

# Iwade Observer

**Wednesday 4th May 13:00-15:00**

**Pop Up Coffee Shop**

Every other Wednesday at All Saints Church. Free, tea, coffee, home-made cakes, toys and stories for the children, why not get out of the house with or without children and meet some friendly faces.

**Thursday 5th May 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 03000 41 31 31 or email mobiles@kent.gov.uk

**Sunday 8th May 10:00-13:00**

**Iwade Village Food & Craft Fayre**

If you're on the lookout for some fresh fish plus all of your veg and preserves from our outdoor stalls, then how about something sweet to finish it off? We have stalls selling homemade cakes and desserts that will satisfy even the sweetest tooth! But if you hanker after a more natural sweetness, we have locally produced honey on offer every month.

**Tuesday 10th May 10:30 | Iwade Reading Group**

Contact Hilary on 01795 474656 or email hilary.foulds@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to join the group. Diary of an Ordinary Woman is May's book.

**Wednesday 11th May 19:30**

**Iwade Parish Council Meeting**

At Iwade Village Hall. Public meeting and time allowed on the agenda for residents so why not go along and find out more about what goes on?

**Friday 13th May 19:30**

**Friends Of Iwade Quiz Night**

See article for full details.

**Wednesday 18th May 13:00 | Pop Up Coffee Shop**

**Wednesday 18th May 19:30 | Iwade W.I. Meeting**

If you would like to join Iwade W.I who meet at Iwade Village Hall then contact secretary Glenn Walters on 01795 436515 or at gk.charisma@sky.com This month's meeting features 'Resolutions'.

**Thursday 19th May 11:15-11:25 | Mobile Library**

**Sunday 22 May 09:30 | Iwade Village Clean Up**

See article for full details.

**Wednesday 1 June 13:00-15:00 | Pop Up Coffee Shop**

**Thursday 2 June 11:15-11:25 | Mobile Library**

## Two important reminders

**1. Iwade Village Clean Up Day - a reminder.**

Don't forget the annual clean-up will take place on Sunday 22nd May; helpers to assemble in the Village Hall at 9.30 a.m. with the event finishing at 12.30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available in the hall during the morning, followed by a BBQ for helpers in the Woolpack Car Park at 12.35 p.m.

**2. Iwade Village Garden Competition - a reminder.**

Don't forget to fill in an entry form for the Iwade Village Garden Competition - judging takes place 16/17th July 2016.

The forms can be obtained from Iwade Pharmacy and once filled in please place them in the special box which again is located in the Pharmacy.

Good luck to all our keen Gardeners.

## Friends Of Iwade School Quiz Night

The Friends of Iwade School are holding a Quiz Night on Friday 13th May at 7:30pm

The cost will be £5 per person which includes snacks and nibbles.

Reserve your table with a £5 deposit at the School Office.

## Welcome to Iwade!!

Ginny Macoy

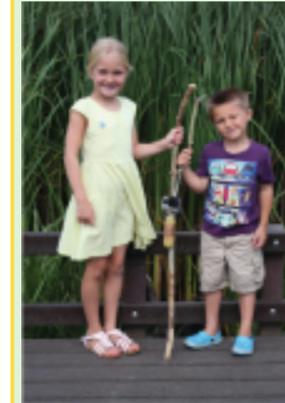
I have recently moved to All Saints' Close in Iwade from North Wales where there are so many birds to watch including many woodpeckers. Imagine my surprise when this arrived on my feeder the other day, and has been every day since. It certainly made my day Since moving here in November and putting feeders up I have seen blue tits, wrens, robins, chaffinch, sparrows and of course woodpeckers!!!! Just shows you can encourage birds in your gardens in Iwade.



