

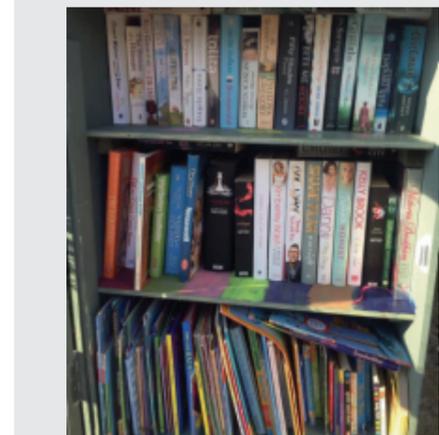
# The Iwade Observer



Little Iwade Library

The Observer asked Karen Allart, the founder of The Little Iwade Library where she'd got her idea from. This is what she said, "I have always loved books. I remember regular trips to the mobile library as a child. When we moved to the Village with our girls, I looked up the services that were available here. Unfortunately, the mobile library only visited on a weekday afternoon when I was working, so we joined Sittingbourne library but struggled to visit regularly. Recently I was out running and came across two little libraries that people had built in their front gardens and the seed of an idea was planted. A little googling and it appeared that there were little libraries all over the world, so I turned to my very own Master Builder and together we created our very own Little Library. I was a little apprehensive but the local community have really embraced our Little Library, receiving such positive messages and high turnover of books. Its lovely seeing the pictures of the kids making trips to the library to discover their new favourite book. My girls, Jess 7 and Libby 4 love running out to see what's new. Let's see if any more pop up around our village!"

Karen's Little Iwade Library can be found between number 3 and number 7 Ferry Road. Why not give it a try – don't forget the motto, "Take a book, leave a book"



## Monday Friendship Group

By Sylvia Francis

The Monday Friendship group continues to go from strength to strength providing a morning to look forward to for a total of about 40 members now (it's a good job they don't all turn up for every meeting!!). Always a cheery welcome and tea and biscuits of course!

We have again been out to Barton Point for a picnic which was enjoyed by all. Even those who mistakenly went to The Leas (Yes you know who you are!)

This morning's meeting of The Friendship Group was a happy chatty event. We had a talk from David Hatcher part of the Response Team from Shelter Box, a little



## Tinkerbells Early Years

By Donna Barker

Our first term of the year is now well under way, it has been lovely to welcome back all of our existing children and hear about their summer holidays. It has also been a pleasure welcoming the new children and their families; we are pleased you have chosen to join us at Tinkerbells.

We have been focusing on getting to know everyone, talking about our families and homes through various activities with the children. The children have been creating

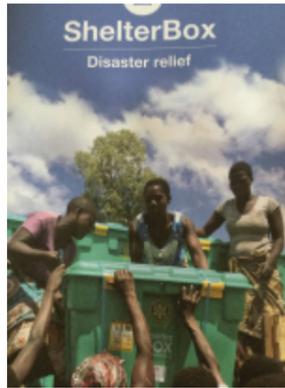


portraits and mini doubles at home, we have loved seeing them hanging around the setting.

Little Iwade library! what an amazing idea to encourage reading, we took some of the children to the library and they added some books for other children to enjoy around the village, we love it.

All of our sessions at both settings are now full until September 2020, our waiting list is building fast for the next two years. If you would like to be added to our waiting list please feel free to pop in and visit or you can email us at [enquiries@tinkerbellspschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspschool.co.uk)

known charity that gets tents and equipment to the disaster areas around the world. David showed us some amazing film of the work they do in circumstances most of us would find impossible to even consider. This charity is run with help from Rotary international across the world. The Rotary work hard raising awareness and providing support on the ground responding to any human disaster be it natural or in conflict. Thank you so much David for bringing this very worthy charity to our attention. The picture shows David in front of some of the shelter tents that Shelter



