

Iwade Sports Review

Ride 'n' Stride BY DAVE WASTALL

On Saturday September 10th, Team Iwade welcomed 2 guest riders from the Coxheath parish to the usual 38 mile route around our local churches. Andrew and Dave very kindly agreed to ride with Jim and myself to see another part of our beautiful county rather than completing their usual route around the Maidstone area.

Newnham saw us creep into the grounds while a wedding was in full swing! The little known church at Luddenham was next on the list. This is a fascinating place to visit if you get the chance. Although not used for regular worship, it remains consecrated and almost frozen in a



late 19th century time warp, complete with oil lamp lighting, a wood burning stove and candlelit choir stalls. On to Oare and then we started to travel back home along the Lower Road.

This was where disaster befell one of the team and the winner of the Iwade Ride and Stride trophy was decided. While travelling past 2 tall buildings, Jim was hit by a freak gust of wind which caused him to topple over in the middle of the road at some speed. Thankfully, his

injuries were only grazes and bruises but it was a sobering incident and one that underlined the importance of cycling while wearing a helmet. The final church at Murston allowed us a last refuelling stop before returning home to Iwade, where we enjoyed a pint at the Woolpack. 38 miles completed, 1200 feet of elevation climbed and some beautiful churches viewed along the way. Surely that's worth visiting our Just Giving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Iwade-RideandStride-2016> and donating a few quid?

Thanks to the other team members (Andrew Baker, Dave Simpson and Jim Buston) as well as the unsung heroes who manned all the churches on our route (including All Saints at Iwade). It would be great to see some of the Observer readers out next year, so if you fancy it, get out on your bike and get some miles in!

Photo shows (L - R) Team Iwade members, Dave Simpson, Andrew Baker, Jim Buston - with his hard earned trophy, and Dave Wastall.

We set off towards Lower Halstow, glanced at the leaden sky and briefly wondered how long we were going to remain dry! After visits to Lower Halstow and Upchurch, Hartlip appeared but offered disappointment to one of our team; Jim had, for the last year, been looking forward to the Elderflower Cordial normally supplied here only to discover the jug had been upturned and all its contents lost to the surrounding grass! Slightly crestfallen, we continued on to Borden (who supplied the most excellent cup cakes), Bredgar and lunch at Milstead.

By now the sky had lightened giving us some beautiful sunlit lanes to ride down. Doddington provided us with a fantastic view of 13th century frescos and

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BBQs, Wind and Giant Pumpkins BY CHRISTINE MCQUADE

A good afternoon at the allotments was had by all at our summer BBQ albeit it was a little windy but that didn't put us off! If anyone is interested in putting their name down on the waiting list for an allotment please contact:

Joan Exley or have a look on our Facebook page... Iwade Allotment Association



Competition Winners

The Biggest Sunflower Head
Marion & Michelle

The Best Plot for 2016
Joan & Michael

The Biggest Pumpkin
Martin, with 21 kilos! (7 kilos bigger than last year's winner)

Iwade Herons FC BY KEITH REYNOLDS

The new season started on 11th September and has got off to a flying start with all teams looking the part in their new strips courtesy of Macron. The Medway Messenger Youth League is well under way with teams from all over the Medway area competing from under 7s up to under 18s. The Iwade Herons have 11 teams competing in the league this season from under 7s through to under 12s.

The Iwade Herons Academy Squad are currently looking for players to join their team.....

Is your child in Year R at school? Looking to play football?
Looking to join a friendly local club?

If the answer is yes to the above questions please get in contact with Gary Warren on 07595 451726 or gary.warren@hotmail.com for details on how to come along and start training with us.

"We offer safe, friendly and fun surroundings for your child to learn the beautiful game."

"To see the smile on their faces when they achieve is priceless"

"Encourages fitness and wellbeing"



All of the home games in the near future are being played at Great Easthall while we await our new home in School Lane to be finalised and we are given the go-ahead to use the facility.

Look out for our new website coming soon and why not join our Facebook Page to keep up to date with all things Herons, just search for The Official Iwade Herons on Facebook.

Good Luck to all parents, managers, coaches and players in the coming season, give it your best shot and keep smiling. We would like to thank all the sponsors of our teams, we couldn't do it without your continued support!! Go Herons!!!

★ OBSERVER EXCLUSIVE ★ HAS FRANKIE GONE TO HOLLYWOOD?