## WEND IWADE

by Richard Houguez

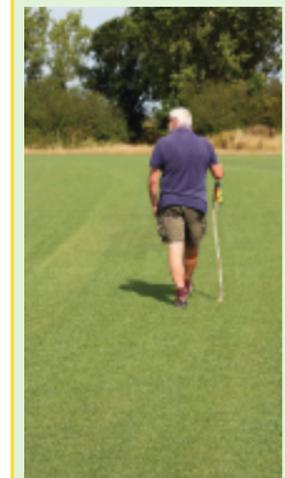
Last year the village of Iwade took part in Idea Test's Out Of The Ordinary Places art commission, titled Wend Iwade. A number of villagers, including David



Whitehead, Pamela Horner, Graeme Horner, James Hunt, Rynn Kemp, Izzy and Tom Hunt, and Oliver Doubleday got the project off to a start by taking lead artist Richard Houguez on a series of short meandering walks around and about the village, sharing their experiences. "It was a real privilege to be guided around

Iwade, the residents were very generous with their stories and local knowledge. Everyone had their own ways of understanding Iwade as a place and what it meant to them", Richard reflected on the walks. Videos of these will be linked from the Iwade@TheBarn blog.

On her own walk around the new housing developments, artist Holly White met archeologist Simon Holmes of SWAT archeology, who provided a summary of prehistoric Iwade, methods of archeology and how they speculate on findings. The henge-like remains pointed to questions of a society thousands of years ago, which inspired a series of improvised films exploring 'deep future' scenarios in Iwade. Year 5



pupils of Yew Class and Seahorse Class at Iwade Primary responded to these works with their own short films.

The commission was timed during the handover of the newly renovated barn to the village. An exhibition of the artworks was held at the barn with a folk song workshop led by musician Maxie Gedge and a short history of mapping from

archeology to aerial photography was written and distributed by Kyle LeeCrossett.



Baked potatoes inspired by David Whitehead's childhood memories were enjoyed by all!

A publication bringing together all the works from the project will be available to residents from the barn, contact: James Hunt at james\_IPC@btinternet.com or @IwadeJames to get a copy.

Check out the Iwade@TheBarn blog for future updates and how to get involved in the barn.

An archive of Wend Iwade can be found at www.ootoplaces.co.uk/places/iwade Wend Iwade is an OOTO Places commission, an Ideas Test flagship programme. Find out more about what's coming up at Ideas Test, on their website www.ideastest.co.uk , on twitter @ideastest and on facebook www.facebook.com/ideastest. Or pop down to their new home, No.34 High Street, Sittingbourne where they run a regular programme of events and workshops.



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## Church News

### Church Open

Just a reminder - the church is open (as in unlocked just walk in!) every day during daylight hours. If you've never been in our lovely old church then why not take the time just to have a look around, have a sit down and take a quiet moment away from the stresses of everyday life. Please don't forget to sign our visitors book before you leave.

### Easter Craft

On the 19th of March the church was packed and there was a busy, purposeful hum as dozens of people enjoyed an afternoon of making Easter themed crafts ranging from Bunny Bunting to Easter Gardens to table decorations and many others besides. The photographs show some of the activities going on to obvious enjoyment. Thanks especially to Maria and Nigel Downes for leading this initiative. It was a great afternoon, enjoyed by all, participants and helpers alike. Look out for more craft activities later in the year.



### The Home Library Service

In the March edition we published an item about a free service, The Home Library Service from which not just books, but other items such as CDs, spoken word cassettes, DVDs and also large print books can be borrowed.

Unfortunately the contact information that we gave was incorrect, so if you would like to use this service please visit:

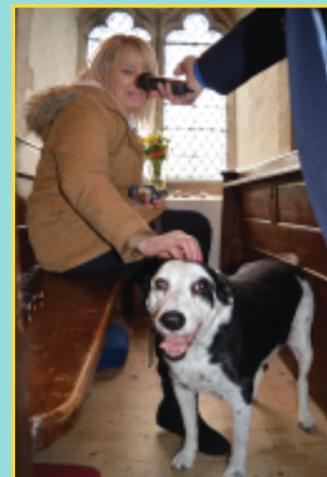
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[library-services](http://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/specialist-library-services), phone us on 03000 41 31 31, or ask for more information and an application form at your local library.

Volunteers delivering the Home Library Service are screened for this role.