## Around the World in 48 hours!!

### 1st Iwade Cubs

On the weekend of the 29th of June, 1st Iwade Cub Pack joined forces with 7 other Cub packs across the district for a fun filled, worldwide adventure at our District Camp Site at Bexon Lane. We virtually toured the world: enjoying rock climbing in the USA (big thanks to Brambledown Farm for the generous donation of straw bales for our scenery!), Ice cream making in Italy, cheese rolling and skiing in Switzerland, Gaelic football in Ireland, shooting in Mexico, archery in Native America, boules in France, (mop) hockey in Finland and finally ending up back in good old Blighty for a water fight to cool down followed by a traditional English campfire before supper and bed.

As you may remember, that weekend was a scorcher - hitting 35 degrees centigrade - but, fortunately, we had a visit from Iwade's very own Miss Softee ice cream van, who served just short of 200 scrummy freshly made ice cream sundaes to cool us all down and my goodness it was literally a sweet relief!!

We all had such a blast that we're already planning for, and looking forward to, the next one and in the meantime, would like to thank all of the volunteers that make it possible and all of the youngsters that joined us for making it all worthwhile!!

(Ed's note – The Iwade Observer apologises for not publishing this item last month but due to "a clerical error" we somehow missed it! Doesn't June seem such a long time ago now? Clearly the 1stIwade had a brilliant weekend and we look forward to hearing of their further exploits soon)



Doesn't Iwade Barn look great!



So much hard work has gone into our lovely barn to provide a valuable meeting space for so many village organisations and it is appreciated by all users.

Now the external space is looking fantastic too! A heavily laden grapevine looks magnificent and old galvanised drinking troughs filled to overflowing with bright, colourful flowers have really transformed the outside space.

Don't you just love it!! Thanks to all who have worked so hard over the last few years to secure and develop such a great facility.



**IWADE WOMAN GETS READY TO CYCLE ALL OVER HEART DISEASE**

full story opposite →



**Iwade Allotments - BBQ and Pimms**

What a great day we had at our annual allotment BBQ which was held August Bank Holiday. The weather was perfect under the shade of a gazebo complimented by Pimms and nibbles. Jamie McQuade won "best allotment", 2nd place went to Christine & Peter Hill and 3rd place was Glenda and Jim Buston. Martin and Linda won the biggest Pumpkin competition weighing in at 35kilos. Quite amazing! this was followed by a successful raffle.



We have now opened our 2019/2020 waiting list, so if you would like to grow your own ... why not put your name down. Give me a call if you are interested. **Christine McQuade - 01795 421945**



*(Ed's note - doesn't the Allotment Association sound a good bunch to join? Every report we get from them seems to centre around drinking and eating!!)*



**LANTERN MAKING**

**SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER**  
**10am - 12:30pm and 1:30 - 4pm**

£2.50 per lantern and aimed at children aged 6-16 yrs old All children must be accompanied by an adult

**Come along, make a lantern and join Iwade's first ever lantern parade the following week at the Christmas light switch on event**

Booking and paying in advance is essential as spaces are strictly limited  
[events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:events@iwadevillagehall.co.uk) or 01795 437372

**Sittingbourne's Steam Railway Santa Specials**

Santa Specials will be running 1st/2nd, 8/9th, 15/16th and 22nd/23rd December trains will depart Sittingbourne Viaduct station at 11am, 12pm, 2pm & 3pm - advanced booking is essential. Visit our website for a booking form or call 01795 428269!

**Book now to avoid disappointment!**

Up to **£1.50 off** all fares on all trains running on 1st/2nd December

Fares (same as 2016): Adults £13 includes seasonal refreshment Children 3-15 years £13 and under 3s £10 includes present  
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**Christmas Grotto 22nd December**

**Tickets on sale at market 17th November 10am-1pm**

**Iwade Nature Park**

Just to bring your attention to this lovely leaflet highlighting all the things you can do at the nature park. It is packed with information on Nature trail rubbings, play sculptures, animals to look out for, and routes through the park with an easy to read map which will guide you to areas you might not even have realised existed!

