizon to horizon at 17,500mph!

Happy stargazing!

### Grass Verges

by James Hunt

Iwade Parish Council are asking that residents stop parking and driving over grass verges in the village. Driving over, or parking on, a grass verge is a widespread issue in Iwade. It often damages the verge, which not only spoils the appearance of the street, but involves the Councils in unnecessary additional expense on making good the damage. This year with all the wet weather we've had the verges have really suffered. Parking on verges and



margins can also obstruct pedestrians from using the footway and be hazardous to other road users, especially if vehicles obstruct entrances, or park near bends or junctions.

The Parish Council are working hard on the appearance by planting bulbs in verges around the village and hope that residents help them in keeping the appearance up. It's your village let's not ruin it.

## OM Property Management

By Gary Lockyer

Residents of Meadowcroft have come together to remove OM Property Management as the Management Company for Sanderling Way, Dunlin Walk and Mallard Crescent

Each freehold household in these roads pay over £100 a year to OM for the maintenance of the communal areas – however, after investigations, it appears that these areas amount to just 2 small areas of grassland and the fence surrounding the balancing pond located in the field to the rear of Sanderling Way. In fact, a majority of the annual payments are taken up by charges levied by OM for Management Fees and Account Charges, with only around £10 being spent on the actual maintenance

5 householders have got together with the intention of forming a Residents Association to take on the task of maintaining these areas themselves, and thus reducing the annual costs levied to each household. In order to remove OM and form the Residents Association, a majority of the households need to sign an agreement. With this in mind, a meeting is planned to which all the residents within Meadowcroft are invited. At the meeting, we will discuss the current situation and discuss the way forward – you can register your interest in attending by emailing meadowcroft\_ra@yahoo.com with your name and address and once a date and venue has been arranged, a return email will be sent.

In the meantime, anyone on Facebook can 'Like' the page Lets Sack OM in order to keep up to date with the news, and to post any questions/comments.



## Local artist Janet Darley

by Joa Bamber

Local artist Janet Darley has recently completed a beautiful painting entitled 'Towards Sheppey Crossing' which depicts the old road out of Iwade Village. The piece (see front cover), has taken some weeks to complete and is one of Janet's favourites from her own collection. She took inspiration from the colours of the trees at this time of year, especially the shrubby trees at the end of the road that have an orange glow to them.

Janet, who lives near Darland Banks in Gillingham with her Pebble Artist husband Tony (that's for another edition!), was always fond of art in school and is now lucky enough to be an art teacher at Temple School in Rochester. It's not just for children though, as Janet also teaches adults painting techniques at Sheppey Adult Education on Wednesday mornings and says it's all about the fun as well as improving art skills.

Her favourite medium of paint is gouache which is a type of thick watercolour. She uses gouache to paint landscapes from all over the UK, but she especially loves painting trees.

Surprisingly, Janet doesn't mind if she makes a mistake as it allows her to explore her creativity in finding a solution. Having this patience has ensured that no painting has ever been scrapped!

If you are interested in nurturing the creative mind inside of you, Janet recommends contacting the Sittingbourne Adult Education Centre as they have courses catering from beginners with their stick figures to full blown Picasso wannabe's. Janet also suggests practising and experimenting with different types of media until you find one you are happy to work with.

Perhaps when The Barn opens, we will all be able to see more of Janet's beautiful work.

## Knitting

By Amanda Hurrell

A couple of weeks ago I was sitting in my hairdressers on a Saturday morning, knitting away like you do under the dryer (not looking very glamorous) when the lady sitting next to me asked me what I was knitting. Do you knit I asked? Yes she said and I knit samples for the company I work for. Intrigued I asked her name and if she lived locally and it turns out she lives in Iwade (Amy Last) and works for Deramores. Who you ask? Only the biggest on-line knitting supply company in the UK! We then got talking and it turns out she ran the knitting club for a while when she could fit it around her job. And the funny thing is that I've been advertising (for free) on my blog for over a year for Deramores with a link back to their free pattern library. So if you knit or crochet we both plan to re-launch the knitting/crochet club this spring. We can't wait for an evening of exchanging tips, patterns and maybe a yarn swap and the odd glass of wine. In the meantime why not visit my blog at eightbysix.blogspot.co.uk or Deramores at deramores.com for more crafty ideas.

## Iwade Surgery – update from Malling Health T Reichhelm -Managing Director

We thought it was time to update everyone about the progress at Iwade Health Centre.