### Pets' Service

The 10th April saw the church host its first Pets' Service. A small but select band of pets and owners enjoyed a service lead by Stephen Plumb and given the range of pets from Sparkle the chicken, Tessa the dog and an assortment of cats, dogs, gerbils and guinea pigs it was all very peaceful and calm. All the pets enjoyed an after-service snack of pet food as did the owners enjoy a fine range of home-baked cakes and teas and coffees. Watch out for next year's pet service when we hope to see an even wider range of pets and their owners enjoy a chance to reflect on how much our pets bring to us.



### Sunday 15th June

Please note that there will be no services at All Saints on Sunday 15th June. On Sunday 15th June there will be a Benefice of the Six joint service outdoors in The Orchard adjacent to Newington Church to celebrate Pentecost at 10:30 weather permitting - otherwise in the church.

### New Community Choir

Breaking News - An internationally renowned Choir Leader has volunteered their services to start a new Community Choir in Iwade. Watch this space for further details or keep an eye on IwadeVillage.co.uk and Iwade Village Does Facebook.

## Tinkerbell's Early Years

by Jody Paine

We would firstly like to say welcome to all our new children and their families that joined us after Easter. We hope you had a lovely, relaxing break.

Last term the children took part in making their very own bugs following on from our topic on mini beasts. They also enjoyed our Easter celebrations and made some very impressive Easter bonnets and baskets for our competition.



Thank you to all those who took part!. For our cooking activity, they made yummy

chocolate Easter nests too and we are hoping to grow some fruit and vegetables in our garden as the finer weather is at last showing signs of finally arriving!

The topic for this term is Animals and the children have already been busy creating some animals of their own. Now that the weather is improving, we are looking forward to exploring and continuing our learning outside.



All our sessions at Tinkerbell's are currently full and we would like to take this opportunity to

advise anyone wishing to put their Child's name down for our September intake, that we are now full until September 2017 at Iwade, however there are a few spaces available at our clock tower setting from September 2016. Please feel free to email us at [enquiries@tinkerbellspreeschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspreeschool.co.uk) for more information.

## Letters from the Wandering Walkers - Iwade Health Walks

James Apps

Spring is more or less here - the grass is riz - and all that; the birds is on the wing, and the reserve is alive with birds and rabbits. On the last walk, down to the reserve and back we enjoyed the sunshine, removing coats because it was warm and as we walked up to Raspberry Hill Road the Hawthorn seemed to agree with us. Buds burgeoned on the branches beginning to bulge ready to burst into life.

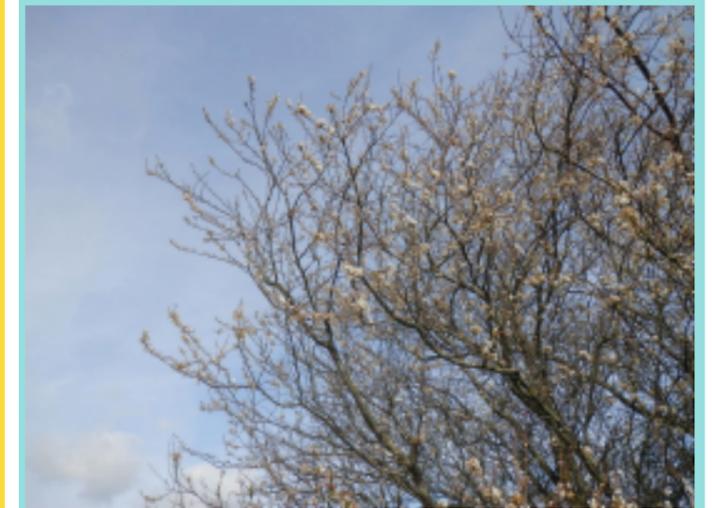
One of the benefits of these walks, designed to cater for a range of abilities, and also obviously, mostly retired people, is the companionship. Our group is now quite large which means that we have more people to talk to, and if all of us turn up and decided we want a drink, we can fill the pub!

On the 10th March we sat outside the Woolpack, as we are wont to do, listening to the birds, chatting and generally enjoying the day. Getting to know each other it is called.

