

Tinkerbells Early Years

By Jody Nicholls

We would like to begin by welcoming back our children and families after the Easter holidays. It's been lovely to hear all about what you've been up to and of course the visits from the Easter bunny too!

As Term 4 ended, the children enjoyed many Easter related activities, including making Easter nest cakes and decorating some Egg-citing Eggs of their own! We had some wonderful Easter bonnets and pictures made at home by the children and their families as part of our competition too. Well done to all those who took part. They were all Egg-cellent!

April ended nicely with spring in the air. We have enjoyed the finer weather and we've been making the most of it by getting out and about. The children have enjoyed some walks around the village and some fun trips to the park too.

Last term the children planted some vegetables and wild flowers in our garden. It was lots of fun for the children and now they are learning lots about how to care for them. We are very excited to watch them grow and

we are beginning to see the results.

Our topic this term is 'Animals'. We are very excited about this topic and are already enjoying the many topic related activities and stories. We are exploring the many creatures around us, from pets to the more exotic creatures we share the world with. We will also be doing a sponsored walk in preparation for our upcoming topic, 'Healthy Living'.

We have a busy and exciting Term 6 coming up with lots of events to look forward to, including our Annual Sports Day and Leavers celebrations too. We will also be hosting a quiz night on 8th July to raise funds for nursery equipment. Details to follow but for more information, please speak to a member of staff.

All our sessions at Tinkerbells are currently full until September 2017 at Iwade, however there are a few spaces available at our Clock Tower setting. Therefore, if you are interested in a place or you would like your child to be put on our waiting list, please feel free to call in for a copy of our prospectus, or email us at - enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk - for more information.



BUSINESS FOCUS

Welcome to our new monthly feature which gives an opportunity for local businesses to showcase themselves to the residents of Iwade - Why not take the opportunity to send us a profile of your business - email address at the end of this article. Tania Emery is kindly coordinating this feature for The Observer.

This month, I'll be featuring my new business venture - Beauty Academy South East (BASE) which I opened 6 months ago at 42 High Street, Sittingbourne (above Empire).

We offer bespoke high end Beauty Therapy training for complete beginners, those wanting to up-skill or those wanting to refresh old skills.

Our 4 week courses are accredited by 'Professional Beauty Direct' and we only use top brands such as - OPI, St Tropez, PhD, MyLash, Eve Taylor and Younique.

Our prices include everything you will need to complete your course successfully, such as 4 weeks practical training, text book, training manual, full kit (including products, assessments and certificates for successful candidates). You will be expected to produce a portfolio of work which goes towards your final assessment. We also offer full support after course completion for as long as you need us!! Our courses are really geared to those who wish to step into a career in the beauty field or turn a hobby into a money making enterprise.

We also provide 1 day courses in make up application, bridal & occasion make up, contouring and spray tanning as well as a basic business course to get you off to a flying start.

Our latest course is called 'shake up your make up' which is for those of us who have been wearing the same make up for the past 10 years (or more!!) For just a booking fee of £25, you will have 3 hours with us learning new tips, tricks and techniques. At the end of the course, you can redeem your £25 on the purchase of make up!!

Check out our website at:- www.wearebase.co.uk for details and dates, or follow us on Facebook - @beautyacademysoutheast Twitter - @BASEkentacademy Instagram - beautyacademysoutheast or just call us on 01795 601346 - either way, we'll be happy to answer your questions.



If you live in Iwade, run your own business and would like to feature, please email: tania@wearebase.co.uk.

The Iwade Observer

May 2017

Clouds over Iwade Health Centre (IHC)

