

MEWS BREWHOUSE MAKES THE 13TH A LUCKY DAY!!

Mandy Reeves

The Mews Brewhouse would like to thank everyone who kindly donated for our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning, held on Friday 13th October. We chose this date because it might not be everyone's favourite date – but Cake will make it feel better!!! We think this worked as ...

... we raised an amazing amount this year of £407.08

This was from the sale of lots of delicious cakes made by all the staff and customers at the Mews Brewhouse and also from a raffle.

To see what we are up to next keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information on all our activities:

www.facebook.com/mewsbrewhouse

Finally, if you run a group that is looking for a venue, give us a call on 01795 426520, or pop in and arrange a suitable date Don't forget we are open 7 days a week

Monday – Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm, Saturday/Sunday 10am to 4pm, Closed Bank Holidays

We offer not only amazing coffee and artisan teas, but you can also find breakfast, light lunches and delicious ice creams and sundaes and don't forget our choice of cakes and cream teas.

If you want something special why not book an Afternoon Tea.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.



BUSINESS FOCUS

HIT THE BRICKS

Louis Smith

After leaving school, I spent 12 years working in the paving industry, which included reinstating petrol station forecourts, before I moved onto working for a local ground works company. This is where I learnt my trade.

However, I decided I needed a change and that is when I moved on to become a refrigeration engineer.

Despite trying to leave the paving behind, I found myself being asked to complete patios and driveway work for friends and family, who would then recommend me to other people.

Although the work is hard, the thought of being my own boss really appealed and I mulled over starting out on my own for some time, but despite getting lots of encouragement from friends and family, I wasn't sure it would be possible for me to make a living.

So, I decided to start up the business, while still working, to test the waters. It was less daunting than completely giving up my main source of income, but it meant a lot of long days and working weekends.

Thankfully it all worked out and after a number of months, I found that I was starting to build up enough business, so I made the decision to start up 'Hit The Bricks' on a full time basis and I haven't looked back since.

The last 18 months have been extremely hard work, but incredibly satisfying. I have had some great projects to work on and I have really enjoyed the task of taking on some less than appealing spaces and transforming them into a smart, useable area for customers.



I have always taken pride in whatever job I do and like to leave knowing I have given the client exactly what they wanted. The work is completed to the highest standard, with the best materials, sourced at the most reasonable prices possible.

I have met lots of great people in Iwade and the surrounding area and have lots repeat customers to date, which is very encouraging for the future.

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The Iwade Observer

November 2017

The beginning of an amazing journey – an incredible year for Iwade's Edward Hyde

BBC Young Chorister of the Year – 2016



Last year The Observer ran the story of Edward's success in the BBC Young Chorister of the Year. This is a continuation of that great story!

Edward has had an amazing year since winning a National BBC singing competition and being crowned as The BBC Chorister of the Year at the age of 12. The performance opportunities and recordings this past year have taken Edward around the country and abroad including the opportunity to work and record with some amazing musicians. The list of engagements is an impressive one with many notable highlights for Edward.



Edward has performed for and recorded with BBC Radio 2, 3, 4, BBC Radio Kent as well as singing on BBC television. There have been numerous interviews and articles published throughout the year and Edward was invited to be the first Young Ambassador for Cathedral Music. Working with the BBC Concert Orchestra on a number of occasions including the iconic Friday Night Is Music Night were all very special occasions as was recording with the current BBC Young Musician of the Year -ShekuKanneh-Mason. Invitations to appear on The Clare Balding Show with Russell Watson and The Dianne Louise Jordan show were both very exciting particularly being broadcast on three different BBC radio stations on Christmas Day.

In addition to winning the BBC competition Edward was also successful after three rounds of auditions in being offered the top treble boy role in the Royal Opera House production of Mozart's Die Zauberflote. Edward was selected to perform for the worldwide live broadcast that went out to 31 countries and received outstanding reviews. A huge amount of work throughout August, September and

October of this year but in Edward's words "a life changing experience working with international music superstars!"

Future projects already agreed include the release of a solo album and to appear as soloist on a new Requiem written by Rebecca Dale for the Internationally acclaimed Decca Classics recording label. Solo performances will also be at the Royal Albert Hall and Symphony Hall in Birmingham and Edward will be singing a piece of music specifically arranged for him by the famous composer John Rutter at Mansion House in October for guests including HRH Duchess of Gloucester.

