

The Iwade Observer



Disco Karaoke Night

****FREE EVENT****

Iwade Village Hall
7th July 7.30pm-11pm

This is a ticket only FREE event to give us an opportunity to test our new DJ/Karaoke equipment!

Contact chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk for tickets

Please bring your own food and drink

Want to get your business featured in our monthly Business Focus Feature?
Tania Emery coordinates our Business Focus feature, so if you'd like to be considered for our next issue, please contact Tania Emery at tlemery@outlook.com

Monday Friendship Group

We had a fun-filled vintage "Beetle Drive" at our first June get together, but there were reports of some cheating going on! See the intense concentration on the faces of some players in the adjacent photo! A talk by the Kent Fire and Rescue will be taking place on June 25th so more on that in next month's Observer.

The kettle will be on again in The Barn on 9th and 23rd July from 10 30 am until 12 15 pm and we look forward to welcoming anyone living in Iwade wanting some company. (Please contact Janet Gregory or Joan Exley or pop in to one of our sessions if you wish to promote any Iwade events or businesses).



Sittingbourne's Steam Railway

Over 30 real ales from across the UK plus a range of ciders and other drinks

This year we are using a new beer chilling system so your beer is not too warm!

Steam & Beer - 7th/8th July

Our annual beer festival with trains being hauled by steam locomotives 'Leader' and 'Melior' on both days

<p>Saturday Live music from midday BBQ from midday Trains every 45 mins until 5.45pm then hourly 7pm-9pm Travel by train in the dark!</p>	<p>Special fares apply: Adults (18+) - £12* Senior citizens - £11* CAMRA Members - £11* Young adults (16-17) - £8 Children (3-15) - £4 Infants (under 3) - free *Includes first pint</p>	<p>Sunday Family fun with Captain Jack Sparrow Treasure Hunt Dress as a pirate to win a prize! Trains every 45 mins</p>
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Little Pip ENGLAND

BUSINESS FOCUS

Hi! I'm Jen and I am the creator of Little Pip England, a brand for all the style conscious parents, carers, friends and family of cherished little people! Little Pip specialises in one-of-a-kind pieces of vintage inspired, upcycled, nursery & children's furniture (also available to hire or purchase for your own boutique/shop/event), clothing, accessories and gifts. Many products can also be customised with initials or names for an extra special personal touch. Upcycled items are meticulously chosen for their vintage style and quality. Inspiration for clothing is drawn from original vintage baby and children's clothing and knitting patterns.




modernised with quirky little twists. Unusual newborn, Mummy and Daddy gifts will be available soon and will take inspiration again from vintage clothing and knitting designs, also available to personalise! After a career in fashion, designing knitwear for high street fashion brand Reiss and since becoming Mummy to Olivia in 2017, I have taken a leap of faith into new territories using my knowledge and expertise from several years working within a successful global brand. I recently started developing ideas for Little Pip alongside teaching art, design and fashion at the University for the Creative Arts in Rochester. My personal obsession with all things vintage and becoming a new Mum, wanting to create a family-friendly work/life balance has encouraged me to put Little Pip out there! I hope and dream that the business is received well and will inspire my daughter to reach for the stars!

I am still in the very early days of the business but I hope that the brand catches your eye and that some of you will follow and join me on my journey! Please like and share my Facebook business page for updates and products available to purchase, www.facebook.com/LittlePipEngland littlepipengland@gmail.com Instagram @littlepipengland

Thank you for reading!
Little Pip England X



Goodbye!

It was back in March 2010 that Dawn and I came to live in Iwade. I was employed by the Diocese of Canterbury to work in the community, representing the church. We have been part of the church community at All Saints' Church, Iwade during that time, and I was ordained in July 2015, and I have served as curate these past three years. It is now time for Dawn and I to move, and I am very pleased to announce that I have been appointed to a dual role as Lead Evangelist to set up and establish a Centre of Mission in Hackney, East London, and also as Evangelism Advisor to the Hackney Deanery. This is a partnership between The Church Army and the Diocese of London.

Hackney is very different from Iwade. An urban community in East London. A community that historically has suffered severe social deprivation, which presents many challenges and opportunities to the Christian church. My role is to discover and establish new ways of 'being church' in Hackney Deanery.

We are so thankful for our time spent living in this village and enjoying spending time with so many great people. Dawn and I would like to thank all those people and organisations/community groups who have been friendly, welcoming, supportive and encouraging during our time here.