Halloween is always a lot of fun in Iwade and there are sure to be lots of houses getting the decorations out. Remember to have your lit pumpkins ready so trick or treaters know you're joining in the fun!

We've heard Frankie's away on holiday again this year but apparently "The Great Dr Von Frankenstein" (as he's known) will be around a well known driveway in Chetney View? Ask just about anyone in Iwade where Frankie's Lab is and they'll probably be able to point you in the right direction.

He'll be performing a few magical halloween treats for anyone passing by and generally causing a bit of mischief and saying hello.

You never know what tricks he's got up his sleeve so it maybe worth a walk by?



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WANT TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE?
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Email talentmatch.southeast@princes-trust.org.uk or visit princes-trust.org.uk/volunteer

ALTERNATIVELY, GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL CONTACT:

Please call Ben Marsh-Allen on 07903 875920 or email ben.marsh-allen@princes-trust.org.uk for more details.



IWADE theWI Inspiring Women Mega Craft Day

**Sunday 20th November 2016
10.00am - 5.00pm
Iwade Village Hall**

£10.00 per person (please note this day is not suitable for children).

Booking will secure your place for the whole day. You may come and go as you please. Fees are payable when you book and are non-refundable.

- Card making - make two quality Christmas cards £5.00
- Felt Christmas Tree Decorations £3.00
- Design and make your own bracelet and earrings £5.00

To book your Mega Craft Day please:

- 1) Complete the details below.
- 2) Tick the box above for any workshop you wish to attend.
- 3) Add any workshop cost to your craft day fee of £10.00.
- 4) Return this form with your payment to Hilary Foulds, 1 Meadow Brown View, Iwade, ME9 8XB Please make Cheques payable to 'Iwade WI'.

You can register your interest by calling Hilary on 01795 474656 or emailing hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk but your place can only be reserved on receipt of your payment.

Name _____ Contact number _____

Email address _____

Iwade WI are holding a craft day where you can bring your own craft project along and spend as much of the day as you wish crafting with friends. ~ Coffee, tea, biscuits and cake will be included throughout the day but please bring packed lunch. ~ If you would like to try your hand at something new, there will be workshops available, bookable in advance to ensure a place.

Tinkerbell's Early Years

BY JODY PAINE

All About Me!! (well "us" really)

The first term of the year is now well underway and being enjoyed by all! It's been lovely to welcome back our existing children, and a



pleasure to meet our new children too! We are enjoying getting to know you and your families, and we are very happy that you have chosen to join us at Tinkerbells.

Our topic for the term is 'All about me' and we have been exploring this through many activities and getting to know all about the children and their families.

We have been lucky enough to enjoy the fine weather and exploring through our play in the extended summer sunshine. With autumn around the corner, we are looking forward to exploring the changing season.



Our story theme for the Term is 'Mr Men and Little Miss.' The children are really enjoying these books and many animated story times are being enjoyed by all!

We are now full at Tinkerbells Iwade, until September 2017, and only have a few limited spaces from then available too. However, there are a limited spaces available at our Clock Tower setting. Therefore,



if you are interested in a space for your child in the future, please feel free to call in for a copy of our prospectus and to be put on our waiting list. Alternatively, you

can email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspschool.co.uk

OLD IWADE

The Observer office (Ed: bet you didn't know we had an office!!) has received this from Mark Loos..

"I'm currently involved with the 'Kent Orchards for Everyone' project, which includes the orchard in Iwade (at the community area). We're currently interested in old film footage or photographs of the village and surrounding area. Would you be able to help spread the word please?"

If anyone is able to help Mark and help keep memories of Old Iwade alive get in touch with us at:- the.iwade.observer@gmail.com and we'll put you in touch with Mark.

Garden Competition Winners



Grow-your-own winner: Paul Holowczycki (top left)
Best hanging basket: Dale Wells (top right)
Junior Gardener: Ruby (bottom left)
Best front garden: Ron Harknett (bottom right)

Happy Days BY SUE MCGOLDRICK

A quick glimpse into Happy Days catering!!!
During the second week of September Happy Days celebrated the 100th birthday of Roald Dahl. We hope you enjoy some of the photos. The children loved eating 'worms' for dinner!



Cascade Events

Psychic and Spiritual Fayre

Saturday 22nd October 2016 12 - 5pm

Iwade Village Hall, Ferry Road, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8QY

ENTRANCE £1.50 (donation to charity)

- Psychic Mediums.
- Angel and Tarot card readings.
- Complementary Therapists.
- A variety of stalls.
- Charity raffle in aid of Dementia UK.