As you might well be aware, we have been awarded the contract to provide GP services at the centre and took over in the middle of last June.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience so far and must acknowledge that it has taken a little longer than expected. You may be aware that there are some historical issues at the centre and these had to be sorted first. The contract was awarded under a tight budget allowing for 2 GPs and 1 Advanced Nurse Practitioner alongside other nursing and a full compliment of administrative staff.

Upon contract commencement we had to embark on a restructuring process which has only just now come to an end. The result of this is a complete new start in terms of GPs. Drs Kukla, Izmeth and Pragasam have or will be shortly leaving the practice. We would like to thank them for what they have done at the practice but now look forward to welcoming a new GP team. We have appointed a very capable and enthusiastic new GP, Dr Oochit, and are very close to signing another GP the details of which we will announce at a later date. Donna, the ANP, has already been in post for some time and is doing a great job.

The new GPs have to work their notice periods with their current employers but we are confident that Iwade Surgery will have a complete, permanently employed and dedicated clinical team from April.

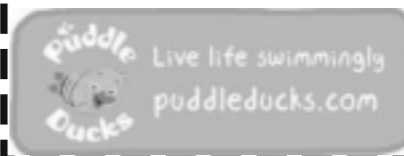
We recognise it has been a tough and challenging period for patients and staff alike. To assist during the transitional period we are arranging for extra GP input over and above what was budgeted. This should allow greater GP availability until the permanent team is in place.

We are sure that Iwade Surgery has huge potential and want to make certain that the people of Iwade and surrounding areas finally have a surgery they can be proud of.

We will continue to work closely with the Patient Participation Group and the Parish Council, as well as NHS England, to ensure its success.

**Iwade's Puddle Ducks run baby and toddler swimming classes at Westlands Primary School in Sittingbourne and are expanding to offer classes on a Friday from April and would like to offer Iwade residents 10% off their first term too.**

**Contact Angela on  
01622 236111**



## Dates for the Diary

**Thursday 6th March 7.30pm | Lent Course**  
Lent course 'Parables and Possessions' every Thursday evening at 7.30pm in church begins 6th March. Contact Stephen Plumb on 01795 429752 for more information.

**Sunday 9th March 10am-1pm | Iwade Market**  
10am to 1pm Iwade Village Hall every second Sunday of the month.

**Monday 10 March 12:30 | Iwade Lent Lunches**  
Beginning Monday 10th March then each week on the following day so Tuesday 18th March. Contact Stephen Plumb on 01795 429752 for more details.

**Tuesday 11 March 7pm | Induction of Rector of the Six Julian Staniforth**

Julian Staniforth is to be inducted by Bishop Trevor the Bishop of Dover into his new role as Rector of the Six which includes Iwade, Hartlip, Stockbury, Newington, Lower Halstow and Upchurch.

The service will be at Newington Church.

**Wednesday 12 March 7.30pm  
Iwade Parish Council Meeting**

Why not go along and find out more about the administration of Iwade?!

**Thursday 13 March 11:15-11.25am  
Mobile Library**

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

**Wednesday 19 March | March W.I. Meeting**

David Harper will be talking at the March 2014 W.I. Meeting about the Romance of Pubs & Inn Signs. If you would like to join the Iwade W.I. or find out more contact their Secretary Glenn by telephone on 01795 436515 or by email at gk.charisma@sky.com

**Thursday 27 March 11:15-11.25am  
Mobile Library**

**Sunday 30 March Midday | Iwade Does Hats for Brain Tumour Research**  
Woodpecker Park (Village Green) at noon, donation £1, any hat will do

## NEW RECTOR

By Reverend Ron Partridge

The Revd Julian Staniforth, currently serving near Whitstable, is to be installed as the new rector of the Benefice of the Six, which includes Iwade. The service will be held at Newington Church at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 11th March. All are welcome to attend, as we greet Julian and Andrea Staniforth on the start of a new chapter in the life of our churches and the villages that they serve.



## WOODPECKERS Short Mat Bowls Club

At Bobbing Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7.15pm.

We are a very new Club set up in September 2013 to promote Short Mat Bowls within the areas of Bobbing, Iwade and the Meads Estate.

We have experienced players and many new to Bowls from within the area. We welcome all new Members, including complete novices at the game as full tuition will be provided. Even more important is that you do not require to purchase any equipment to try the game.