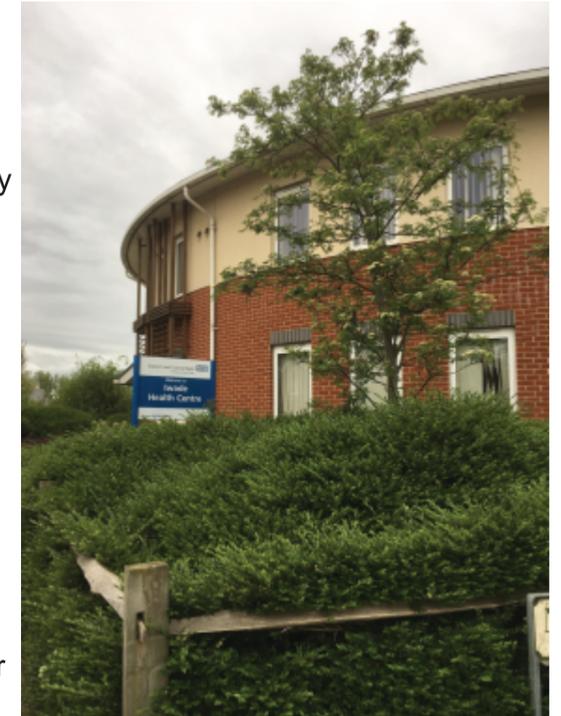
In 2010 IHC was in crisis and as a response a Patient Participation Group (PPG) was formed to connect with the provider and the NHS to promote patient needs and address concerns.

Two years ago the PPG had achieved its aims and the surgery was operating satisfactorily; complaints and concerns were negligible and attendance at PPG meetings had dwindled to low single figures - the PPG had to be reduced to "virtual" status.

Unfortunately the surgery seems to be in crisis again and to give patients a real voice we would like to try and resurrect the PPG - with this in mind we have arranged a public meeting at 7:30 on Friday 5th May, at All Saints Church, Iwade.

Please be assured Patient Power is very effective and is encouraged within the NHS, so If you really want your voice to be heard please support this meeting in force !!

Ben Stokes, Borough Councillor for Bobbing, Iwade and Lower Halstow.



Iwade Village Hall Community Events

A NIGHT AT THE (VIRTUAL) RACES!

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE

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

**1st Race
7:00pm**

Families welcome
Cash prizes with tote betting

Book a table now (£12) and receive a free bet
Race sponsors welcome

Come and have a flutter!

BYO food & drink

Entry £2 per person

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

Iwade & Kent Orchards for Everyone Project

Enjoy Music To Your Ears

Join an Evening Chorus Walk
amongst the orchards and fields of Iwade

**Tuesday, 9th May 2017,
at 7.00pm led by Simon Ginnaw**

Meet at Woodpecker Drive, Iwade
We would love to see children and families discover which birds are singing their hearts out just before they slumber in the evening

Event is free
Please wear sensible clothing and footwear

Contact Pippa Palmar 01303 815170
pippa.palmar@kentdowns.org.uk

APRIL FOOLS YOU...

IWADE HEALTH WALKS

By James Apps

The thing about April is that just when you think you should be taking a waterproof with you when walking, the sun giggles as it blazes down on you! Should you be silly enough to assume that sunshine is normal, the next time you venture out it rains and it is cold again!

However, this time of the year is wonderful, he said feeling soppy, as buds burst forth, birds are nesting and blossom covers the fruit trees. Iwade gardens take on a magnificence of bright colours and burgeoning plants freshened with new growth, and on the outskirts of the village the land that is not gobbled up with housing looks pristine and ready to show off its best.

The walk across the top of Raspberry hill and down on to the Chetney Marshes and Bedlam's Bottom has its reward of breathtaking views across the estuary to Grain and the Isle of Sheppey across the Swale. As you walk down to the marshes you are presented with wildlife; swans and geese nesting, acrobatic ducks waddle on land to show off their expertise in the air and on water, and rabbits pop out for a 'nosh'.

The only spoilers are the morons who use Iwade as an unofficial dumping ground, and the amount of throwaway trash along the Old Ferry road. There were too many cans and bottles for us to pick up as we walked, and I saw seven black sacks dumped over

a farm fence. (Ed's note - see separate info about a new app Country Eye to report dumping and fly tipping.)



Still, enough of the griping; there is much to see and enjoy and apart from the blossom, the new growth in the fields, spotting Herons and Egrets, migratory birds and pleasant strolls out of and back into the village with its pretty gardens with a bunch of nice people is refreshing.