Edward has still managed to find time to study the trombone at the prestigious Royal Academy of Music and has been successful in gaining a place in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain for the last three years following National auditions each year.

Edward has had an amazing year and has another very busy and exciting year ahead. It is no surprise to hear that Edward wants to become a professional musician when he is older!



**Tinkerbells
Christmas fair**
Tuesday 28th November 3 - 5 pm
Iwade village hall

Hot/cold drinks, mince pies and cream,
sausage rolls.

Santa's Grotto

Many stalls including: Bric 'a' Brac,
Parents presents, Bottle tombola,
Teddy tombola, Lucky dip, Cake stall,
Guess the weight of the cake, Guess
the name of the bear and many more.

Everybody Welcome

If you would like a stall please contact
Donna on 01795 425384 / 07592544285

**A special message for FC
followers!!**

Keep an eye on IwadeVillage.co.uk
and/or Iwade Village Does Facebook on
1st November to find out details of how to
apply for a place for your children at the
Iwade Secret Grotto with Father
Christmas.
Limited places, closing date 8th November 8pm.

**Christmas Tree
Lighting Up Ceremony**
Sunday 26th November 2017
The tree will be lit at 4.30 p.m.

(Please note from 4.00 to 6.00 p.m. the road will
be closed from Happy Days Nursery (near to
junction with Sheppey Way) down to the first
junction with Sheersstone.

Everyone is welcome

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CHRISTMAS
IN HIS
GROTTO
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Christmas Eve**

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November**
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**Brownies to be pampered after sleepless night!!
Kerry Holman**

1st Iwade Brownies have had a super busy term. We have been working on a Tree Badge – this involved us going round the park scavenging and searching for things, identifying trees, making tree biscuits and leaf printing!

We also had an Alice in Wonderland holiday weekend! It was full of whimsical fun and games – and a late night the first night (we don't like to sleep on night one, it's all too exciting)! We decorated cups and saucers, and made jam tarts for our Mad Hatter's tea party! We played croquet (normal and human versions!) as well as many a card game, both old and new! We watched the original version of Alice in Wonderland curled up in bed and slept much better on night two. We tried to make talking flowers before going home very tired on the Sunday! We are finishing this term with a pamper night – can't wait!



Tinkerbells – Getting to know us!!

Jody Nichols

Our first term has been lots of fun and it's been great getting to know all the new children and their families. Our topic was 'All about me,' and the children had lots of fun learning about themselves and each other. We enjoyed many activities that taught us about us, our homes and families too. The children enjoyed looking at the similarities and differences between themselves and others and they even brought in some life size portraits. We have had some wonderful creations and they looked fantastic hanging around the hall for all to see. Well done to all those who took part in creating them!



We have continued to make the most of the last of the fine weather by enjoying the garden and getting out and about around the village too. The children have loved the trips to the new park! We have also been talking about Autumn as the season changes and Harvest too. We would like to thank everybody for their donations to our Harvest hampers which are being donated to the elderly of the village by the church.

We are now into term 2 which we are very excited about as we explore Winter and Christmas. We can't wait to take part in the many activities we have planned, including creating and using a new grotto and of course our annual Nativity too! We will be holding a Christmas Fair on Tuesday 28th November from 3 - 5pm at the Village Hall. There will be many exciting activities and

stalls to enjoy including a teddy tombola, lucky dips, parent presents, Santa's grotto and more. Please come along to enjoy this festive event with us.

We are currently full at Tinkerbells Iwade until September 2018. However, there are a few spaces available at our Clock Tower setting. Therefore, if you are interested in a place for your child, please call in for a copy of our prospectus or to be put on our waiting list. Alternatively, you can email us at: enquiries@tinkerbellspschool.co.uk



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Iwade Village Hall
Sunday 10th December
Saturday 16th December
10am-2pm

Observer deliverer needed urgently!!

Sue Wall who for some years has delivered the Observer to your doorstep if you live in the Chetney View, Saltings and Sharwood Crescent area has recently moved from the village. Consequently we are looking for a willing person/people to take on this area.

If you are able to help please get in touch with The Observer Team at: the.iwade.observer@gmail.com or phone 01795 439765.