Come and join in. Make new friends and enjoy a good social activity. No age restrictions.

We are planning to commence an afternoon session shortly and will be working towards having a junior section.

We are County affiliated.

For any further information please telephone 01795 422296

## IWADE WI

by Glenn Walters

Having enjoyed our 82nd Birthday meal at the Tudor Rose, we looked forward to our February meeting with Alan Abbey talking on "Purposeful Concealment of Artefacts within Buildings". Hiding places galore with his usual humour. There was a competition for a personal time capsule with 5 items.

Our speaker for March is David Harper on "Pub & Inn Signs", as well as designing a beer mat for our competition. Also our ACM is in March being held this year in Folkestone. This is always an interesting day, amongst other things John Craven will be our speaker.

At the moment Iwade WI has a healthy membership of around 35, but we will always welcome new members. See our web page via [www.iwadevillage.co.uk](http://www.iwadevillage.co.uk), click on "What's On" and the bar underneath will show WI, or for further information ring me - Glenn on 01795 436515.

Don't be Shy - Come along and give us a try!

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## Iwade Health Centre PPG

by Joa Bamber

The PPG is essentially a group of patients who act as a communication channel between the owners of Iwade Health Centre and all patients. The aim is to encourage the development and quality of health care services within IHC.

Additional aims are:

Patient Charter - to conduct surveys.

Health education - the group will participate and help IHC to review community health education.

Community needs - group will have a role in assisting an assessment of community needs.

PCT/CCG the group will connect and be involved in cluster meetings.

Practice Based Commissioning Group - the group will consider and review the plans of the cluster.

Iwade Health Centre Patient Participation Group ask you to "Choose Well" when you are feeling unwell as there are a range of local NHS services to choose from and you don't always need to see a GP or go to A&E.

Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) can deal with most of the same things as a GP including issuing prescriptions, diagnosing ailments and offering advice on health issues.

For on the day appointments with your GP or ANP try to call at 8am as there are always appointments held back.

Pharmacists (chemists) are a great source of health care service advice and information.

They are experts in medicines and how medicines work. They can also help you decide if you need to see a doctor. They can help with issues like dispensing medicines and how to use them safely, emergency hormonal contraception and prescription treatments for minor ailments such as conjunctivitis, cystitis and impetigo.

The new NHS 111 service is the best number to call if you have an urgent medical need and it is not life threatening. It is a 24 hour 365 day service.

Minor injuries can be treated at the Minor Injuries Units in Sheppey and Sittingbourne, both open from 9am to 9pm, 365 days a year. They are at Sheppey Community Hospital, Plover Road, Minster-on-Sea, ME12 3LT (01795 879199) and at Sittingbourne Memorial Hospital, Bell Road, Sittingbourne, ME10 4DT (01795 418300).

And of course as always 999 for emergencies.

From the week commencing 10th Feb, every contact for an appointment request has been noted by the receptionists and these numbers have been used to create a picture for Malling Health regarding what appointments are needed and when. There's no point in having 10% of appointments available Monday to Friday for on the day requests if it's actually 20% that's needed. No appointment system is perfect, but we are hopeful that this research will help. Causing huge problems for availability are the people who book an appointment, only to not bother turning up. During January, we lost 69 GP appointments, 67 for the Practice Nurse, 21 for the Advance Nurse Practitioner and 19 for the Health Care Assistant. This happens month on month so please, if you book an appointment - keep it!!

Finally, we need your help if you are a patient of Iwade Health Centre. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please contact the Patient Participation Group at [www.mhiwade.co.uk/contact](http://www.mhiwade.co.uk/contact).

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Wednesday 8th January 2014

Debbie McNamara, who works for the Environment Agency (EA) at the branch located in Stickfast Lane, Bobbing, was introduced by the Chairman. She has attended the meeting to answer any questions on flooding, the stream and the Agency's work within the village.

Cllr. Rook, who has been trying to create an Emergency Plan, asked about evacuation and the problems with not being able to use the Village Hall as it's sited on a flood plain. Debbie responded that Swale Borough Council has a Flood Resilience Group that can assist in times of need and she can provide a Flood Map which will show the areas that could be affected in Iwade. The Chairman mentioned the recent flood and asked if the CCTV cameras that monitor the stream are now working; she replied the one in Sheerstone is but there is no connection as yet to the bottom one, they are waiting for BT to do this. Debbie commented that when there is an incident with the stream they automatically send people out to clear all the screens; with the recent heavy rain the incident room has been open continuously.