The walking is terrific and we have a chatty group who seem to enjoy themselves and care little for worrying about the good weather but simply enjoy the trip. If there are any April Fools it is those who are not out in the spring weather enjoying the sunshine and occasional rain!

Hello from 1st Iwade Brownies!

By Kerry Holman

This month, some of us went on a trip to the cinema to see Beauty and the Beast, with other Brownies and some Rainbows from the area! We enjoyed the film (and some sweets and popcorn!), although some of the leaders thought it was a bit noisy! We had a really great time with other Brownies.

On our last night of the term, it was sunny! We had an Easter egg hunt around the hall where we each had to find 6 small eggs. Once we had found 6, we could swap them for a chocolate one! We had great fun hiding the eggs for each other, and we think we managed to find them all after!

We also made Easter baskets which we took home filled with treats. Baden (our Brownie bear) went home with Grace for the holidays and we will look forward to hearing about his adventures with her.



(sorry for photo – dark cinema!)

Some of us completed badges at home (Daisy went home with two!) and we might learn to sew them onto our blankets for pack holidays. We also said goodbye to Josie and Katie, two of our Brownies who are leaving for pastures new. It was sad to say goodbye to them but we are sure they are going to have fun on their new adventures.

Nobody said it was going to be easy - training for the 2017 London Marathon

By Hayley Woolward

I've always been quite keen on fitness and regularly attend classes at my local leisure centre so growing up I always wanted to take part in the London Marathon. I always felt inspired by those running it on the TV; everybody coming together in the capital of our country, supporting each other and most importantly raising money for very worthy charities. I'd applied for the ballot three times and been unsuccessful but this year I contacted a charity whom I felt was very special - Children with Cancer UK.

We've virtually all been affected by Cancer at some point in our lives and unfortunately over the past 8 months I have had a few friends and family affected by this vile illness. To know the pain and suffering they've experienced as adults is bad enough but to know young children suffer in this way too is simply awful and, for some, miss out on vital years growing up. Therefore I was honoured to be asked to run for them in the 2017 London Marathon, but it wasn't too long before I started to doubt if I'd done the right thing.

I started to run the odd 5km Sittingbourne parkrun. Being an asthma sufferer I could barely catch my breath and had to keep stopping. I have also since discovered I have one leg 1.5cm longer than the other so have an imbalance which causes pain in one side! I persevered for a few weeks but felt I wasn't getting any better. Over the winter period I kept putting off

completing any training and my phase was always "I'll start tomorrow". Eventually in February my partner forced me to print off a training plan and encouraged me out for my first run. Since then I have progressed slowly and gradually the distances have increased before feeling the need to stop and catch my breath. The furthest I've run to date is 17 miles. Wow, who'd have thought it. I certainly wouldn't have. It's been a long hard process especially as most of it has been in the cold, wind and rain and many a time I have doubted what I am doing but I always think back to those defenceless children who have done nothing to deserve such pain and suffering and hope that my fundraising and raising awareness for the charity goes some way to helping prolong their life or certainly put a smile back on their faces.

I am naturally scared and nervous about the big day but what an amazing experience and achievement it will be. Please wish me luck and if you would like to show your support then please feel free to make a donation please go to my donations page at:

<http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Bourne2run>

It would be very much appreciated. Don't forget to click on the gift aid!



QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 20TH MAY 2017

7PM FOR 7.30PM

TUNSTALL VILLAGE HALL

6 PEOPLE PER TEAM

£5 PER PERSON

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD & DRINK

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN SEASHELLS AND LITTER ANGELS

TO ENTER YOUR TEAM CONTACT JESS MCMAHON ON 01795 423199



IWADE VILLAGE CLEAN UP
AND BBQ
Sunday 21st May, 2017

Come along and help tidy our Village and then enjoy a BBQ in the afternoon.

Spring

The Village Clean up starts at 09.30 a.m., helps to report to the Village Hall to collect black sacks and sign in. Refreshments will be available during the morning.

From 1.00 p.m. onwards there will be a BBQ for volunteers at The Barn.

Sponsored by Iwade Parish Council



(Ed's note - by the time you read this Hayley will have done her run - April 23rd - so we wish her well belatedly, but don't forget it will still be OK to donate!!)