We thank Les Mitchell for stepping up to the plate to take on the role of Distribution Manager after our appeal last month.



Swale Cats Protection – November 2017

I imagine if those people who have helped us with our fundraising recently. Firstly to the same as organisers of Iwade Food and Craft Fayre others, the who are always so generous in their invites fireworks to us and other local charities. Being so would have local, it's lovely not to have to travel far for events and the people who come along are always so very generous. We're back at the Christmas Food and Craft Fayre on Sunday 19th (3rd Sunday instead of 2nd for this month!), so please come and visit us. We'll be having a raffle to win a fantastic Christmas family hamper and we'll also have some CP calendars, keyrings and magnets, all perfect presents for Christmas for the cat lover in your life.

started going off some weeks ago, but it's not too late to protect your cats from being frightened by them.

The first thing is to keep your cat in after dark and provide it with a litter tray. Draw the curtains, pop the TV or radio on and behave normally. If you treat fearful behaviour by soothing or reassuring, it will reinforce the anxiety (this goes for the woofers in your home too!).

While cats (and woofers) generally love a comfy sofa or bed, giving them somewhere safe to hide when they are afraid is key as it's natural behaviour. The safe place could be a cardboard box, an igloo bed or a blanket over 2 chairs making a tent!

If you're having a bonfire, please check it and check it again for animals that have snuggled up inside the pile of wood. Hedgehogs, kittens and lots of other wildlife see that pile of wood as a lovely new home – please check it first before lighting.

Most importantly, make sure your doors and windows are all closed so your cat cannot escape the home. Of course, the best way to have safe fun this November 5th is to go to an organised display!

A few thank yous are definitely in order for

we previously advertised) and we'd love to see you at Iwade Village Hall for eyes down! It's free entry and it's bring your own food and drink, so why not get your friends together for a Christmas 'do' with a difference? Book prices start at just £2, or you could have 6 books for £10 - Let us know you're coming by emailing: publicity@swale.cats.org.uk or calling **01795 437372** and we'll reserve a table for you.

Our second thanks go to Bunnings on Sittingbourne Retail Park, especially Nikki who is the Activities Organiser there. They invited us to run their BBQ, selling snags which are basically a sausage in a slice of bread (blame Australians for that concept!) It was a really tough and long day on our feet, but the customers kept us going with their enthusiasm and we raised £500 for the cats of Swale. An amazing amount that will help with the vet bills considerably.

Having stalls at markets and fetes, or running our own events is the main way that we fundraise as we get no Government funding, it's all down to you, so thank you!

Talking of events (did you see what I did there?), we have our first ever Bingo Night on Saturday 9th December (not the 2nd as

we previously advertised) and we'd love to see you at Iwade Village Hall for eyes down! It's free entry and it's bring your own food and drink, so why not get your friends together for a Christmas 'do' with a difference? Book prices start at just £2, or you could have 6 books for £10 - Let us know you're coming by emailing: publicity@swale.cats.org.uk or calling **01795 437372** and we'll reserve a table for you.

Whilst we're on fundraising, did you know that you could play our lottery for just £1 a week? We can't promise you'll win millions, but someone wins £1000 every week! Just visit www.cats.org.uk/lottery or call **01628 825928** and let them know you'd like to support Swale CP. You don't even need to check any tickets as we'll let you know and pay the winnings directly to your bank account if you set up a direct debit for the weekly payment. What could be easier?!

You can get more information about where we are, what we do, how you can help by visiting our website www.cats.org.uk/swale or by following us on Facebook and Twitter, just search Swale Cats Protection.

Thank you for your continued support, we really hope to see you at the Christmas Food and Craft Fayre on 19th November and at our first bingo night on the 9th December!

SPEEDWAY LADIES AND JUNIORS DAY

Paul Heller

As mentioned in our recent summer speedway update (see Iwade Observer September 2017) the Club ran their second Ladies and Juniors Speedway Day on September 9th at their track just off Raspberry Hill Lane. There was some doubt the meeting would go ahead, after rain in the preceding week and a gloomy forecast for the day, but the actual day turned out to be sunny and warm with perfect conditions for speedway and, with 8 adults and 17 juniors taking to the track, a busy time was had for the track staff and training instructors on both the main track and the mini track.

Again, the added attraction of a chance to have a go round the track as a sidecar passenger proved very popular with a steady stream of ladies and girls all wanting to have a go.