Although only a few houses flooded this time; Cllr. Hyde asked if there was anything else that can be done. Debbie stated that the EA only ensures that the water flows properly. Residents can undertake individual property protection if they are at risk of flooding; there is a page on the EA website on how to protect properties. Sandbags are down to the Borough Council and they should set up a protection point from which to collect these in the village. She added it would be a good idea to have a stock of unfilled bags (filled bags deteriorate over time) and a supply of sand; these can then be used in the future. When needed the bags should only be half filled with sand, then laid as though building a brick wall and tamped down flat.

A resident asked about the planned cut-backs within the EA and how the local group would be able to cope? Debbie responded that the EA has been going through cut-backs over the last five years and believes it is likely the regional sections will be the next area to be affected. She has been told that next year there is no funding for maintenance.

A question was raised regarding the sea wall. She said the EA are responsible for the sea wall

from Bretts along to the pier and there are a lot of ruts in the wall caused by motor bikes using this area. The EA has found some holes in the front, but nothing to cause a breach and she has put in for some funding to get this done. At the moment the sea wall is functional. Cllr. Plumb asked if inspections are carried out on reservoirs; he was referring to the one sited at the top of School Lane, near Culnells Farm; if this breaches most of Iwade could be affected. Debbie will check on how often Reservoirs are inspected and advise the Clerk. The Chairman thanked Debbie for her valuable input on matters affecting Iwade.

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

S.106 Agreements, Phase 8 Wards Homes - this was discussed at this morning's Localism meeting and James Freeman, from Swale Borough Council (SBC), will arrange a meeting with Carole Williams (SBC) to discuss the money contained within these agreements.

20 MPH Speed Limit in Iwade Village - County Cllr. Truelove was dealing with this, but despite chasing him he has not been in contact with the Parish Council. Cllr. Jennings thought Iwade would not meet the criteria for the speed limit.

### Visitors/Public Time

County and Borough Councillors - Cllr. Stokes has had two site visits with the developers in School Lane regarding the flooding in Springvale; it was not very productive. The developers did say they would go down and have a look at the area that had been flooded. He has chased Wards regarding remedial work to The Barn; it would appear that Swale Borough Council has not had any contact from this company. He referred to the boiler problem raised at this morning's Localism Meeting; the Chairman will send the resident's contact details to Cllr. Stokes so that he can look into this matter.

County Cllr. Burgess had a meeting with County Cllr. Roger Gough at KCC just before Christmas and raised concerns regarding the Iwade School expansion; he was not aware of the problem with school dinners or the changing facilities problem. Cllr. Gough said he will look at this at the Education Cabinet meeting, which takes place on the 14th January. County Cllr. Burgess confirmed he will support the Parish Council in this matter.

Cllr. Plumb thanked Cllr. Stokes and County Cllr. Burgess for their regular commitment to the Parish and also registered disappointment that the other County representative has not made an appearance for several months.

The Chairman referred to All Saints Close; the road has not been finished and the same is happening in Kingsferry Road although he believes the developers have had problems joining this to Woodpecker because the roads are on different levels! Cllr. Stokes will try to ascertain when this work will be completed.

Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO - Nick's report has been circulated to Members and contents noted. He referred to the dead horse; pleased to see no fly tipping; checked water levels during heavy rain; placed more dog fouling stickers around Fans Lane area and supported the School Crossing Patrol, amongst other things.

Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

10 Point Plan - A meeting took place this morning when it was agreed to:

Get together with Swale Borough Council to discuss the S.106 Agreements; raise the subject of the 20 m.p.h. speed limit when the planning application is received in respect of the School and request that it is installed on the stretch of road outside the School; make Planners aware of the lack of parking (particularly outside the School). Persimmons properties only have a parking area for one car and in some cases there are no garages.

The Barn - The lease has been drawn up, the Committee is almost happy with it but a couple of things need to be checked on - the gaps in the weatherboard on the Barn (Swale Borough Council is having difficulty getting Wards to do the remedial work) and the fencing. A meeting is being arranged with David Bucket, the Parish Council's Internal Auditor, to talk about a Business Plan and going forward. Cllr. Plumb has spoken to someone who could do some drawings for the Committee and there is the possibility that a lot of the materials, e.g. plasterboard, etc., might be free. The only thing that then would be needed is trades persons to do the work.