But, the pleasure is also in watching as the gardens in Iwade begin to come to life, and the anticipation of those back-yards and front garden displays strutting their stuff. (Ed - also see reminder elsewhere about the Village Garden Competition this year) The daffodils, magnolias and of course the early blossom definitely remind us of Spring, and that fresh smell of new growth.

I am sure that the Robin, happily singing in the Village Centre was trying to tell us that indeed Spring is Sprung, and I am certain that the wing was on the bird because he was using it and its pair when he flew away.

Just a reminder: the walk starts from the Village shopping centre at 10:45 - gather in the square for registration at 10:30. We normally arrive back at the Woolpack just after 12:15.



**Do you fly a Drone?  
Are you Drone Aware?  
Do you know your legal responsibilities?**



If you fly a model Drone, Quad or Multi-Copter and are not sure about your legal responsibilities then read on.

The Civil aviation Authority (CAA) and British Model Flying Association (BMFA) are Running a Drone awareness initiative.

Go to: <http://droneaware.org>

You have probably read or heard on the news about the careless use and the dangerous flights made by owners of model drones near airfields etc putting airliners and lives at risk. The press are having a field day sensationalising even the most minor of incidents. The CAA and BMFA want model flying to continue. Unless more people are made aware of their responsibilities and the regulations on the use of drones, particularly those fitted with cameras, and how to fly them safely then model flying could be killed off or severely restricted by legislation.

The Medway Model Flying Club who are a BMFA affiliated club will also be having "Drone awareness sessions" at weekends weather permitting, at our flying field at Orchard Farm, Iwade (enter at the Solar Farm entrance) in School Lane, Iwade, ME9 8QE. If you would like more information on flying your drone safely and not falling foul of the law then you are welcome to come along for a chat. You can bring your model along for a safety check and advice from propeller safety to battery choice and charging. We may also be able to help with any technical advice about the maintenance and set up of your model.

No charge, it's free and will be informal and friendly. Come along we would like to meet you.

For more info contact : Phil on 07973938171 or at [pfiwade@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pfiwade@blueyonder.co.uk) or

Ade on 07824600763 or at [adrianhawley@virginmedia.com](mailto:adrianhawley@virginmedia.com)

**parkrun**  
by Rynnn Kemp

Although strictly speaking not Iwade News, this is a weekly free 5k run around Milton Creek Country Park, taking place every Saturday at 9 a.m. that I know some Iwadians already take part in. And it's less than 2 miles from Iwade village centre.

The very first Sittingbourne parkrun took place on Saturday 27th February with over 200 runners enjoying being part of the national phenomenon that is parkrun. There are now nearly 400 parkruns around the country, so if you're away from home and fancy a quick (or even slow!) timed 5K you're certain to be within a short distance of one.

Before taking part you need to register and obtain a barcode (you can print this out at home) which will enable you to enter any parkrun around the country.

See: <http://www.parkrun.org.uk>

If you're into running or just want to try and get a bit fitter this is a great event - you run entirely at your own pace and the only person you need to worry about beating is yourself as you try and set a new PB. Results are posted online each week so you can keep an eye on your progress.

Why not give it a try - what have you got to lose (apart from a few surplus pounds!)

(ps it goes against the grain to use a lower case p for parkrun, but that's the way it is!!)

**Iwade Flagpole**

Most would have now seen/heard that Iwade has a village flagpole, installed on what has come to be known as Tellytubby Hill. It was installed so that the village could take part in the 'Fly a Flag for Commonwealth day' and the parish council decided that it would be a good idea to have it as a permanent feature. Having listened to the views of residents it was decided that St George's flag would be flown with the Union Flag flown on other occasions such as the Queen's Birthday and other major events.

Some residents have been asking lately why the flag keeps changing and why on some days it is at half-mast. As a mark of respect the Union Flag will be flown at half-mast on the day of the funeral of any Iwade resident at the request of the family. If you would like to request this please contact the parish council on [iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:iwadepc@blueyonder.co.uk) or call 01795 477015 with the deceased's name and address and the date and time of the funeral and the flying of the flag can be arranged.