For more information call 07841045587

In association with Healing Essence



Iwade Village Hall Community Events

A NIGHT AT THE (VIRTUAL) RACES!

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER

**Iwade Village Hall
Ferry Road. ME9 8RG**

1st Race 7:00pm

Families welcome
Cash prizes with tote betting

Book a table now (£6) and receive a free bet
Race sponsors welcome

Come and have a flutter! **BYO food & drink**

Entry £1 per person

To book, please call 07724 862774 or email secretary@iwadevillagehall.co.uk

Are you looking for Childcare?
Happy Days Children's Nursery invites you to their **OPEN DAY**
Bouncy castle, art and crafts, cooking and lots more
Saturday 8th October 11am - 2pm
Come and see what we have to offer your family...
Grovehurst Road, Iwade, ME9 8RE
30% of your first bill if you sign up on the day
Happy Days offers full day care from 3 months to 5 years

Dog poo or careless littering? What do you think that blights our village?

An extract from a letter from a local resident...

After reading the July/ August edition of the Iwade Observer I noted the letter and pictures that had been posted by ... Iwade Cubs in regard to taking care of the countryside ... but as a dog owner and resident of Iwade, who walks her dog, in and around places of the village and local fields, all I ever seem to see is litter (which only gets depicted very briefly in the cubs drawings) ... the litter I see, is mainly dropped or thrown in the areas which are on routes around the school and bus stops, which lead to and from the nearby estates.

Also litter is strewn around the back of the shops and the car park (which suggests this is from people who are old enough to know better) but it's also in the verges at the side of the school next to the precinct car park. Fans Lane is also usually one of the badly hit areas, where there are bags of uneaten sandwiches (still in the sandwich bag that mum put them in!!) just dropped on the grass verges, along with pop bottles (both glass and plastic) and cartons, along with, pizza boxes, sweet and chocolate wrappers, crisp bags and the "hot dog" cardboard from the local Budgens and countless other items ... and as I mentioned earlier these are all around where the children wend their way to and from school or home.

I even see discarded rubbish on the walks in the fields and public walking areas too. No wonder the village organise regular village cleanup days.

Broken glass can be a costly trip to the vets if a pet walks on it, but what happens to wild animals that have no one to look out for them? If they get cut by broken glass or trapped in plastic bags and bottles? They will probably die ?

This is another vital aspect of "keeping our countryside safe" is it not?

So instead of "dog pooh" being the biggest blight please can it be highlighted to as many youngsters and school children as possible ... that litter is also one of the biggest blights on our countryside and wildlife. Perhaps ... teachers and heads in our local schools or leaders of youth groups could tackle this issue as well, perhaps the youngsters need to educate their peers and families too, with the hope of eliminating or at the least minimising the rubbish that is thrown in and around our lovely village.

Perhaps untrained/irresponsible dog owners could take heed of this letter and pick up after their dog ... this does not mean that just because you have picked up the "pooh" that you then leave the bag hanging from a tree or hedge where you tried to throw away the "evidence," or that having picked it up you leave the bag in the grass or on the pavement etc ... Put the "pooh" in the red bins that you will see dotted about in the many places you will walk with your dog

Perhaps if we all took a little more care, then there would be no excuse for anyone to have a reason to highlight their concerns

Yours sincerely
P Evans (Mrs)



Diary dates

Thursday 6th October 11:15 – 11:25 Mobile Library
At the Springvale end of Sheerstone, one piece of identification required to join. Why not give it a try? For further information please telephone 0 3000 41 31 31 or email mobiles@kent.gov.uk

Saturday 8th October 11:00 – 2:00 Open Day
Happy Days Nursery Grovehurst Road, Iwade, ME9 8RE

Sunday 9th October 10:00 – 13:00 Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre

There's never been a better time to pop down to see what's on offer. It runs on the 2nd Sunday of every month in Iwade Village Hall.

Wednesday 12th October 13:00 - 15:00 Cafe All Saints
Every other Wednesday at All Saints Church. Free, tea, coffee, home-made cakes, etc. Why not get out of the house with or without children and meet some friendly faces.