The task we are taking on in Hackney will be demanding in a variety of ways, and we will need support/help from others, if you would be interested in helping in any way please do get in touch.



Stephen & Dawn Plumb

Iwade Observer Nature Photography Competition WOW!!

We received some amazing shots from young photographers in Iwade in response to our competition that has been running for the last two months. Entries closed on 15th June and we've spent hours discussing the merits of each of the photographs and still not been able to come up with a winner. So we had to call in an independent arbitrator who agreed the quality of the entries was brilliant and shows some real latent talent in Iwade.



The photo that was eventually picked to win the very first Observer Photographic Competition was from 8-year-old Zach Anderson and shows a very patiently observed photo of a baby robins' nest. We'll show all of the entries in next month's issue.

Zach wins a photography book and a bug house, and all the entrants will be presented with a canvas print of their entry.

Run Iwade
Liz Sanchez



It all began in November last year when I posted on Facebook to see if anyone was interested in running. I posted that I would be at the shops at 7pm, expecting nobody to turn up! To my surprise, 18 people turned up in their running gear ready to go! So we hit the streets! and we now have over 20 people at each team run. You may have seen us around.

Myself and my friend Shawn Washer have, since then, led 2 couch-2-5k sessions and have recently had some of our team members complete 10k races and half marathons, who couldn't run a mile 9 months ago. One of our shining stars is Laura Webb, who is a well known hair dresser in the village. She completed 10k and a half marathon in the space of just 6 weeks!

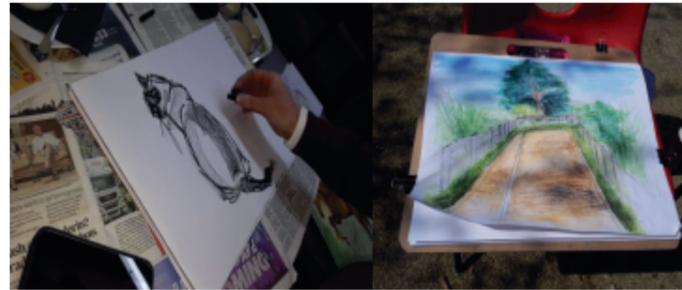
We are a driven, encouraging friendly group of runners. Our ability goes from 5k beginners to half marathon established runners and we cater for all abilities; nobody gets left behind, that's the golden rule.

We meet 3 times a week. Monday, Wednesday & Fridays at 7pm. Find us on Facebook as "Run Iwade"

We are completely free of charge and just want to get fitter and enjoy the beautiful views of our village.

Everyone is welcome!

ANDREA'S ART Art Classes
 @ The Barn - Iwade!!
 Andrea's School of Art - Asartbuzz
www.asartbuzz.co.uk asartbuzz@gmail.com



High time we shared some of our news!

We had our Grand Opening in December and reporting some news about Andrea's School of Art has been long overdue.

We started our first classes in January and were very pleased to have some locals come and join us. Our children's classes, age 8yrs-15yrs, started not long after as there were requests for classes catering for our younger generation of budding artists.

Our artists have amazed us with their results this year, some who have had little or any formal training in art, have really proved what can be accomplished with a little help and a lot of love for art.

Our classes thus far have been quite a mixed bag of different themes, working in different mediums and mixed media.

The structure of our classes is informal; allowing our artists to explore their own talents and skills, as well as discovering the medium that best suits their particular style,

and creates the desired effect.

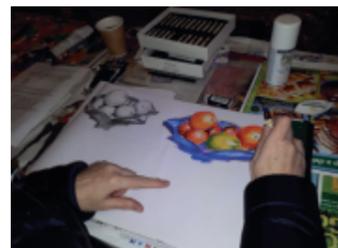
In the next few months we hope to be able to offer our classes midweek, not only the two Saturdays a month, so watch this space!!

Do come along and enjoy some time away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life by joining our art classes.

Pensioners offer: ½ Price -Invite a friend and we offer 25% off your first class.

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Andrea-School-of-Art-154237151314226/>
 Or email us: asartbuzz@gmail.com

Website: www.asartbuzz.co.uk



LUCKY 13!

Simon and Tina Killick

We so enjoyed using The Barn recently that we felt we just had to let you know!

The Barn is a lovely facility for the Village and we felt very lucky that we live in the village and were able to have the Barn to help our daughter, Molly, celebrate her 13th Birthday.