The leaflet is free and is available from The Barn.

## Lost and Found – A Sundial

By Graeme Horner

Outside the porch of All Saints' Church, Iwade stands a small pillar which once held a sundial.

An inscription at the base reads 'This ancient sundial was re-erected to the memory of John and Clara Hinge of Cutnell Farm in this parish as a token of appreciation from their family 192?'. Iwade church is anxious to get in touch with descendants of John and Clara and in particular a Richard Hinge who, in 2006/7, offered to repair the sundial.

In 2009 the sundial was wrenched from the pillar and disappeared. In an extraordinary turn of events, in June 2019, the same sundial, now with a modern gnomon, was seen, advertised for sale on eBay, by Mr Peter Rawcliffe. He has no connection with Iwade and bought the sundial for his garden. He made enquiries about it to the British Sundial Society (BSS), a little known but extremely active society with an international reputation and membership. The society had catalogued the sundial following a visit to Iwade in 2002 and had noted its absence on a second visit

earlier this year. They were able to identify the dial as from Iwade. Peter Rawcliffethen stated that he would feel guilty at displaying it in his garden and made the most generous gesture of offering to donate it back to the church together with a contribution towards the cost of its display.

The sundial itself has generated a good deal of interest and research. It has been cleaned and looks as though made of copper but we believe it is in fact brass. It has the inscription 'Jwade – Thos' Hart 1773'. It is therefore old and rare. Only this one sundial by Thomas Hart (who was thought to be a London clock or instrument maker) was known but research revealed that a museum in Virginia, USA had contacted the British Sundial Society in 2011 requesting any information on a Thomas Hart inscribed on a sundial in their possession. And then there were two! Further study by the BSS however, now suggests that the American dial was made in the 20th century and ours is the only genuine one. And now there is one again! The American one is almost identical to another in England which is also considered to be 20th century. Were they both made in

England and was the name chosen by chance or had the Iwade one been seen and copied? How did it get to America?

There are two more twists in this story. An old photograph of the church in about 1904 shows that the sundial and its pillar were not in their present position at that time (which is partly confirmed by the inscription on the base). Where was it between 1773 and 1920's? Any suggestions would be welcomed.

Now perhaps the most intriguing fact of all is that The church has a record of the burial of Thomas Hart in Iwade in November 1798. He was described as a victualler and was married at least three times. His name is also recorded on a

bulletin for September 2019. much later, mid 19th century, headstone in the churchyard. I have been able to trace one line of descent from Thomas Hart to the present day but cannot find any earlier details. Does anyone have further information about our Thomas? Some time ago the church received an enquiry about him from a descendant but though

we replied we heard no more.

The biggest question remains. Are these Thomas Harts, of similar dates and in the same place, the same person or is it all just a coincidence?

Whatever the answer, thankfully the sundial is now to return to its rightful home in Iwade. It will be displayed inside the church and we hope to find funding to make a replica (less attractive to thieves) to re-attach to the pillar. The church would like to thank the British Sundial Society for their help and, especially, to thank Peter Rawcliffe for his selfless and generous actions.

The BSS has published an article telling this story in their quarterly



yellow jacket and the whistle that does it. My part in the group is to choose the route and get walking. Our leader, Steff Woodard's task is to count us in and let the Administration know the tally. A simple task you may think; but here's the rub.

Recently due to more cuts in budgets, changes of staff, and attaching the walking group to the larger admin system, it was down to a whizz-kid with a computer to devise an electronic method of registering. Two of us went with Steff to the training session to learn about the new process. It didn't work smoothly on the day.

Ah, you might say, teething troubles! That's for babies - we are much more mature than that and until then had got by perfectly well with a paper register, a list on the computer system

to be sent by e-mail, and a copy on file. Steff was happy to do that, being the honourable walker she is, by taking over the leadership.