Wednesday 12th October 19:30 Iwade Parish Council Meeting

Every second Wednesday of the month at Iwade Village Hall

Wednesday 19th October 7:30 Iwade W.I. Meeting
Every third Wednesday of the month at Iwade Village Hall. If you would like to join please contact the secretary Glenn Walters on 01795 436515 or email at gk.charisma@sky.com

Thursday 20th October 11:15 – 11:25 Mobile Library
At the Springvale end of Sheerstone

Saturday 22nd October 12:00 – 5:00 Psychic and Spiritual Fayre Iwade Village Hall
For more information call 07841045587

Wednesday 26th October 13:00 - 15:00 Cafe All saints
Every other Wednesday at All Saints Church.

Editor's Note

Our shout out for help has fallen on some sympathetic ears!

Huge thanks and applause to Nimfa Chugg, Nicola Reynolds and Dale Wells (yes she of the colourful hanging baskets!) - A great effort and, working with our idiosyncratic desk top publishing software, no mean feat.

Iwade Solar Farm Bond offer to raise £1.8m

Orchard Community Energy's 5 MW array has already started generating energy which is being sold to the national grid. The community ownership model means that surplus profits are used to build a community fund worth up to £3 million. This fund will be reinvested back into community projects in Swale and Medway.

If you have a query about how to apply for this Offer, please visit: <https://www.ethex.org.uk/Orchard> or contact Ethex on 01865 403 304 or by email at: help@www.ethex.org.uk.

Meadowcroft Residentse Association

By Jess McMahon

A number of you will be aware that the Meadowcroft Residents Association, assisted by the MP's office and Cllr James Hunt, has been working to remove FirstPort from the development, which covers Sanderling Way, Mallard Crescent and Dunlin Walk.

Following discussions with Ward Homes and their legal team they have told us that the only way to legally remove FirstPort from the development is by the leaseholders of the apartments setting up a Right to Manage (RTM) company (one per block) to take control, remove FirstPort with the petition, which has been completed and appoint a new management company to collect payments, which at this time is likely to be GEM Estate Management. The RTM company would have control over which contractors are used to carry out any work on the development.

It has been suggested one RTM company would cover Sanderling Way (apartments and houses) and one would cover Mallard Crescent (apartments and houses). Dunlin Walk could

join either company but most likely the latter.

In the first instance, a minimum of three leaseholders, not tenants, from each block of apartments would need to agree to become directors. The freeholders would be entitled to become members of the company. If you are a leaseholder of an apartment and would be interested in becoming a director please contact Jess McMahon on 01795 423199 or by email on: jess.mcmahon@parliament.uk for further information.

It is worth pointing out that appointing a new management company would not only reduce the annual management fee, but the reserve fund, which currently stands at approximately £33,000, would need to be transferred and could be used to cover future maintenance costs.

It is hoped the leaseholders will be keen to help the Meadowcroft Residents Association and work together to take the project forward as soon as possible.

Iwade Health Walks BY JAMES APPS

So, the Summer holiday season has finished and the schools are back. Despite the rest and recreation provided by the summer recess our group experienced changes and a little turmoil. We had gathered so many enthusiastic walkers we had visions of taking over the village. Our regular leader decided that family commitments were too pressing and she abdicated. Panic!

It was also time to listen to the demands for some shorter walks from some of the rebels and solve the problems raised by a large group. So, after much discussion; early morning duels with sharpened sticks of rhubarb, and looking at the local maps, we split in two. Painful.

At the summer bbq, courtesy Dave and his daughter Andrea, we tried out the short and long of it and found the solution satisfactory. In other words, it worked.

In effect we now have some options for our walking group and that is we can offer short walks of about an hour and the normal longer medium walks. The result is that instead of our large group breaking up into cliques, we keep our social cohesion. I like that.

If you should see a group of people wandering around the village looking lost, be not afraid, they are lost but happy and may be just looking for interesting walks around and in and out of the village; please give them a friendly wave.

Oh, and it looks as if, although Steff Woodard is in charge, I have become the bossy boots!!

p.s. the photo shows an old railway carriage on Chetney Marshes.



Church News

We are setting up a new contact point: 'Listening Time'

This is an hour set aside every Monday from 10.00am to 11.00 am starting from October 10th for anyone to come and talk, on a confidential, one to one basis, about any problem troubling their mind.

We cannot promise to cure the problem but they say "a problem shared is a problem halved". A cup of coffee and a sympathetic ear just may make life a little easier. We look forward to meeting you and trying to help.