It's a lovely building and was just the right size for her friends and a great setting for the party. Our good friend Kevin, who owns two Mustangs, turned up as a surprise for Molly and her friends, and he and I took all the kids for a spin.

They all had a great night and so many of the kids and their parents commented on what a special place the Barn is.

We can't wait to use it for another get together!

Thanks to all those that helped give Iwade this lovely venue.



News from the BrewHouse

Mandy Reeves

We would like to say a big Thank you to all the Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Guardians that have been joining us every Wednesday Morning for our Baby Rhyme Time, we held our Rhyme Time 1st Anniversary 'sing-along' on 13th June where we had a guest singer - Antony Ramfos who assisted with the singing, fun & laughter. This group keeps going from strength to strength.

We are 2 years old!!!..... Another big Thank You also goes out to all our loyal customers for your custom and support over the last 2 years

Our new Summer menu is now being served, so why not come down and treat yourselves to our summer goodies and our naughty-but-nice Ice Cream Sundaes.

If your looking at treating someone with an afternoon tea with a difference, why not try one of our

Savoury Afternoon Teas. (Booking essential - with at least 24hours' notice please), Gift Vouchers are also available.

And last but not least, Calling all budding Thespians, Singers, Dancers or Dames..... Anyone want to join in and help arrange a Village Community Pantomime to be held in the village hall on Saturday 12th & 19th January. All proceeds to go to the Village Hall.

Our first pantomime will be 'Robin Hood', So if you are interested in helping out and joining in the fun, why not come and see us on Thursday 26th July at 7.30pm at The Mews Brewhouse so we can all meet up and exchange ideas and talents for this exciting community project.



You can be kept up to date on all our antics on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/mewsbrewhouse
 We look forward to seeing you all very soon

IWADE VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Our first live band event with 50's and 60's band Quiff and the Shades was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended, with lots of positive feedback. Thank you to everyone who helped organise and run this event, we hope to have the band back again next year.

We are currently busy organising the Disco and Karaoke night on 7th July. This is a free event to enable us to 'test run' our new equipment. Tickets are needed though so that we don't go over maximum numbers in the hall and you can secure yours by emailing chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk.

Please bring your own food and drink to this event. The next food and craft fayre will be on Sunday 8th July 10am-1pm with a variety of stalls selling handmade goods, gifts, cakes, pies, preserves, fruit and vegetables and much more. New stalls are always welcome, to book or for any other

information please contact fayre@iwadevillagehall.co.uk
 We are very pleased to be hosting the Iwade Community Entertainers this year for a pantomime...Oh yes we are! In order to make this a success the group needs your help; from painting scenery to a leading role, if you think you can help please make yourself known to Mandy at Mews Brewhouse or via the group's Facebook page.

If you would like to get involved at the hall we are looking for a trustee and a clerk on the committee, or if you would like to help out with fundraising and events please contact chair@iwadevillagehall.co.uk

All information on events, regular clubs and booking the hall can be found at www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk or by contacting bookings@iwadevillagehall.co.uk and please also keep up to date on the hall's Facebook page.



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MY BIG FAT GREEK ROAD TRIP 2018
 3rd-7th July 2018
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/greekroadtrip2018>
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MY BIG FAT GREEK ROAD TRIP 2018 FUNDRAISING DAY
 Raffle Prizes include:
 Afternoon Tea for 2
 Portrait Photography Voucher
 £25 Voucher at Little Potters
 Pandora Bracelet and Charms
Sunday 1st July 2018
1pm to 4pm
The Mews BrewHouse
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foundation.thedadnetwork.co.uk
 In aid of
 CANCER RESEARCH UK
 the dadnetwork FOUNDATION
 Support From 2011

Healthy Tinkerbells

Jody Nicholls

We are having a very busy and exciting summer term for them and they've been very excited to see them at Tinkerbells. The children have been taking part in many activities relating to our topic, 'Healthy living' and they have been preparing our learning how to keep fit and healthy. We held a sponsored walk which was a great success! Well done to all those who took part!

We are also looking forward to enjoying our annual sports day! We love this opportunity to get some exercise whilst having some fun with families too!

We've been taking good care of the vegetables and wild flowers that we planted in our garden. It was lots of fun for the children to plant and care for them every success in their new schools. We will miss you very much but we know you will all be little stars and we hope that you



have lots of fun in your new adventure!