The new system, designed to save time for the administration does it by loading the work on to people like Steff. The method is not so user friendly as the bit of paper.

And now we are required, asked perhaps, to update our walk route risk assessment on new

forms each year. Normally we check them and make minor changes, although my preference for describing the hazard of uneven surfaces as "falling A over T" is not acceptable, we manage to get by.

Steff likes to do things properly and thoroughly and has recently discovered that most of the other groups in the region "have failed to embrace" the new system. Being a conscientious person Steff is having difficulty taking the chaos generated by the part time administration bods as lightly as I would. We are also asked to read out the risk assessments for each route before we walk them. I have difficulty keeping the walking group's attention as I outline the day's jaunt, so that is out; by popular consent.

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We are a happy, chatty group; why not join us, every Thursday, meeting at the village centre at 10:30 for a 10:45 start.

## Cycling Over Heart Disease

On 4th August 2019 I, Kerry Madgwick, a Local Iwade Business owner (a Nutritional Therapist and Hypnotherapist at Kerry's Natural Health Solutions), took on the challenge to ride 100 miles in the #RideLondon event to raise vital funds for the Miles Frost Fund / British Heart Foundation (BHF). So far, I have raised £350 and hoping to raise a further £650, the money raised goes towards making genetic testing available to all families affected by the deadly heart condition hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

"I decided to take part because I've lost many special friends to heart disease and sadly every day hundreds of people still lose their lives. I was inspired by many of my clients who have either had heart attacks and are now working on lifestyle changes to reduce their ongoing risk as well as those who are making lifestyle changes so they can prevent and reduce their risk to heart disease. Every 7 minutes someone in the U.K. will have a heart attack which I think is an incredibly scary statistic particularly as heart disease can be preventable. It is easy to make small and simple changes that will make a BIG difference to your heart health. My aim through cycling the 100 Miles and through my practice is not only to raise awareness of this disease, but to celebrate the heart and its amazing role in the body. After all, it is your body's hardest working muscle and your heart deserves special care and attention!

Two years ago, the furthest I had ridden in one cycle ride was 16 miles so this proves that with small changes and support you can achieve BIG things, and my husband was with me every pedal of the way! The ride itself was fantastic, it was amazing to ride on closed roads through London and into Surrey and the support from the British Heart Foundation cheering squad on

## Iwade Village Hall Update

The hall played host to a quiz night on 7th September in aid of Swale Cats Protection. The quiz was, as ever, very well attended and a whopping £524 was raised! Thanks to all those who organised the event, and to everyone who attended and helped raise money for this worthy cause.

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the day was brilliant as well as support from everyone else along the route who made banners, clapped and cheered all the cyclists as they went past. It was also really fantastic to see people of all ages and abilities taking part and so many people raising money for various charities.

Although the ride is over, to continue to raise money and awareness I am offering to do a simple Heart Health Test for £15 with all money going to the British Heart Foundation and anyone can help me raise money for this great cause via my just giving page: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kerry-Madgwick](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kerry-Madgwick)

Tristram Jones, Head of Events at the British Heart Foundation said: "Thanks to Kerry Madgwick for joining the British Heart Foundation's Heart Cycling team. Without our supporters, we cannot continue to fund life-saving research into heart disease and provide those affected with the care and support they need."

**Coronary heart disease is the UK's single biggest killer, claiming around 73,000 lives a year – that's an average of 200 lives every day. Money raised from events such as the Prudential Ride London is currently helping to support over 1,000 research projects into heart disease around the UK. Progress is being made but there are still millions of adults and children who need help.**

To find out how you can join the fight for every heartbeat and take part in a BHF event visit [bhf.org.uk/events](http://bhf.org.uk/events)

For more information please call Kerry Madgwick, Ph: 07734690534

*(Ed's note – great work Kerry, Iwade is proud of you. If anybody would still like to contribute to Kerry's fundraising effort then just go to her justgiving page as above. Every penny helps!)*

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or 01795 437372

The Grotto is back this year and will take place on Sunday 22nd December midday-4pm. This is one of our most popular events and places are limited. Tickets are £3 per child, this includes meeting Father Christmas in the grotto and receiving a gift. Tickets will go on sale at the market on 17th November 10am-1pm.