A COMMUNITY ORCHARD IN KENT

Deep in the Kent Downs the old traditional orchards are characterised by tall, spreading, wide spaced trees, with sheep grazing beneath. These orchards stand majestic, their limbs burst forth with blossom during the springtime. The cherry their boughs laden with a profusion of white blush flowers, but be quick before the delicate petals fall like drifts of snow upon the ground around these stately trees. Followed, oh so quickly by the apple blossom blushed with pink, whilst flaunting their overskirts like ballet dancers pirouetting amongst the hills. The buzz of the bees as they bask in the warmth of the sun breaks the silence of the countryside and makes this flower a fruit to be remembered whilst these orchards must not be forgotten.

However, down through the undulating lanes in the villages and hamlets of Kent, a

Community Orchard movement is fast becoming the norm. With orchard celebrations to include wassailing, blossom picnics to Apple Fest pressings, the orchards are rejoicing with a new sustainable future. Community orchards are being restored to their former glory by members of the local communities and landowners. Heritage research is being adopted to discover and enjoy the horticultural and social tradition of the areas as well as celebrating the history of these orchards through a myriad of events and activities. The communities are managing each orchard sympathetically with sheep grazing beneath the boughs where possible; biodiversity is upper most in the parish's mind.

The old traditional orchard is fast becoming a communal asset for the whole parish, a meeting place, a place to celebrate, a classroom for students, it can improve our diet, enliven the study of the national

curriculum and a place to reflect and relax. These orchards offer local distinctiveness with communities banding together to save their own vulnerable varieties with new plantings.

Up and down the country community orchards are appearing, in small hamlets, in new building schemes, in hospital grounds and even the centre of London. They offer a green space in amongst our ever expanding villages and towns, a change for the better, a mosaic of greenness in which to contemplate, a food source for humans, birds, insects and small mammals. These community orchards have an ever expanding value to all aspects of life; have you checked out yours, the blossom has been beautiful this year, let's hope for lots of fruit this summer.

Pippa Palmar, Kent Orchards for Everyone
www.kentorchards.org.uk



Iwade Allotments

By Joan Exley

What more does a person need? This was a comment I thought to myself as I sat with my eyes closed enjoying the warmth of the sun and listening to the birds. No, I wasn't in a park or somewhere remote but sitting outside our shed on the allotment having five minutes rest accompanied by Dog. I had completed one task for the day; weeding the raspberry bed. If only everything else grew as quick. Still we have made good progress and most of the beds are now tidy and ready for planting. On the whole it has been a less onerous task than in other years as the soil was a lot easier to turn over. I encourage everyone to get the beds prepared before the ground dries out making the job at least twice as hard.

Following Monty Don's advice, we have sown beans and peas straight into the ground to try and get an early crop. Next week I will sow the green beans. I was a little late sowing tomatoes but they are coming through nicely. Cant wait to pick those in the summer as the flavour is always so good. Meanwhile I will stay happy picking the rhubarb which seems to have gone into growing overdrive. Of course, the more you pick it the more you will get. Can't argue with that! Try cooking some with strawberries to make a lovely jam; not so sweet as strawberries on their own.

We have a number of new families joining us this year so we wish them well and good growing. At the moment we have no one left on the waiting list so, if you are interested in an allotment, get in touch. (Joan 01795 473116).

May Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd	Parent and Toddler Group, Village Hall from 9 - 11
Wednesday 3rd	Café All Saints, All Saints Church from 1 - 3
Thursday 4th	Iwade Health walk, Meet outside Pharmacy at 10:30
Tuesday 9th	Reading Group, 10:30 - contact 01795 474656
Tuesday 9th	Parent and Toddler Group, Village Hall from 9 - 11
Tuesday 9th	Evening Chorus Walk - Woodpecker Park 7pm
Wednesday 10th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall from 7:30
Thursday 11th	Iwade Health walk, Meet outside Pharmacy at 10:30
Sunday 14th	Food and Craft Fayre, Village Hall
Tuesday 16th	Parent and Toddler Group, Village Hall from 9 - 11
Wednesday 17th	Café All Saints, All Saints Church from 1 - 3
Thursday 18th	Iwade Health walk, Meet outside Pharmacy at 10:30
Saturday 20th	Quiz Night, Tunstall Village Hall, 7 pm
Sunday 21st	Village Clean-Up, start at Village Hall, 9:00am
Tuesday 23rd	Parent and Toddler Group, Village Hall from 9 - 11
Thursday 25th	Iwade Health walk, Meet outside Pharmacy at 10:30
Saturday 27th	Psychic Fayre, Village hall 12 - 5pm
Monday 29th	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 31st	Café All Saints, All Saints Church from 1 - 3