Whilst that brings us to a close this year, we are very excited to meet the new children who will be joining us next year. We are sure you are going to have lots of fun with us and we can't wait to get to know you and your families too!



All of our sessions at Tinkerbells Iwade are currently full until September 2019. We do however have some limited sessions available at our Clock Tower setting. Therefore, if you are interested in a place for your child, or to be put on our waiting list, please contact us for a copy of our prospectus or email us at enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk

Men's Breakfast group

Mac MacDermott

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, at 09:30, at the barn, for a yarn and a bacon or sausage butty (or in the case of some us a bacon and sausage butty!) We aim to have a speaker each month and have had talks about James Bond locations, the Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway, Community First Responders and the course of the last few months.

At our next meeting on 3rd July we are delighted (after a bit of bribery!) to have secured the silky presentation skills of local resident Simon Killick, to give a short presentation to us. Simon is a Prison Officer on the Isle of Sheppey. In over 20 years service he has worked in Belmarsh, Swaleside and currently Standford Hill Open Prison. He will bring a display case as a sort of 'rogues gallery' of items found in the prisons which I am sure everyone will find interesting. For most of us, the newspaper or television is about as close as we ever get to prison and Simon will give a first-hand account of life behind bars, albeit as someone in uniform. Come along and give this very friendly and welcoming group a try.

Wise walking.

Ah yes! Spring and a walk that we normally do, with a slight diversion for some, makes a pleasant diversion. We did the Orchard walk that takes us past the Dancing Dog and around to School lane through the apple orchards and across fields and the stream. We split up but some of us inspected the display of poppies and wild flowers in the reserve. Well worth the diversion and well done Iwadefor what is turning out to be a great asset to the village. May provided us with fine displays of blossom and fine gardens although there were times when we had to cope with wet and mud but mostly we had good weather and pleasant walks. I note that on the Chetney Marshes (Bedlam's Bottom) that the rabbit population is apparently following the national trend with fewer scuts disappearing in panic from our column of walkers. However there are plenty of birds to see including circling harriers and hawks as well as the geese, ducks and swans. Toward the end of May we enjoyed a mid-year lunch at the Woolpack organised by Molly who has in past years sorted our Christmas events for which we should all say a heartfelt thank-you. At times when some of our group don't listen to what she says I have to admire her patience in explaining yet again until everybody is sorted.



Recently a gentleman arrived to take part in our walk, a man who used to come years ago, and gave it a go. I was pleased to note that when he realised that he had yet to let his body gain strength from his recently fitted pace-maker he wisely took advice and returned home. We suggested an easier walk he can do and I hope he will do that and then come back to us. His situation was a reminder that we should not take fitness for granted and should pace ourselves wisely to do what we can do and build up strength steadily. We look forward to seeing him back. We are a health walking group and it is always good to be reminded of that!

James Apps
Health Walking Group.

Iwade Youth Group needs you Can you help?

The Iwade Youth Group has been meeting for just over 1 year. It is for young people aged 10+, and meets on Friday evenings (term time) 6.30- 8.00pm in the Village Hall. This past year we have seen over 60 young people from Iwade enjoy a Friday night out at the Youth Group. We have a terrific team of volunteer helpers and a management group. Next term (Sept to Dec) some of the people who have been involved these past twelve months are no longer able to help out, so we are asking if you might be able to help. The management group would like to hear from anyone who could help in the following ways:

- Chair the management group meetings
- Treasurer (keeping the books)
- Apply for grants/fundraising.
- Secretary – take minutes at meeting and write an occasional letter.
- Volunteer to be there on a Friday evening (rota once a month) enjoying time with our fab young people.

A DBS check is required for the Friday evening volunteers; we can organise and pay for this. The Youth Group has been very successful and an important part of some young people's week, so if you are willing we would love to hear from you. Please contact Steve Plumb 07905040119 for a chat.

Iwade Baby Group Louise Wade

The group has been running since February and it's been great to meet lots of new Mums and babies (Dads are also very welcome to come too!). We have blankets on the floor for the babies to lie on and lots of toys for them to play with whilst the grown-ups have a cup of tea and a chat (or whilst the babies sleep which is quite often the case!). Occasionally we do a craft session; the week before Father's Day we did footprint pictures for the Daddies/Grandads. Unfortunately, Rachel has had to step down from helping as her babies are on their way to toddlerhood. My own baby is fast on his way to following them so I will also have to step down soon. Hannah and Caroline will be taking over but if anyone else would also like to help run the group, I'm sure they would be very grateful. The group runs every Monday (including school holidays) in the Barn, 1 - 2:30. We also have a Facebook Group if you would like more information.