The next market is on Sunday 13th October 10am-1pm with a variety of stalls selling handmade goods, gifts, cakes, pies, preserves, fruit and vegetables and much more. Hot and cold drinks are available, along with burgers, hot dogs and bacon rolls! New stalls are always welcome, to book or for any other information please contact [fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk) Please come along and support your local market.

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

## If God is for us – who is against us?

At Morning Worship one Sunday in August there was a bible reading in which Jesus challenged his listeners about "interpreting the present times" (Luke 12.49-56). He was speaking to 1st century Jews - who were essentially living as slaves under Roman rule. Their own "present times" were harsh and difficult. They suffered. But they also had hope that they would be rescued – prophets had foretold that a messiah would come to save them.

Jesus was that Messiah. He was there in their midst teaching them about God and his kingdom and showing them God at work through healings and miracles and wonders. And yet Jesus was not recognised by them. Through his words and actions Jesus pointed them to God – declaring to them that God was present with them and ready to change their lives for the better – and yet many chose not to accept or understand.

Jesus' challenge to those 1st century Jews to interpret their present times was a way of saying "open your eyes" to the real situation - and turn back to God. He was hinting that without God, times that were already hard for them would become even harder.

We know that Jesus, in his time on earth, was eventually arrested, sentenced to death, and crucified by those who didn't want to be challenged. But that was not the end of the story – rather it marked a new beginning. For Jesus rose from the dead and so made it possible for all humankind to know that God has not given up on them but loves them unconditionally. God is there for us – in every situation.

That reading challenged me to reflect about our own present times. Our lives and our culture seem very different from the age of the bible and yet our "present times" can also seem harsh and difficult. We have so much more knowledge and expertise. We are able to communicate and travel across the world. And yet these advances can also make the world seem bewildering, chaotic, disturbing. We are aware that we have not stewarded well the resources of the world. Often we feel small and powerless. We all continue to experience suffering in some form. We all know what it is to be anxious, distressed and fearful. Maybe our present times are not so very different after all.

And the message that Jesus issued is also still the same. He may no longer be here on earth in person to challenge people to turn back to God – but the good news is that God, through Jesus, continues to offer us his love and support. We are invited to turn to God and to know his presence with us. And to know the truth of the words, "If God is for us, who is against us?" (Romans 8.31)

Whatever your own present time is like I hope that you will choose to respond to Jesus' invitation to turn back to God. I hope that you will ask him into your life. For knowing God makes all the difference – and makes the hardest times easier.

With every blessing,

*Lis Willmet, Lay Reader*

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# IWADE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday 10 July 2019

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Whiting and seconded by Cllr. Trower, the Minutes of the Parish meeting held on the 12 June 2019 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

### Visitors/Public Time

**1. Visitors** – Two residents attended regarding the proposed bollards in The Street; they were opposing the installation and felt that the bollards will not really resolve the issue opposite The Woolpack. They did not want a bollard outside their property and advised that the main culprits for parking on the footpath were the properties nearest to and on the same side of the Village Centre. Yellow lines might be another option, the only problem being enforcement. County Cllr. Whiting agreed to look at putting a camera in The Street to see what is going on as regards parking and traffic.

**2. County and Borough Councillors** – County Cllr. Whiting advised KCC has put £250,000 into a fund to assist the Borough and the police in catching and prosecuting fly-tippers; inform householders and small businesses that they are responsible for their rubbish if it is fly tipped by unauthorized people and that they and the fly tippers are liable to large fines. Swale has been very good at prosecuting the criminals who fly tip; a recent operation in East Kent seized vehicles and led to several arrests. Has looked into speeding issues in Stangate Drive at the request of a resident and a referral by the Parish Clerk. At the request of a resident is funding some measures in Cormorant Drive to limit pavement parking that restricts peoples' access to their homes.