All the staff at Sittingbourne Speedway agreed it was a pleasure to witness the enthusiasm, friendliness and smiling faces of everyone involved. With the two Ladies and Juniors Day events held in 2017 producing a combined list of 49 ladies and juniors taking part the possibilities to continue this forward in 2018 look very good! Watch this space!!

Editor's Note

Trying to think of a meaningful note to go here is always difficult - hence I generally fail! This month though made me think of change and constancy. Recently both Stephen Plumb and Sue Wall have had to relinquish their roles in distributing The Observer - a reminder that change is always with us. Our appeals for help are always met with a great response and remind me of the constancy that is the goodness of people in general and of Iwade in particular!

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IWADE WALKING GROUP

James Apps

Autumn – all right?

We are already planning the Christmas 'booze up' – er, function – which suggests winter and such things. I look forward to plum duff! On the way we have Autumn, cool winds, a flurry of warm weather, chestnutsroasting once you have gathered them, and of course those glorious Autumn colours. The lack of woodlands around Iwade is a disadvantage if one wishes to view the variety of colours butthere are little pockets of gold and red, with berries and leaves in and around the gardens of the village.

The poplar trees and lime trees show yellow and the willows show the red tinge on the bark under theirdiminishing covering of foliage. It is a pleasure to walk the paths with the changing seasons but Autumn is always a favourite. Rubbish, it's getting colder. It will



rain and perhaps snow in a few weeks time. The days will get dulland cloudy and sitting outside at the pub will be impossible. But that is the 'glass half empty' viewpoint. With the 'glass half full' outlook we will enjoy all that and take it as it comes. The reason? The company is always good!! The Christmas 'booze up' will be something extra to look forward to but for now we will watch theseason change and enjoy it.

All the best.

Come and join us – every Thursday at the Village Centre at 10:30 for a 10:45 start.

Update from Mike Whiting – County member for Swale West

*Cllr Whiting has agreed to contribute to The Observer each month to update us on Iwade issues that he is "progressing"
It's been a busy month again, with a number of resident raising personal issues with me on topics from health, education and housing.*

IWADE HEALTH CENTRE

I met with a representative of Swale CCG who said things were, in his opinion, improving at Iwade Health Centre, and they had seen a reduced number of complaints. This seems to tie in with report to me that the patients' group at the centre, the "IPPG", has had a positive meeting with DMC, the company that has taken over managing the centre. However, we must not get complacent, and I'll do what I can to help the IPPG and others to ensure continued improvement and the long-term success of the centre.

GRANTS

I have agreed in principle to offer KCC Community Grants to help provide disabled access to The

Iwade Barn, and for funds for the Iwade Cairn Project, a memorial to villagers who lost their lives in WW1.

GROVEHURST ROAD

I was pleased to receive confirmation that repairs to the drains and ditches to prevent further flooding in Grovehurst Road have been completed. I had chased this with KCC on behalf of the Parish Council and residents who had raised it. Let's hope it does the trick and we don't see any more flooding.

If you need my help or advice then please email me, mike.whiting@kent.gov.uk, as I do not always monitor Facebook.

Iwade Reading Group

Lianna Colburn

At their last meeting the group had a lively discussion about their book for the month – Dangerous Crossings by Rachel Rhys.

Set mainly in August 1939 with a cruise liner setting off to Australia with the main characters all going for varying reasons. One thing for sure though, they all had secrets and lies to unfold during the crossing! It was written as a diary by one of the main characters Lily, who went on an assisted passage ticket in tourist class. She was assigned a table for dining where she met most of the other characters, brother and sister Helena and Edward, and a chap escaping the potential war draft. Their lives entwined as result of six weeks on board. They meet up and become embroiled with an American couple from first class, their stories unfolds to include sexual tension, past life disgraces, and includes all their fears, hopes and dreams for the future. The twist at the end certainly got us all talking.

The historical value of the book seems to have been well researched, the geography of the places they visited on route all seemed credible and written so well they were mini stories within the book. Socially, it captured the anti-Semitic times, demonstrated by another character Maria, an Austrian jewess who was both treated kindly, and sadly very badly too!

Overall, though some of the plot was confusing, and at first seemed slow to start, it was a very good read. Four Stars!