Swale Cats Protection

It's been a busy May/June, with the fundraisers having been at Bunnings running the Sausage Sizzle (raised £245) and the Bredhurst CP Spring Fair (£84). The welfare team have been busy with another Snip and Chip day where we book in cats for neutering and chipping at a cost subsidised by us, and the fosterers have had their hands full with kittens. All very cute little things, but they are very hard work. At the time of writing this, we had just reserved our last kitten so new homes for them all now.

g us along to run our raffle. It's Sunday 8th July between 10am – 1pm and we'd love to see you there. We'll have free cat masks for children to colour in, advice booklets, a great raffle and some cat goodies of course – please come down to support us.

Our welfare team do a grand job of reuniting lost and found cats by way of our Facebook, Twitter and website pages. Some stories are unbelievable, like the tale of little Po, a deaf 1-year old indoor cat. Her owner got in touch with us with photos and descriptions after she went missing from her home in Sheerness. We advertised her as we normally do and asked our supporters and other cat lovers across Swale and Kent to share the advert. After 5 days, we were contacted by supporters in Teynham who had seen a cat in their garden during the early hours of that morning who looked very much like Po. Surely Po couldn't have travelled to Teynham from Sheerness on her own? No she didn't. After a few messages back and forth, it turned out that Po's owner had been to Teynham on the day little Po disappeared, and apparently, Po had unwittingly joined her! The owner returned to Teynham to collect Po that day and a lovely happy ending ensued.

Po was extremely lucky to have been found as she wasn't chipped. Less than 2% of unchipped cats that get lost are returned to their rightful owners, whereas, chipped cats have 20 times more success. If you haven't had your cats chipped yet, please speak to your vet as it's an invaluable way of being reunited with your fur baby. Our welfare team ran a day of chipping at the end of June. For just £5, we offered owners the chance to book in and get their cats and kittens chipped. Look out for our next one as I'm sure it'll be in the calendar soon.

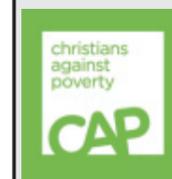
Don't forget that we can always make use of unwanted gifts to use in our raffles, especially bottles of adult pop (!), beauty gift sets and cat related goods. Please email:- fundraising@swale.cats.org.uk if you have any. Thanks for reading, have a great summer and we'll see you again in August.

Everything within Swale CP hinges on what the fundraisers can manage to raise at our events, this is why we value your support so much – literally every penny counts and we are dab hands now at stretching those pennies to make them go further and further. With so many good causes all asking for your donations, we are truly grateful for what we receive.

Our July event will see us down at the Food and Craft Fayre at Iwade Village Hall. It's a lovely event and we thank Sho, Becca and Gaye for invitin

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Debt and Money Management Help for Swale



Since the opening of the Swale Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre six weeks ago several people living in Swale have already started their journey out of debt with the help of the service. It is free and confidential to all, irrespective of faith or no faith. If you are burdened by financial problems CAP is there to help. All it takes is a free phone call to their helpline on 08003280006. (Mon – Fri 08.30-17.00) All the work will be done in your own home so not even the need to travel can hinder you. A visit from a trained debt coach will explain everything to you. All the information concerning your income, expenditure and debts will be discussed and all this sent to CAP Head Office. A case worker will be assigned who will act as an intermediary between you and your creditors, working with both sides to reach a repayment plan which is acceptable to all while being practical and viable for your budget. The final decision on this or other options open to you will be yours to make. CAP will help you for as long as it takes to reach a resolution and start your journey out of debt. Last week, nationally, 85 individuals and families went completely debt free thanks to this service. One of CAP's core principles is that they can help – there's always hope - always a solution. Alternatively if you would just like to have help on how to prepare a budget for yourself there are the CAP Money courses which would assist you in this. Giving you tips and ideas on how to control your money rather than it controlling you, allowing you to ensure enough funds available for your present and future needs. See the CAP web site: www.capuk.org or enquire on 07470 047916. Please use ruthwiseman@capuk.org or stanwiseman@capuk.org for email enquiries.

Kent Association of Local Councils

The Observer thought local residents would like to hear of this recent new initiative, and hopes some relief may be offered both to sufferers of this cruel disease and their carers

The Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) has joined up with Alzheimer's Society and Kent Fire & Rescue Service to help local communities across the county combat dementia in their local areas.