Borough Cllr. Corrie Woodford - written report – has put some of her Member's funds into new blood pressure monitors for the Medical Centre. Has called in to Committee the Pond Farm application.

**3. Community Warden/PCSO** – Community Warden has reported again the issue with youths. Cllr. Trower advised they are lighting fires and have now taken out the lifebuoy. Nick is retiring in September and Councillors took the opportunity to thank him for all the help and assistance he has given during his time in Iwade Village.

The PCSO – Written report - Two males reported shooting in a field near Woodpecker Drive – possibly air rifles. Police attended but did not find anyone in the area. Further reports of nuisance vehicles in the Ridham Dock/Sheppey Way area, usually late at night, driving fast and 'drifting'. PC from the Specials asked to monitor the area, which they will do where possible. PCSO has been in the area at certain times, but most of the problems reported after 12am. More reports of nuisance youths in the area around the main supermarket and the takeaway; an ongoing issue, which is being tackled. The PCSO will be keeping an eye on the situation. Various reports of a van driving around Iwade collecting scrap, acting suspiciously. Checks made on vehicle show it is insured and taxed. Criminal damage to vehicle by a pedestrian who took offence at being 'told off' when walking across the road. Report taken. Scooter stolen from School Lane area.

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

**1. Speeding and Speed Watch** – Cllr. Whiting to collect equipment from Clerk. Action: Cllr. Whiting

**2. Drains, School Lane** – County Cllr. M. Whiting/KCC Officer – County Cllr. M. Whiting to chase up the Officer involved. Action: Clerk

**3. Parish Councillor Vacancies** – Clerk advised adverts placed in the Iwade Observer and noticeboards.

**4. Grovehurst Road Remedial Work to Footpath** – Clerk advised KCC have put this out to a contractor, remedial work to be undertaken this month.

### Planning

**1. 19/502769/FULL:** Construction of an irrigation reservoir, with associated operational development and landscape enhancements: Culnells Farm School Lane Iwade ME9 8QJ – agreed to respond:

The Parish Council believes it will be difficult to make a formal comment before having sight of the awaited EA information (Clerk to request sight of this when Swale receives it).

The Council has deep concerns about another reservoir being placed in this area, particularly as it will ultimately be feeding into the Iwade Stream; adding to the Weinerberger feed, the existing reservoir feed and that from housing further down.

Iwade stream floods (although at times it may look quite insignificant); the latest event being May 2018 when fourteen homes were flooded and damaged. The National Flood Forum, headed by Katia Sanhueza-Pino, Flood Project Officer (South East), has been holding meetings with those affected, the Parish Council and multi agencies - the Environment Agency, KCC (John Kelly, Max Tant, and Earl Bourner), Southern Water and Swale Borough Council (Victoria Hadfield, Mike Knowles and Della Fackrell). A walk-through of the stream by the multi agencies is planned for the end of this month.

KCC's attached letter from Flood Management makes the following highly important comments- "As this proposal will be increasing the volume of surface water to the existing ordinary watercourse, we need to be sure that it is in a condition to take this additional volume. A CCTV survey could be undertaken at detailed design stage.

Please note: Any feature capable of conveying water can be considered to fall under the definition of an 'ordinary watercourse' and we would urge the applicant to contact us prior to undertaking any works that may affect any watercourse/ditch/stream or any other feature which has a drainage or water conveyance function. Any works that have the potential to affect the watercourse or ditch's ability to convey water will require our formal flood defence consent (including culvert removal, access culverts and outfall structures)."

Flooding incidents in the past has often raised the issues of the culverts and the fact that they are too small to cope when the water rises significantly, but as these run under KCC highways, they argue

that the cost will be too high to undertake any enlargement. In light of this we would request that KCC's formal flood defence consent be sought and that a detailed CCTV survey be undertaken as suggested prior to any planning consent.