Healing Essence Complementary Therapies



Introduces
A Psychic and Spiritual Fayre

Saturday 27th May 2017 12 - 5pm

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

ENTRANCE £2.00 (donation to charity)

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

For more information call 07903 184269 or 07753177832



VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

What a great quiz night we had in March, another sell-out event and another super fundraiser for the hall. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, we couldn't do it without you. Our next quiz night is not until September, but it'll be worth the wait as we have a new format to showcase for you! Stick 9th September in your diary and look out for more info nearer the time.

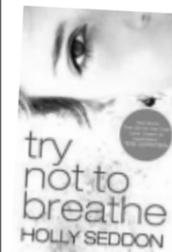
Coming up before the next quiz is the popular Race Night on Saturday 17th June. Entry for this event is £2 per person, families with children are very welcome and, as usual, it's bring your own food and drink. We had such a great laugh last time, our compere Dave will be back again to encourage the punters to cheer their horses on so make sure you don't miss out. If you book and pay for a table of 6 in advance, you'll get a free bet and who knows, it could be the one that wins the big money!

Before that though, on Sunday 14th May is our monthly Food and Craft Fayre. The organisers always ensure we have a few new stalls each month and one of the new ones who joined us for April and May is David Bailey Arts. David is an illustrator and painter and his artwork is just brilliant. He does quirky seaside scenes with naughty seagulls and cats stealing fish from the fishermen amongst a backdrop of beach huts and lighthouses. He also does more traditional paintings of local areas, so why not come and have a browse, his prices are exceptional too. Alongside David, the ever popular stalls are there too... cakes, pastries, pies, cards, sewn and wooden gifts, crocheted toys and knitted goods, flowers, sweets, refreshments and of course, all the fruit and veg you could wish for I can highly recommend the strawberries!

IWADE READING GROUP

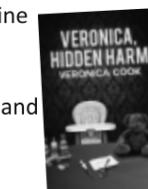
By Jackie Kemp

The group's April meeting talked about our latest book, 'The Light between Oceans'. We agreed the book was well worth reading. I'm not going to spoil the story for you but we thoroughly recommend the book, which has recently been released as a film. So many aspects of the story were discussed in depth - the guilt felt by men returning from war, the fact that there was no support for the recovery from awful things that had happened. The story also roused emotions about the systems for supporting the emotional needs of children when being moved between birth mother and 'adoptive' mother and the hurt felt all round. Set in Australia post World War One and with lighthouse keeper living conditions it made an interesting setting.



Have we tempted you to read? For next month we are reading Holly Seddon's 'Try not to Breathe'. We will meet to talk about this on May 9th at Lynn's house. Please message on FB if you'd like to join us. After that, in June, we will meet at Christine's having read 'The Nightingale' by Christine Hannah.

One of our members has an author in the family and her book is rated highly on Amazon - 'Veronica, Hidden Harm' by Veronica Cook.



The Fayre is from 10am to 1pm, hope to see you there!

Looking forward to the summer and we have the 60th anniversary celebration of the hall on Sunday 16th July from 10am-2pm. Do you have photos or memories of the hall back then? Would you be happy to share your stories and let us borrow any photos you have of the hall (inside or out)? We'd love to have a memory wall for people to look at, so please do get in touch if you can help.