The KALC Chairman, Cllr Sarah Barker, signed the Strategic Commitment on dementia with Alzheimer's Society at Kent Fire & Rescue Service HQ. Cllr Barker, said: "We are delighted to work with the Alzheimer's Society and Kent Fire & Rescue Service in raising awareness and increasing understanding about dementia. Some of our local Councils are already involved in projects linked to raising dementia awareness. We will support them and all our member Councils in helping to alleviate the effects of local people living with dementia."

The Kent Association of Local Councils therefore makes the following strategic commitments:

- We will help our members develop the necessary awareness, skills and understanding to recognise and support people living with dementia in the communities we serve.
- We will work together and with our local partners to help maintain and improve the general safety, health and wellbeing of people living with dementia, their families and carers.
- We will support the Alzheimer's Society in their quest to develop more Dementia Friendly Communities and Dementia Friends in line with the Prime Minister's challenge on dementia.
- We will work with the Alzheimer's Society and other recognised experts to share best practice and publicise effective policies, procedures, practices and training.

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors/Public Time

1. Visitors – A resident raised the issue of the footpaths not being finished on the Persimmon development, the Clerk has been in touch with Swale Borough Council, who in turn have spoken to KCC who will ensure this work done. Another raised issues relating to bikes and motorbikes – the PCSO is dealing with these. A waste bin in Woodpecker Park has not been emptied – this will be reported. Residents raised issues relating to the grass cutting contractors – Clerk to take this up with Swale Borough Council, who oversee the work. Action: Clerk

2. County and Borough Councillors – County Cllr. Whiting advised he has received a complaint from a resident about a lack of allocated parking bays for Blue Badge holders behind the shops, and is investigating. Looking into a complaint about the Iwade Meadows Management Company on behalf of a resident. Following an issue raised at a recent Parish Council meeting by a member of the public, has received confirmation that the consultation in respect of the yellow lines in Springvale was indeed carried out in accordance with the rules.

3. Community Warden/PCSO – The Community Warden reported a large fly tipping incident on Sheppey Way and fly tipping on School Lane near the Solar Farm. Dealt with ASB youth issues around new play area at School Lane. The lights along the Waterway have been damaged; PCSO has dealt with this issue.

Matters Arising from the Minutes – None.

Planning

1. 18/501185/FULL: Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension: 20 Monins Road Iwade Kent ME9 8TY – no objection.

2. 18/501363/FULL: Proposed dropped kerb: 1 Coleshall Cottages Sheerstone Iwade Kent – application withdrawn.

3. 18/501823/FULL: Erection of a part two storey, part first floor side extension and a single storey rear extension: 66 Cormorant Road Iwade Kent ME9 8WP – no objection.

4. 18/502160/FULL: Proposed two-storey side extension and a single storey rear bay extension: 13 Monins Road Iwade ME9 8TY – no objection.

Correspondence

1. Government consultations on the National Planning Policy Framework & Developer Contributions – agreed to respond along the same lines as KALC. Action: Clerk

2. Government consultation on unauthorised encampments – Cllr. Langham attending a meeting on Friday relating to this and will forward points to Members. Clerk to formulate a response from any comments that come forward. Action: Cllr. Langham/Clerk

3. Model Standing Orders 2018 – Clerk to go through the document and appraise Councillors of any amendments/insertions. Action: Clerk

Finance

1. Pay Award 2018/19 – Noted national Local Government pay award, back dated to the 1st April 2018 of 2%, meaning an increase in annual salary of £326.30p.

2. KALC Subscription 2018/19 – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore, agreed the annual subscription of £1074.24p.

3. Insurance Renewal 2018/19 – proposed by Cllr. Langham, seconded by Cllr. Mills; agreed to accept the quotation from Inspire of 1122.85p and to tie in for three years.

Projects/Project Updates

Cllrs Dollimore and Gale are meeting with Sittingbourne Christmas Lights Association next Monday to look at the Christmas lighting project; will update at the next meeting.

GDPR Clerk advised the audit of data will be carried out in June by GDPR-info.

Reports from Representatives

1. Hall – Finished the year with a small profit, despite expenditure on new doors, drains, blinds, decorating and disco P.A. system during the year. Bookings are down slightly from last year but it's early days. Craft Fayre on Sunday.