### Correspondence

**1. Community Resilience/Emergency Plan Questionnaire** – To advise the Council is not going ahead with an Emergency Plan. Action: Clerk

**2. Draft Car Parking SPD** – Agreed to respond that residents' parking is insufficient; there should be 2 spaces for a flat and then increase to a maximum of 1 per bedroom. Members felt there was a need to work with developers at the planning stage to ensure that parking is adequate, including visitor parking, which is often insufficient. Action: Clerk

**3. Parking School Lane** – Approached County Cllr. Whiting who referred the Parish Council to creating a Highway Improvement Plan (HIP).

**4. Highway Improvement Plan** – agreed to form a Committee to look at areas. Committee members to comprise of Cllrs. Langham, Dollimore, Cheeseman and Whiting. Action: Cllrs./Clerk

### Finance

**1. Request for Donation** – Citizens Advice Bureau – proposed by Cllr. Dollimore and seconded by Cllr. Langham; agreed a donation of £50 under S.137. Action: Clerk

**2. Councillors' Conference 2019** – Cllr. R. Clark – Clerk had booked Cllr. Clark on this event, but this week he advised that he was unable to attend. She contacted KALC, it looks as though the Council will have to pay and then receive a credit note. Cllr. Langham to see if he is able to attend. It was proposed by Cllr. Whiting, seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, agreed the fee of £72.

### Projects/Project Updates

**1. Bollards, The Street** – County Cllr. Whiting to install camera to monitor parking and traffic issues in The Street, Clerk to email a reminder.

Action: County Cllr. Whiting/Clerk

**2. Festive Lights** – Proposed by Cllr. Trower and seconded by Cllr. Whiting, agreed to accept the KCC quote of £1210 for carrying out a loading survey of lamp columns. Agreed this year's light switching on to be the 1st December. Action: Clerk

**3. Community Flood Plan** – Next meeting tomorrow at The Barn and will walk the length of the stream towards the end of July. Action: Cllrs. Whiting/Trower

### Reports from Representatives

**1. Hall** – Saturday Race Night, money raised will go to charities; Murder Mystery evening in October.

**2. KALC** – nothing to report.

### Any Other Matters Arising

1. Cllr. Trower went to a meeting on open spaces and maintaining the Community Orchard. He needs a certificate to work some of the maintenance equipment; he will send details to the Clerk so that she can check on insurance. Action: Cllr. Trower/Clerk

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 9th October at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall**

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE OF VACANCIES

NOTICE is hereby given that two vacancies have occurred in the membership of the above Parish Council.

Under the Local Government Act 1972, ten electors can petition for an election by writing to the Proper Officer at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT within 14 working days of the date of this Notice.

If no petition is received within that time period, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-opting a person onto the parish council.

Persons wishing to be considered for this appointment should apply in writing to the Clerk to the Parish Council as soon as possible but no later than:- **23 October 2019**

Written applications should be made to the Clerk at the following address:-

Iwade Parish Council  
53 Springvale  
Iwade  
Sittingbourne,  
Kent, ME9 8RX.

Or by e-mail: iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk

Dated this 12 September 2019  
Signed: *Lynda Fisher*  
Parish of Iwade

## A note from our PCSO

Hello! I'm Lee (PCSO 60172 Lee Fennell), the local community officer for Iwade. I've been in the role now since March, so some of you may have seen me out and about. I also cover Kemsley, Lower Halstow and Bobbing.

I work shifts which include days and 'lates', which gives me the flexibility to tackle a range of issues. These include anything from anti-social behaviour and neighbour disputes to traffic problems and reassurance visits. I also perform general patrols in the area, both on foot and in a vehicle.

On the whole, Iwade is a very safe place to live and work, and the sense of community is strong, which makes it a pleasure to patrol.