James Hunt  
Chairman | Iwade Parish Council

**Iwade WI - May Update**

Sandra Wilkinson

In the true tradition of the W.I. members have always swapped recipes and ideas with each other, so this month I thought I would share one with you. As the new season English strawberries are just beginning to come into supermarkets here is a quick idea for making meringues.

Microwave Meringues :  
300g. icing sugar and 1 egg white

Mix egg white into icing sugar to form a paste and mould into marble-size balls.

Put four, spaced out onto kitchen towel, on a cold plate and place in microwave for approx. one and a half minutes. The exact time will depend on the power of your microwave (be careful they burn quickly). I used several plates in rotation to prevent them from getting too hot!.

Serve with English strawberries and double cream, Yum!

May is our Resolutions Meeting where we discuss and vote on two issues chosen nationally by members. The first is to provide appropriate provision for relatives to stay in hospital with dementia patients and the second is to avoid food waste and address food poverty. Once decided the resolution is submitted to the government which then gives an opportunity for all to lobby MPs for action.

*(Ed. Due to a shortage of space last month we were unable to publish the following item in full which we now do, with the photograph, so that it all makes sense!!)*

Our latest venture is making 'Twiddle Mats' for dementia patients in hospitals and care homes. See photo below ... These can be knitted or crochet with attached ribbons, wool, buttons & various trimmings. If you would like to make any, they are approx. 7"x9" (18x23 cm); they will be appreciated. Or if you would like to donate any wool to the WI we can put it to very good use. -Val Pugh



**Iwade Brownies to grow  
seeds from space!**

Iwade Brownies are preparing to become space biologists and embark on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that have been into space.

In September, 2kg of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station (ISS) on Soyuz 44S where they will spend several months in microgravity before returning to Earth in March 2016. The seeds have been sent as part of Rocket Science, an educational project launched by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and the UK Space Agency.

Iwade Brownies will be one of up to 10,000 schools to receive a packet of 100 seeds from space, which they will grow alongside seeds that haven't been to space and measure the differences over seven weeks. The girls won't know which seed packet contains which seeds until all results have been collected by the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

The out-of-this-world, nationwide science experiment will enable the girls to think more about how we could preserve human life on another planet in the future, what astronauts need to survive long-term missions in space and the difficulties surrounding growing fresh food in challenging climates.

Rocket Science is just one educational project from a programme developed by the UK Space Agency to celebrate British ESA astronaut Tim Peake's Principia mission to the ISS and inspire young people to look into careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects, including horticulture.

Follow the project on Twitter: @RHSSchools #RocketScience

## Iwade Reading Group

Hilary Foulds

We particularly enjoyed our April meeting held at the Oad Street Craft Centre for a change of venue. We discussed our book of the month Behind Closed Doors, a real page turner. It had a topical subject of the insidious control of one person on another and we recognised the theme currently being explored in The Archers.

Our book for May is The Diary of an Ordinary Woman by Margaret Forster, looking at how women's lives particularly have changed over the generations. This book will be discussed at our next meeting on Tuesday 10 May.

For June we are looking forward to the challenge of a wordy book, My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante, one of a series of books known as the Neapolitan novels. A rich, intense, and generous-hearted story about two friends, Elena and Lila. We will be reviewing this book on Tuesday 14 June.

In July for our meeting on Tuesday 12th we will discuss The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul by Debbie Rodriguez. In a little coffee shop in one of the most dangerous places on earth, five very different women come together. Sunny, the proud proprietor, needs an ingenious plan to keep her cafe and customers safe.

The hour or so we spend chatting in our Reading Group meeting is so enjoyable how can you bear not to join us? For more information do please contact Hilary on 01795 474656.

## IWADE VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – MAY 2016

As I type this, we are 5 days from the April quiz night and we are finalising the questions now. For those who came along, we hope you had a good time and cheered the winning team even if you didn't want to! Our thanks to Rynn for being the question master, to all those who donated raffle prizes, to anyone who helped before, during and after and of course, to everyone who supported the event.

Maybe another one will be organised for later on in the year .. watch this space!