2. KALC – nothing to report.

Any Other Matters Arising

1. The Chair advised he attended Swale's Planning Committee meeting recently, the Parish Council had no objections to the retrospective application for a driveway; the application was granted and the resident thanked everyone for their support.

2. Cllr. Horner advised the PPG is doing well, a new Doctor starts in three weeks' time. Decorating will take place; money for this is coming in from a different source. Front of house staff will be wearing uniforms. New seating ordered. Now got a Paramedic in the surgery. There will be many clinics as well. There will be a public meeting at 7.30 p.m. on 30 May, in The Barn; hoping the new Doctor will be present. The Medical Centre to be reassessed in a couple of weeks' time.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Present:

Cllr. M. Gale – Chair, Cllr. S. Cheeseman – Vice-Chair, Cllr. P. Hyde, Cllr. P. Horner, Cllr. R. Langham, Cllr. A. Dollimore, Cllr. R. Mills, Cllr. J. Dicker, Lynda Fisher -Clerk, Nick Mayatt, Community Warden, 6 Parishioners

1. Election of Chair, and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office

Matt Gale elected as Chair and duly signed the Acceptance of Office

2. Election of the Vice-Chairman and upon election signing of Acceptance of Office

Simon Cheeseman elected as Vice-chair and duly signed the Acceptance of Office.

3. Election of Members of Committees and Other Bodies

Membership of Parish Council Committees and other bodies agreed as follows:

1. Finance Committee: Cllrs. Gale, Langham, Cheeseman, Plumb and the Clerk

2. Planning Committee: Cllrs. Gale, Cheeseman, Dollimore, Plumb, Horner, Langham, Mills and the Clerk

3. Recreation, Arts and Cultural Committee: Cllrs. Hyde, Horner and the Clerk.

4. Kent Association of Local Councils: Cllrs. Clark, Dollimore and Langham

5. Village Hall: Cllrs. Gale and Cllr. Langham

6. Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr. Mills

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th May, 2017

Minutes agreed at the monthly meeting held on the 14 June 2017.

5. Dates of Meetings 2018/19

Members agreed to meet on the second Wednesday of each month, with meetings commencing at 7.30 p.m. in Iwade Village Hall.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING

1. REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR ON THE PREVIOUS YEAR

Woodpecker Park - The Master Plan that has been ongoing before the Chair joined the Parish Council is virtually finished. The Parish Council has been working with Swale Borough Council; the children's play area has been extended, a bridge installed over the stream, footpaths, seating, wooden animals, nature trail with brass rubbings installed and the culmination will be a Cairn to commemorate those who fell in WW1.

ANPR Camera – the Parish Council has purchased an ANPR Camera and paid for its installation and management for the next five years by Kent Police, we understand a couple of arrests have already been made because of the camera and evidence provided.

School Lane Pavilion and Field – The Iwade Herons have at last got the Pavilion and use of the Playing Field. Am pleased to comment they are doing well in most of the leagues.

The Barn – is now finished and in use. Brilliant volunteers have come forward to help with the work; the Parish Council has donated £8945 out of its funds and £16369 has come from an earmarked Broadband Grant from KCC.

PPG – Cllr. Horner and Graham Pungenti have been leading the Patient Participation Group (PPG) and since becoming involved positive things are coming forward.

Christmas Lights Turn On – as usual a successful event and still extremely popular; the addition of the new 'Flagpole' Christmas tree has brought forward positive comments.

Going Forward – a major project for the next two years is the hope to install Christmas lights on street lamp columns from the Church all the way up to the Christmas tree. The Parish Council has increased its community engagement with the new website and the Facebook Page – Cllr. Mills is assisting with the latter.

Parking and fly tipping is always a problem; had an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour in some areas, residents should always report any of these to 101.

The Chair then thanked Parish Councillors and the Community Warden for all the work they had undertaken during the past year.

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Iwade Reading Group

Christine Freshwater

For our June meeting we met to discuss the debut novel of Ruth Hogan, "The Keeper of Lost Things". The story was one of love and loss in its various forms. Anthony carelessly lost a keepsake from his beloved fiancée, Therese on the day she died 40 years ago. Broken hearted Anthony sought consolation in rescuing lost things - items dropped, misplaced or left behind were catalogued and he wrote stories about them, and tried to find out their "story". There was a good range of characters in the novel who all linked together in one way or another. The tale had a beginning and an end including the tales within it.