Pamela Horner - 01795 437 026

Advance notice - date to be finalised and advised in November Observer

All Saints' will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival in December. This will give an opportunity for village organisations and businesses to help create a colourful, festive and interactive occasion that we hope will add to the already great Christmas atmosphere in Iwade. If you are a business or organisation in Iwade and would like to get involved or learn more please contact Rynn Kemp on 01795 439765 or via the.iwade.observer@gmail.com

Iwade Village Hall update

As I write this, we're engrossed in the final week of the Paralympics; the athletes inspiring others to push their limits and to never give in. The volunteers carry bags, check accreditations or just point people in the right direction. Without them, no event would ever take place and whilst we can't promise to have events that inspire people as much as the Paralympics do, we do try to engage with the community and involve them with events at the hall. The volunteers at all Olympic or Paralympic events have one thing in common; they want to help. It's no different for the volunteers who help run the hall, the groups who use the hall and also those who help with the Barn, Herons and All Saints Church; People giving up their own time for the benefit of others. It's a real community effort.

Bringing the community together is something that we really like to do, but it's pretty difficult having an event suitable for all ages. In just a few weeks though on Saturday 29th October, we have our first Race Night and it's for families so all are welcome! If you've never been to a Race Night before, it's basically watching some horse races on a big screen, but the names have all been changed and it's really good fun. Entry is just £1, bets are also £1 and it's bring your own food and drink which we know you all like! We'll also be running one race purely in aid of PorchLight, a charity who support vulnerable and homeless people in Kent through street outreach, supported accommodation and a range of prevention services. The charity works with 5000 children, young people and adults a year. We hope to raise some much needed funds for this great local charity.

If you book a table of 6 people in advance (£6), you receive a free bet, so don't delay, book today!

Moving forward to November, on the 5th we have our annual Christmas Craft Fayre between 10am and 2pm. Writing this in September and we already have 15 stalls booked, all selling fantastic Christmas goodies. A few to mention are Disney inspired decorations, Chocolate for Chocoholics and you'll be able to smell the stall selling dried orange and cinnamon decorations as soon as you walk through the door! We try to get a range of goods for you, so if you're free during the day of the 5th, please do pop down to see what's on offer; We're also hoping to have mulled wine and perhaps even mulled cider available!

If you are crafty and make anything suitable as Christmas gifts and are interested in having a stall, please contact us for more details.

Talking of Christmas, the grotto will be back on Christmas Eve! Exactly the same as last year so £1.50 per child and they'll get a visit to Santa and a small gift included too. We'll have the decorating table open again because we all loved getting covered in glitter and stickers last year! We sold out of tickets last year and had a few disappointed children, so please don't leave it until the last minute!

Tickets will be available from Iwade Pharmacy from November and more details will be given in the November edition of the Iwade Observer and also on our Facebook page and website.

For tickets to the Race Night, please email secretary@iwadevillagehall.co.uk and for more details on what's happening at the hall on a daily basis, what events we have coming up or to hire the hall for a party, please take a look at our website www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk, or follow us on Twitter and Facebook!

Iwade Reading Group

BY HILARY FOULDS



Bestseller, The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins was reviewed by the Reading Group

at our September meeting. We all enjoyed it despite a slow start that didn't hook us straightaway. I wondered if it hadn't had such rave reviews in the press, and if it hadn't been our book of the month, some of us wouldn't have persevered to the end.

It's a story about a murder told from 3 different viewpoints, from 3 different women each unreliable and carrying their own emotional baggage. Some of us found the switching between characters made it difficult to get going with the story. Several of us hadn't worked out "who dunnit" and we enjoyed the ending even though it was a bit rushed.

This book is a slant on the currently fashionable amnesia thriller, best-selling example of which is Elizabeth is Missing, featuring an

elderly woman with dementia. Many of the group had read, enjoyed and respected this amazingly accurate and sympathetic novel. Rachel, main character in Girl on the Train, is a younger woman unable to remember much about the night before Megan went missing. Unlike Elizabeth, Rachel's amnesia was the result of too much alcohol.

Also recommended this month by Christine was murder mystery The Summer House by Christabel Kent. As usual, our discussion around books led us on to various other topics of conversation and we put the world to rights with coffee and cupcakes.

Our next book is "When She Was Bad" by Tammy Cohen, chosen by Lianna who will host our next meeting on Tuesday 11 October. This will be followed by While My Eyes Were Closed by Linda Green, chosen by Lynn for November. You would be made very welcome if you'd like to join us. If you want any more information about the meetings you can telephone Hilary on 01795 474656 or post on our Iwade Village Does Facebook Reading Group page.