On the day, we'll have our regular hirers there, all fundraising for their own groups by running tombolas, raffles, guess how many sweets in a jar, cakes and other fun things. We'll also have a bargain BBQ, ice cream plus a **FREE** bouncy castle for the children and jousting for the older ones! We'd really like the day to be about the community we live in, so if you run a business in the village and would like a free opportunity to share details of it on the day, please let us know. It could be in the form of leaflets, discount vouchers, or maybe you'd prefer to be there yourself to talk to people who want more info. Get in contact if you fancy some free advertising!

Don't forget that the hall is available for private parties or get together throughout the year, so if you need a venue, please contact us or check at:- www.iwadevillagehall.co.uk/hiring for availability.

That's all from me this month, thanks for reading and if you're new to Iwade, why not come along to the Race Night - it's a whole mix of ages and a really great evening. Follow us on Twitter or Facebook to keep up to date with what's going on.

IWADE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 8 March 2017

Visitors/Public Time

- 1. Visitors** – Debbie Tsigarides attended, representing CLBD, the company submitting the planning application (see Planning below). Residents voiced their concerns with this application; mainly regarding use and parking. When asked how many would reside in the property Debbie responded six but the CQC would make the final decision on the actual amount. Once in use she advised that should residents have concerns or complaints they can take this up with CQC, who in turn will contact her. Residents complained that they had not been made aware of the application; the Chair advised that normally notification is only sent to adjoining properties.
- 2. County and Borough Councillors** – Borough Cllr. Stokes called into the Medical Centre to try to ascertain what is happening as regards staff. He spoke to Alister Andrews at Swale Council regarding fly tipping; the fine is £40 at present but he asked if it can be increased to £500.
- 3. Community Warden/PCSO** – Warden's report noted – issues included mainly fly tipping, assisting victims of scammers, predictive Policing. The PCSO, Jason Wilde, introduced himself; he is temporarily covering Iwade.

Planning

- 16/508446/FULL:** Construct the remaining 4/5 bed detached dwelling previously approved under planning ref SW/06/1355 incorporating minor amendments/conservatory to rear: Land At The Street Farm , Iwade Kent ME9 8SJ Agreed to object.
- 16/508492/REM:** Coleshall Farm Ferry Road Iwade ME9 8QY: Application for approval of reserved matters pursuant to planning permission SW/08/1127 for provision of public open space adjacent to Sheppey Way, and landscaping details – agreed to object.
- 17/500102/FULL:** Coleshall Farm Ferry Road Iwade ME9 8QY: Demolition of existing outbuilding and stable and replacement two storey garage with annexe – agreed to seek clarification
- 17/500660/FULL:** Iwade School School Lane Iwade Kent ME9 8RS: Continuation of use of temporary car park created during building works as an overflow car park now that building works are complete (retrospective) – agreed to respond as follows:
The Parish Council objects to some detail but fully supports the need for this additional parking on the School site.

Finance

- 1. Grass Cutting Contract 2016/17** – Agreed to see how much Swale Borough Council charges to continue undertaking the work.
- 2. Iwade Observer** – Noted Observer team to investigate electronic copies later in the year.
- 3. Extra Planter** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; agreed to the purchase of one small and one large planter at a total cost of £770. Clerk to check with KCC Highways regarding the siting of the small planter in The Street.
- 4. Quotation for Village Entrance Gates** – Three quotes received relating to the gateway entrances. Proposed by Cllr. Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell; agreed to accept the quote from B&K Masters for the inclusive sum of £3526.
- 5. Donations 2017/18** – Proposed by Cllr. Langham and seconded by Cllr. Horner, the following donations were agreed:

Iwade Brownies	£663.00p
Iwade Women's Institute	£370.00p
Iwade Herons	£1620.00p
Iwade Parent & Toddler Group	£850.00p
Iwade@The Barn	£2500.00p
- 6. Kent Air Ambulance request for Donation** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Gale, agreed S.137 donation of £50.
- 7. The Barn Request for Donation** – Proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Dollimore; agreed £3720 for the double doors to provide security, this to come out of projects; doors to be donated to The Barn. Proposed by Cllr. C Cheeseman and seconded by Cllr. Hyde; agreed £1500 for the internal security doors, electrics and associated works; this money to come out of the broadband grant and doors/materials, etc. to be donated to The Barn.
- 8. Village Park Picnic Bench and Table and concrete base quotes** – Proposed by Cllr. Hyde and seconded by Cllr. Horner; agreed the sum of £684 for the picnic table and bench and up to £2000 for the concrete base.
- 9. Rural Kent Subscription 2017/18** – Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Langham; agreed £50 for renewal of the membership.
- 10. CPRE Subscription 2017/18** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Mitchell; agreed £36 for the renewal of the membership.
- 11. Village Clean-up Day** – Agreed to take place on the 21 May, from 09.30 to 13.00; followed by a BBQ at The Barn. Cllr. Gale to book the hall for the morning. Proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; agreed £250 towards costs for the day.
- 12. KALC Planning Conference** – Proposed by Cllr. Hunt and seconded by Cllr. Hyde; agreed £72 in respect of Cllr. Langham attending the Conference. It was further proposed by Cllr. Gale and seconded by Cllr. Hunt; agreed £144 for Cllr. Dollimore and Cllr. Langham to attend the Dynamic Councillor Event.
- 13. Accounts and Cheques raised at this meeting** – Proposed by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Langham; agreed the

following cheques and accounts to the 28th February 2017.

Projects/Project Updates

The Barn – had problems with Building Control because of it being a listed building. Also had a problem with the internal doors, these need to be made. Cllr. Hunt wished to pass on thanks to Tony Trower for his hard work and doing the walls.

Woodpecker Park – Masterplan and Extension Update
The Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk met with an Officer from Swale Council. The play area will be extended with some new equipment included. A bridge over the stream, footpaths and sculptures will be installed. There will be a further meeting tomorrow to again look at all of this.
Reports from Representatives

Hall – There has been a problem with the drains; some of the clay pipes had cracked and needed lining at a cost of £2500. Finances are good. There are several quiz nights coming up.

KALC – The Police and Crime Commissioner will be attending the September meeting. CPRE will be present to give a talk on Planning.

Any Other Matters Arising

Cllr. Plumb advised that he has use of a youth bus and two people from the community have volunteered to drive, but he is looking for somewhere to park the vehicle.

Cllr. Langham attended the KALC Media Conference in January. They complimented Iwade Parish on its existing website; recommended creating a Parish Council Facebook site.

Next Meeting is May 10th at 7:30 in The Village Hall

Parish Council Minutes

Due to reasons of space we sometimes have to publish an edited version of the minutes and this month is no exception! The full minutes are available at :- <http://www.iwadepc.kentparishes.gov.uk>

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Editorial

The trials and tribulations of Iwade Health Centre seem to continue unabated. Simply posting your frustration on Facebook is, like shouting at your team on a televised football match, a waste of time. Why not get really involved in trying to improve things? See the front page article and turn out in force to show that you really care.

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Country Eye

Helping Keep the Rural Community in Kent Safe

Country Eye has launched a free App for people living and working in the rural community in Kent. The app records and disseminates information using a smart phone's camera and GPS location settings.

The app has been built to help Kent residents receive rural information and report information quickly and efficiently. It allows users to record and share information on crime, suspicious behaviour and damage in their home community or whilst out and about.

The Country Eye team analyse the information and disseminate it as appropriate. This may include email, text or broadcast to other subscriber's smart phones.

The Country Eye app identifies four different Rural Categories:

1. Theft: Vehicle, Metal & Cable, Machinery & Plant, Livestock, Outbuilding, Fuel & Oil and Equine.
2. Farm Crime: Arson, Fly-Tipping, Trespass with and without Firearms, Criminal Damage and Suspicious behaviour with and without vehicles.
3. Animal, Wildlife Crime: Poaching, Animal Welfare, Endangered Species & Conservation, Hare Coursing and Horse Crime.
4. Heritage Crime: Off-roading and Metal Detecting/Night Hawking

Sign up is simple; the system requires a contact number, email address and postcode. Personal preferences can be set to enable the location finder and the users chosen radius of information.

Recording information is intuitive; click the camera icon, take an image, fill in the type of crime, whether you have a crime number, and any other useful information. The location, time and date will be automatically recorded.

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Please note that the App is not intended for reporting crime.