The Food and Craft Fayre has been getting busier, the organisers do such a great job getting new stalls in for us all each month. It's hugely disappointing for them when stall holders don't turn up, but please do keep popping down to see what's new. The next one is the 8th May from 10am -1pm. Geri, Gaye and Jean hope to have yet more new stalls, plus I am keeping my fingers crossed for the new food wagon to be ready (the owner is working hard to get it ready for May but has previously borrowed a griddle and worked from the kitchen – thanks for the lend Al).

## Iwade ROC Cafe

This new youth project for Iwade continues to gather pace and we are getting ever closer to 'going live'

We are holding a 'Taster Afternoon' on Tuesday 31st May from 2:30. This will strictly be for children in Year 5 and above, and we would welcome accompanying parents also. Come along and tell us how you would like to see a youth club being organised, what things you would like to do, and to try some of our new equipment out. There will be no charge although we will have a 'tuck shop' to spend a few pence in. The venue, as this goes to press, is still to be confirmed so look out for posters around the village and for Facebook posts.

After the Taster Session we will be holding a further session as an outing on Friday 10th June, and hope to meet weekly thereafter - more details to follow in next month's Observer, in the meantime you can contact Stephen Plumb on 07905 040119 or email at: [asiwade@btinternet.com](mailto:asiwade@btinternet.com) for further information.

Finally we would love to see some more adults getting involved with Iwade ROC and again if you would like to know more or indeed would like to volunteer to help contact Stephen Plumb as above.

With May now upon us, we have our AGM on the horizon and that can only mean one thing; an advert for help! We have one Trustee position free and we'd really like to fill that with someone who can bring fresh ideas on fundraising and bringing the community together within the hall. Additionally, if you have some DIY skills and would like to donate some time, we're on the lookout for a handyman/woman who can do any little odd jobs that pop up. We can't promise you anything for your time, apart from tea and biscuits really, but we would certainly appreciate the assistance. The AGM will be held on 25th May from 7:00pm. If you're interested in becoming a Trustee, please email your details to [secretary@iwadevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@iwadevillagehall.co.uk) no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting. If you'd like to just come along to the AGM, you'd be more than welcome too.

Just a short update this month, so we'll wish you well and maybe see you down at the Food and Craft Fayre on the 8th, or the AGM on the 25th.

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING Held on Wednesday 9th March, 2016

### Present:

Cllr. J. Hunt – Chair, Cllr. M. Gale – Vice-Chair, Cllr. P. Hyde, Cllr. S. Plumb, Cllr. L. Mitchell, Cllr. J. Rook, Cllr. P. Horner, Cllr. R. Clark, Cllr. J. White, Lynda Fisher, Clerk, Cllr. S. Cheeseman, Borough Cllr. Ben Stokes, Cllr. D. Gale & 9 Members of the public.

### Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr. Hunt and Cllr. Clark, being on Swale Borough Council's Planning Committee, will not take part in discussions under Item 6.1 Dispensations are in place for Members relating to The Barn and Iwade School.

### Visitors/Public Time

•Visitors – Several residents attended to complain about the constant nuisance of ball games on the green at the bottom end of Sheerstone; Clerk to take this up with Swale Borough Council's Green Spaces Officer as the area is maintained and owned by them and Amicus Horizon.

•A resident raised concerns regarding a property in School Lane; Parish Councillors agreed to investigate.

•County and Borough Councillors – Borough Cllr. Stokes advised that he has been investigating the flooding in Meadow Brown View; the Environment Agency cannot do anything, however Rob Bailey, Planning Officer at Swale is looking into this and it would appear that the issue is the run-off from the field. He has also been dealing with a complaint regarding Arriva buses using the top of School Lane and Chetney View as a turning point and a complaint about trees being cut down in Ferry Road and a burnt out car – the Chair advised that the car has now been removed and the trees are on private land.

•Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – The Community Warden's report was circulated. During February he investigated an issue in Sheerstone involving children kicking footballs; spoke to a resident about dog fouling, especially in Fans Lane. Reported fly tipping in Old Ferry Road, dealt with an abandoned vehicle in a ditch and checked out a fallen tree on a footpath.

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

•Grovehurst Roundabout and Slip Roads – Still no response; agreed to ask Borough Cllr. Whiting to set up a further site meeting with all interested parties.