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Iwade Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 13th July, 2016

Present: Cllr. M. Gale – Chair
Cllr. J. Hunt – Vice-Chair
Cllr. S. Plumb
Cllr. R. Clark
Cllr. S. Cheeseman
Cllr. P. Horner
Cllr. R. Langham

Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Borough Cllr. B. Stokes
Nick Mayatt, Community Warden
13 Parishioners

Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors – A resident raised the issue regarding the area of road School Lane/Holly Blue Drive; cars/vans parked on the right-hand side are causing vehicles to drive on the wrong side of the road to get past; often meeting traffic coming in the opposite direction. Vegetation is obstructing sight lines at this junction too. Cllr. Hunt advised that County Cllr. Truelove has been looking into this issue over the past year; he e-mailed for an update three weeks ago but nothing has come forward. The same resident outlined an incident he had witnessed at a property in School Lane and expressed his concerns. The Chair advised that he and the Vice-Chair had attended a meeting at this address when they were shown all the risk assessments put in place and were assured that the business was audited. The Chair advised that it is difficult for the Parish Council to get more involved than it has already done; the firm has stated that they are happy to show people around.

Another resident queried whether the Parish Council is happy with the work undertaken by Virgin Media in Sharfleet Crescent as residents were not. The Chair advised that it is down to KCC to monitor as they are responsible for dealing with this and signing off the completed work. The Chair has been e-mailing/in direct contact with the Virgin Media Manager, pointing out the issues raised.

2. County and Borough Councillors – Borough Cllr. Stokes advised that he has dealt with fly tipping in Raspberry Hill and the Saxon Shore/bridle footpath. He has had complaints about the long grass and bushes in Holly Blue; he visited the site and has been in touch with the management company this morning, they only took the area over two weeks ago. He has spoken to the Environment Agency about the height of weeds growing in the stream bed near Mansfield Drive.

3. Community Warden/PCSO – The Warden referred to the issues with the school; the Chair advised that there is a meeting arranged for next Tuesday to look at this. He mentioned the delivery lorry parking on the footpath in School Lane. He is trying to resolve a trip hazard outside 48c Sheerstone – this footpath comes under Amicus Horizon. He advised that the temporary PCSO for Iwade is Jason White. Cllr. Hunt mentioned a car in Colson Drive; it has a KCC notice on it and seems to have been abandoned; Nick will look into this.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Linkway and outside School Parking Issues – Nothing heard; Clerk to chase.

Action: Clerk

2. Parish Councillor Vacancy – After the June meeting an application was received from resident Ray Langham. Following a discussion on his desire to join the Parish Council it was proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt, all agreed, that Ray Langham be co-opted onto the Parish Council. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office; the Clerk handed him the Register of Pecuniary Interests to complete and he took up his seat on the Council.

3. Safety Issue Ice Cream Van – The Clerk has spoken to Swale Borough Council regarding this but as the van parks on a private road they are unable to take any action.

Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

The Barn – Cllr. Hunt advised that there have been some issues with the Building Regulations but the Architect has gone back to the Conservation Officer at Swale Borough Council regarding them.

Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)

Hall – Cllr. Gale advised that Ray Langham has become Treasurer; the car park is to be lined and to include disabled spaces; the bench was broken but has now been repaired and security lighting and 'no smoking' signs will be installed in the garden. The new hand dryers have been delayed. On the 20th July there will be a Toy and Baby Clothes Sale in the Hall.

Any Other Matters Arising

1. The Chair advised that on several occasions after a hire the Nursery has had to clear up loads of cigarette ends in the garden; this is a hazard to young children who use the area throughout the week. To stop this an extra sentence will be added to the information sent out to potential hirers advising that the garden must not be used by smokers and any evidence of this found after an event will mean that the hirer will lose their hall deposit.

2. The Chair referred to comments on Facebook regarding a bus driver not stopping to pick up school children. He spoke to the person responsible at KCC who in turn took the matter up with Arriva. As a result of this KCC have requested that the driver does not drive any of their buses in this area.

3. Cllr. Hunt advised that one of the commemoration trees in the park has died and it needs to be replaced. Could the Handyman trim and clear the weeds around these trees and also clear the weeds from footpath ZR91. Clerk to instruct Handyman to undertake this work.

Action: Clerk