Next meeting is at Sylvia's on 14th November when we will be chatting about No Time for Goodbye by Linwood Barclay. Reviews look good, we are looking forward to an enjoyable read.

Our Christmas meeting is on 12th December when we will all bring a limerick or a poem as we will all probably be a little busy preparing for the holidays.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13 September 2017

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12 July 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript but with the amendment that Cllr. Mitchell did not attend.

Proposed by Cllr. Plumb and seconded by Cllr. Horner, the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 18 July 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 9 August 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

Visitors/Public Time

Visitors – Residents attended regarding the Mansfield Drive Bridge and associated issues including motorbikes using it as an access from the Persimmon development, anti-social behaviour, drugs and teenagers congregating in the small play area at night playing loud music. The Chair advised that the PCSO and Community Warden have both been informed and also advised that the Parish Council, Police and Swale Borough Council were against the bridge being opened up for pedestrians, but the Environment Agency (EA) overruled this on the grounds of health and safety. The EA has been contacted but will not change its stance. The EA informed that the bridge belongs to Swale Borough Council; the Clerk is awaiting a response from the Council as to whether this is true. Agreed the Clerk to post a letter through residents' doors giving contact information for the PCSO, Community Warden and the EA. Another resident mentioned litter on the footpath from Sheerstone to Springvale, Clerk to report. Action: Clerk

County and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting has been dealing with home/school transport complaints and broadband coverage. He noted that there are still issues with flooding in Grovehurst Road. He mentioned the M2 Junction 5 improvements consultation and urged everyone to respond; he does not believe the current proposal will have the capacity for the future, bearing in mind the expansion of the Eurolink Park, Kent Science Park proposals and the new Thames Crossing. Borough Cllr. Stokes had a meeting with the DMC'S Head of Primary Care at the Iwade Medical Centre; they will be bringing a number of staff and will be meeting with the PPG. He has had a number of complaints about trees on the banks of the stream in Sheerstone; the Environment Agency only deals with the stream itself, not the banks.

Community Warden/PCSO – The Warden tried to speak to residents in Mansfield Drive concerning ASB issues in the play area/bridge. Dealt with a complaint about dog fouling; has arranged with SBC Environment Warden to deliver some letters on the topic of helping to report any

dog owners etc. the letter has a Stop dog-fouling poster on its reverse, which can be displayed on windows - the message might sink in! Talked to an elderly resident about ASB issues in Iwade, she'd been spooked by young boys on bikes in School Lane, they laughed afterwards, this could be same group which is being monitored by the PCSO. She reported that there was an incident with airguns in Woodpecker Park, youths shooting at the pigeons, also someone had thrown the wooden crocodile into the pond. The Warden will talk to the local PCSO and the CSU about these ASB incidents. He monitored a group of boys on bikes around the village.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Linkway and outside School Parking Issues – A design for the lines now drawn up and according to KCC, the project is proceeding. Action: Clerk

Shed Project – No residents have expressed an interest in this project.

Iwade Medical Centre – Received a letter of thanks from the PGG for the donation towards start-up costs. Cllr. Horner advised that the PPG are meeting with Doctors and some of the staff next week. IMH took all the fridges, trollies and smear testing equipment when they left and the DMC has to replace these. Cllr. Horner to report back next month. Action: Cllr. Horner

KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant Initiative – Clerk is still awaiting a response from Kent Fire Brigade relating to updating the maps and bringing a vehicle into the village to assess access. Action: Clerk

Cycling Clubs – Clerk has received a response from some of the Clubs; agreed to set up a meeting with Medway Velo and Sheppey Velo to discuss future events. Action: Clerk

Correspondence

M2 Junction 5 Improvements - Public Consultation – See above comments; Clerk delegated to respond and to put forward that the Parish Council does not support the traffic lights and instead would wish to see a flyover. Action: Clerk

Environment Agency Bridge in Mansfield Drive – See item above.

Sheds Kent & Medway – See Item above.