I hold a police surgery every few weeks, where people can drop in and talk one-to-one about any problems they may have. The next surgery is at Mews Brewhouse on 15th October, 2-3pm. Of course, if you cannot make a surgery, but want to speak to me, you can always contact me: On my mobile (07929 376822) or via email (lee.fennell@kent.police.uk).

## Iwade Community Entertainers – ICE

ICE recently held the first read through of their next pantomime production, Alice in Pantoland. Specially written for Iwade, and directed by Steve Newin it promises to be an evening of fun and laughter after the debut of the group last year in their 'critically acclaimed' production of Robin Hood (really??)

Look out for updates as to progress and venue and ticketing information in due course.

Break-a-leg ICE!

## Ed's Note

Well what a hotbed of erudition Iwade has become! It seems that books are the future.

This month we have a report on a new idea - The Little Iwade Library which seems to have captured people's imaginations. (Indeed, what are books for if not to capture people's imaginations!).

The Iwade Reading and Book Group continue to review a whole range of books at their monthly meetings.

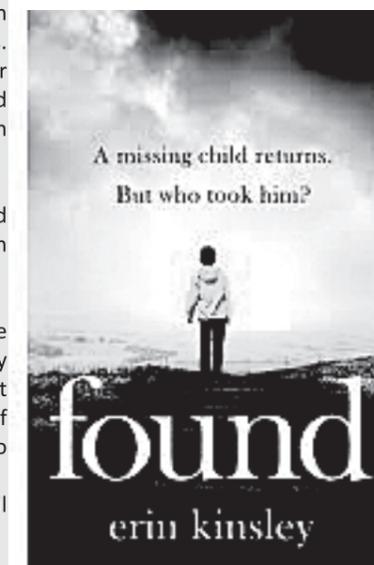
As you walk around the village you are likely to see books secreted behind lampposts or street signs, etc as people take part in another book related activity, that of Look 4 a Book where books in weatherproof wrapping are hidden for children to find. All these ideas are bringing fun to books and reading and that has got to be a great thing.

And just proving that you are never too young for a good book, Tinkerbells Nursery have taken some of their children out to use the Little Iwade Library where they added some books for other children to enjoy around the village.

Well done Iwade! - why not get involved in one of these bookish activities.

## Iwade Reading and Book Group

*By Christine Freshwater*



For our September meeting we met to discuss The Suspect by Fiona Barton. This book was enjoyed by all and it was found to be easy to read and a page turner of a thought provoking tale.

The story of 2 teenage girls who go missing on a gap year trip to Thailand. After a couple of weeks, the girls have stopped making contact and their families raise the alarm. Kate, a journalist, is seeking an exclusive on the story but it becomes personal as her son is in Thailand too and is involved in this disturbing tale of stalking, drugs and misadventure leading to a tragic end for Alex and Rosie.

The next book will be Found by Erin Kinsley which we will discuss at our next monthly meeting, (always the second Tuesday of each month, at 10:30, at Iwade Barn – you will be made most welcome– always tea/coffee and cakes to enjoy)

## Iwade Men's Breakfast Club *By Ron Francis*

The Men's Breakfast Club held its September meeting when we held a very enjoyable motor quiz which left many of us with a furrowed brow as we tried to identify 42 different car manufactures just from their badges. It was amazing how many we knew! All accompanied with a bacon butty, mugs of coffee and of course lively chatter.

Our next meeting is on the 1st October then 5th November. We are also looking forward to our visit, as guests, to the next Speedway meeting at the Raspberry Hill Lane track on October 13th.

As usual new members are always welcome to our meetings which take place at The Barn on the first Tuesday of each month from 09:30

## Iwade @ the Barn - Community Day

A very early 'heads up' !! The Barn is in the very early stages of organising a Community Day. If you are involved in one of the many organisations, clubs, or societies in Iwade then you won't want to miss out so make a note of the date – May 3rd 2020. More information to come so watch this space.

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