•Flagpole relocation and Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth Day 14th March, 2016 – Looking at the responses received to this it would appear that the majority of residents want

the pole to stay where it is. There is the possibility of relocating it to the village hall but Members felt that this would mean extra expenditure. Members agreed to leave the flag pole in situ and fly the flag at all times. The Chair will raise the Commonwealth Flag on the 24th March and take photographs to send to the Commonwealth Pageant Master.

•Update on inspection of verges and signs – The Chair and Environment Warden walked around the village looking at verges; these inspections will continue. The Warden issued a warning notice on a vehicle and if within six months that car is on verges anywhere in Swale the owner will be given a ticket and fined. The Clerk advised that she has ordered the verge signs and is awaiting notification that they are ready for collection.

•Linkway Parking Issues – Agreed to bring back to the April meeting.

•Cllr. Horner has been approached by residents who are having problems gaining access to their drives during School dropping off/picking up times; this also affects a carer who has had access difficulties. Clerk to set up a meeting with Mike Whiting the Chair of the JTB; KCC, the School, Borough and County Councillors; possibly meeting up at 3.00 p.m. to look at the issues and to also discuss the impact this is having on Linkway and other nearby roads. Cllr. Plumb added that staff vehicles are queuing in School Lane waiting to get into the car park

•Vodafone Rural Sure Signal – Cllr. Gale advised that the project has now been completed; there are now five aerials in the village and these will improve the signal for Vodafone users. It doesn't cover the whole of Iwade as 10 sites were needed and only 5 came forward; however it does cover most places and hopefully more volunteers will come forward in the future. Iwade is the only village in Kent to be chosen for the project. There will be a press release in a couple of weeks' time.

### Finance

•Operation of School Lane Playing Field & Pavilion – Parish Council/Iwade Herons – although Persimmon consider the Pavilion finished and built to spec some of the block board walls, e.g. in toilets and kitchen, have not been painted. Following a meeting with Persimmon and Graeme Tuff, from Swale Borough Council this issue will be taken up with the Planners. Members agreed that the Parish Council should not accept the Pavilion in this state. Agreed to take this item off the Agenda until the pavilion is complete and Swale Borough Council is ready to discuss. The

Hérons have forwarded dates when they would like to use this facility; Clerk to forward to Graeme Tuff and at the same time as if there is any progress on the paint issue.

•Village Clean-up Day – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hyde, all agreed the date of 22nd May, 2016; from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., followed by a BBQ in the grounds of The Woolpack – maximum expenditure £250.

•Village Landscape Maintenance – The Chair mentioned the shrubs and the annual cut by the contractors, which is insufficient. It was agreed that the Parish Council ask the Handyman to cut back areas (e.g. around street nameplates) when necessary and to only cut up till August/September so that KCC won't stop their contract. Agreed that Clerk be notified by e-mail of any issues, either by residents or Councillors.

•Village Garden Competition – progressing well; Amanda Hurrell has managed to get vouchers donated and free seeds.

### Iwade Localism Project (Swale Borough Council)

Planning Permission has now been granted and the next stage is Building Control; once agreed, hopefully work can commence in the next two months and the Barn Committee will be approaching those who have agreed to help. Broadband will be the next project and at the appropriate time the Parish Council will be approached by a separate Broadband Committee regarding the Broadband funding it holds, which originally came from Kent County Council.

### Reports from Representatives (Village Hall and KALC)

•Hall – Cllr. Gale reported that the new cleaner is doing a good job. They have been carrying out some maintenance work and the floor has now been sealed and all the holes have been filled. They now have a new Chair in place.

### Any Other Matters Arising

•Cllr. Gale attended the first meeting of the Orchard Community (OC) Project (Solar Farm); construction of the array is finished and although it is generating power the National Grid is not being fed into; the National Grid need to sort the issues. OC will not take ownership of the project from the Spanish company until accreditation from OfGen, which is needed by the 30th June. Twelve subscribers come from Kent; there are sixty-five in total. There will be another Bond offer in April; Cllr. Gale will have more details when this comes forward.