Parish Councillor Resignation – Letter of resignation received from John White, who has served on the Parish Council for 15 years. Clerk asked to write acknowledging the resignation and to thank John for the time and expertise he has given to the Council during the years he has been a Councillor. It was proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore; all agreed to buy a gift of

thanks for John. Action: Clerk

Mansfield Drive Stream – Cllr. Hunt raised the issue of ownership of trees on the banks of the stream and gardens subsiding that about the watercourse; the area causing concern is from the Bridge in Mansfield Drive through to the Water Way. The Environment Agency is not interested; they only maintain the streambed; Clerk to write to Swale Borough Council to ascertain who owns the banks. Action: Clerk

Finance

Cairn for WW1 Memorial – Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk are visiting ARC, the company that designed some of the equipment in Woodpecker Park to look into designing a Cairn to commemorate the seven Iwadians who died during WW1. Action: Cllrs. Gale/Hunt and Clerk

Donation of Screen to Iwade Barn – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Langham; agreed to donate £300 for the 65" screen for the Barn and £75.64p for LED Bulbs.

Christmas Tree – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Cheeseman, all agreed up to £400, plus V.A.T. for a Flagpole Christmas Tree. Action: Clerk

Grass cutting contract – Cllr. Hunt met with Alan Marolia, Swale Borough Council, to look at several areas in the village. At the end of Colson Drive a hedge has not been maintained. To add this area will cost £198.22 and retail price index (RPI) from 2018-19. However, if remedial works were undertaken Swale could maintain as a hedge keeping the height to 2.1 m; the annual maintenance cost for this will be £186.98 plus RPI per year from 2018-19. To

cut the Blackthorn down to a standard 2 metre height is going to cost £1215 plus VAT if Blenwood undertake the work. It was agreed to go back to KCC and ask why they have not maintained this properly (it is down as a shrub bed but is over 6/7 metres high) asking them to take the necessary remedial action. In the meantime, the Clerk to obtain another quote for this work and bring back to the next meeting. Action: Clerk

Members agreed not to take on the Laurel Hedge in Grovehurst Road as this is believed to be under private ownership and not to take on the grassed area outside Hazel Lodge as this too is private land.

Projects/Project Updates

Poppies – As part of the village park project two strips of poppies are to be sown either side of the seven Hornbean Trees in the Meadow part of the Village Park. The Handyman will install the street lighting poppies two weeks before the 11th November and leave them up for a week after this date.

Village Park – Work is progressing well; footpaths and bridge hopefully being installed soon.

The Barn – Plasterwork finished, thanks to Matt. Plumb. Second fix of the electrics has started, now getting quotes for tiling.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th November in the Village Hall at 19:30.

Iwade Village Hall

As I am writing this we are busy February.... just in time for that making preparation for the perfect gift for your Valentine. Halloween event at the hall. I hope all the hard work paid off and everyone that attended had a great time!

Everyone's thoughts are now focused on December at the hall and Christmas!

Local residents Donna and Lee will be in the hall car park on Sunday 10th December and Saturday 16th December from 10am until 2pm selling Christmas trees on behalf of Brambledown Farm.

Your final market of the year will be 10am-1pm on 19th November, this will be Christmas themed and there will be a visit from the big man himself! So, come on down and grab a Christmas bargain...and check if you're on the nice list! Please note that there is no market December or January, the next market will be 11th

February.... just in time for that perfect gift for your Valentine.

STOP PRESS

Tickets for the Christmas Eve Grotto will be available to purchase from 11am at the Christmas market on 19th November. Tickets will be £1.50 each and include a gift. We will also have some arts and crafts and refreshments available. As in previous years the grotto will be open from 12pm-4pm on Christmas Eve. When purchasing your ticket, you need to choose a one-hour slot and arrive during that time. Any remaining tickets will be available to purchase from Iwade pharmacy from Tuesday 21st November.

Please remember the launch time for tickets is 11am, no tickets will be available before this time.

IWADE AT THE BARN OPENING!

It has been a long time coming, and is still very slightly provisional, but Iwade @ the Barn Trustees hope to open The Barn on Saturday 25th November in the afternoon.

A big thank you to all those who have helped and are continuing to help make this happen, it is taking shape and we are very nearly there, we have a kitchen and nearly have a loo *and everything*!

Keep an eye on the Iwade @ the Barn Facebook page, IwadeVillage.co.uk, Iwade Village Does Facebook and the village noticeboards for full details of the opening as it becomes confirmed. Thank you for being so patient Iwade, hopefully you'll think it was worth waiting for! You can nearly smell the coffee!

Iwade @ the Barn Trustees