This was enjoyed by the majority of the group for a variety of reasons, it was a bit more of a challenging read but we found it well written and well researched. Recommended.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 10.30 at The Barn. The book for July is Glenn's choice, "Don't Wake Up" by Liz Lawler.

Look for us on FB – search Iwade Reading and Book Group.

Good News from Iwade Patient Participation Group (IPPG)

Dramatic improvements to Iwade Health Centre were revealed at a public meeting organised by IPPG and attended by Tara Dugan (Manager) and Debbie Warner (Advanced Nurse Practitioner). An attendee at the meeting commented that, "We have a wonderful story that we can tell"! This note attempts to do just that.

Doctor Tanner has become our new permanent lead doctor (available Monday to Thursday) and a new, permanent locum will be present on Fridays and Mondays. Debbie Warner leads the new nursing team. She has been an independent prescriber advanced practice nurse for over twelve years and has multiple diplomas and specialised knowledge of orthopaedics, intensive care, occupational health, trauma, etc. Two experienced Practice Nurse Prescribers, each with specialist skills, a Health Care Assistant, two pharmacists and a new paramedic complete the professional staff. We are fortunate that these represent a very high level, and broad spread, of professional skills. It has enabled the surgery to set up a number of specialist clinics in Hypertension, Asthma, Diabetes, Maternity, Travel, and several others. Our new paramedic, Vivian

Willmott, will provide a home visiting service for Iwade and Newington Court. She will identify those occasions when a doctor is required but is qualified herself to deal with most routine calls. She will normally be in Iwade during the afternoon and Newington Court in the mornings. This expert team has been undertaking the daunting task of reviewing the medication and treatment of over 5000 patients and overhauling the whole professional side of the practice. The professional team is partnered by an enlarged reception and administrative team. The team is led by the practice manager, Tara Dugan. Tara's background is in retail as a manager of Sainsbury's and she brings skills in management, training and organisation which have been lacking in the practice for some time. Each member of the team has received initial, targeted training, provided from outside the practice and concentrated on developing a good pattern of relationships with patients. Further training, both in-house and from Care Quality Commission, will continue. It is apparent that the atmosphere within the practice has been transformed and all in the practice now work as an integrated team with a personal and professional pride in the surgery. They are now confident that further improvements will be made. Nothing is yet perfect!

Following a damning CQC report on the practice last September, the CQC re-inspected the practice on 16th May. Their report is awaited and will be made publicly available. The inspector has indicated that it will be favourable adding that this was "an outstanding example of how a surgery could be turned round". Many improvements to the practice can be observed. New chairs, cleaning and re-decoration, required as an infection control measure, are funded by outside grants. A new TV screen will provide surgery and general health information. Electronic prescribing and prescribing of repeat prescriptions will save many trips to the surgery. Failed appointments (DNA's) (99 in April and 115 in May) are a concern and patients who did not attend are to be asked why. A new triage system will help to direct patients to the correct professional – not everyone needs to see a doctor. The IPPG will be organising public meetings every 3 or 4 months. They have been criticised for not communicating sufficiently with the public and will be trying to improve this and to develop the IPPG website to a higher standard. Tara has asked to be informed of volunteer support groups (for dementia, the elderly, pain, hospital transport, counselling or similar) within the village in order that the surgery can provide mutual support.

Winner on ice!



The Observer is delighted to be able to share the success story of a brilliant young local ice skater. Chloe Hardy, a 14-year old pupil at Westlands School, has for the time 3rd qualified to skate in the British ice dance championships in Sheffield. Chloe has competed in 4 ice dance qualifiers this season and has ranked in the top 24 at her age level. She will be competing in the basic novice level in the British ice dance championships in July, taking place at Sheffield. She trains for at least 12 hours a week at Gillingham and also does off-ice training. She is very committed and is often at the rink at 6am ready to skate. She now volunteers at the rink to help others to achieve their dreams; working there, unpaid, every week. She just can't get enough! Chloe has been skating 7 years and now at 14 is starting to take her skating more seriously as she wants to eventually become an ice coach and physiotherapist. The photo shows Chloe skating her free dance to the music from 'hairspray'.

Chloe's parents are rightly so very proud of her and the dedication she shows; a great role model to us all. Chloe would love to be sponsored by a local business to help fund her ambitions so if you are a local business and would like to help Chloe and be associated with a winner give it some serious thought!! (Contact Chloe via the.iwade.observer@gmail.com and we'll be delighted to pass on your interest).