

## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 10th September 19:30  
Iwade Parish Council Meeting  
At Iwade Village Hall

Thursday 11th September 11:15-11:30  
Mobile Library  
At the end of Sheerstone.

Saturday 13th September 10:00  
Ride and Stride

Would you like to walk or cycle around Kent churches? If you are interested in cycling contact Dave Wastall by email at [kirstyanddave@the-wastalls.net](mailto:kirstyanddave@the-wastalls.net)

Alternatively if you fancy a Stride, meeting at Iwade church, contact Rynn Kemp by email at [rynnkemp@hotmail.com](mailto:rynnkemp@hotmail.com) or on 07941 656669

Wednesday 17th September  
Iwade W.I. Harvest Supper

Featuring Barbara Stevens and Italian Olive Oil. If you would like to join the Iwade W.I. or find out more contact their Secretary Glenn by telephone on 01795 436515 or by email at [gk.charisma@sky.com](mailto:gk.charisma@sky.com)

Thursday 25th September 11:15-11:30  
Mobile Library

Saturday 27 September 10:00-16:00  
Iwade Wargames Open Day  
See article for details

## Happy Birthday Kingsquad



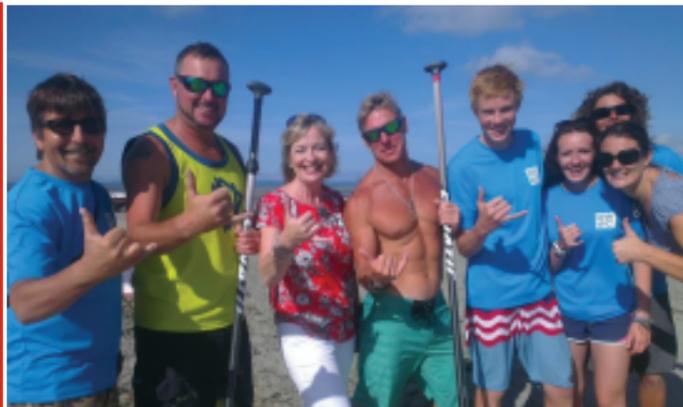
This September Iwade Kingsquad celebrates its third birthday. During the past 3 years a good number of children (100+), from the village have attended Kingsquad (some 1 session, others weekly attenders).

Kingsquad is a weekly meeting for children aged 5-10 with games, craft, quizzes, stories and songs helping them discover God's love for them.

Kingsquad meets in the Village Hall every Tuesday 5 - 6:15pm (School term time only). There is a weekly sub of £1 which contributes towards the hall hire, craft materials and refreshments. If you would like your child to become a "Squaddie", then please come along any Tuesday next term, starting 9th September, to register.

Kingsquad is run and staffed by All Saint's Parish Church in partnership with The Family Trust & the Church Army. All volunteers are DBS checked.

For any further information please contact Steve Plumb 07905040119.



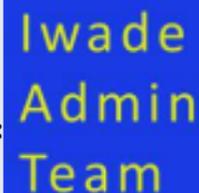
Iwade's Jay Manning, pictured second left next to BBC Weather girl Carol Kirkwood, promoting Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP). Go Jay!

## Iwade Does Facebook

New to Iwade, or frustrated at your attempts to join this group?

Iwade Does Facebook is a group for Iwade residents, that provides a great source of information, comment and interaction. It was made a "secret group" by mistake and it cannot be changed back. SO, how do you join?

- Open your Facebook page
- Search for: "iwade does"
- You will see this logo-->
- Click on: friend request
- The box should change to: friend request sent.



The admin team will get back to you in due course, but please do not expect an immediate response, they are very busy!

## Editor's Note

So September has been a squeeze thanks to the new Observer team- Ben, Mel, Nicola and Rynn, strictly in alphabetical order. We didn't have space to say that a Knitting Club is coming soon, contact Amanda at [thehurrells@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thehurrells@hotmail.co.uk) if you are keen. Also you can support Smile Malawi, run by Iwade's Elspeth Baecke by buying tickets for their 8th November 10th Anniversary Ball. Contact Elspeth at [Elspeth@smilemalawi.com](mailto:Elspeth@smilemalawi.com) if you would like more information.

Happy September- Ed

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# Iwade Observer

## September 2014



## Iwade's Oldest Mystery

By Ben Marsh-Allen

As I'm sure most of our readers will know by now, albeit after some secrecy, there has been a potentially significant early Bronze Age discovery within the land currently being developed by Persimmons Homes at Iwade Meadows. The problem seems to be that no-one quite knows exactly what it is! SWAT Archaeology were called in to survey the site under the leadership of Dr Paul Wilkinson and discovered a number of prehistoric monuments dating back some 6000 years. They are situated on the site overlooking the Ridham Fleet, which is a stream that runs through the

construction site. These monuments would have been in a fantastic position to have clear views of the Swale Estuary and the Island of Sheppey and would have formed part of what is believed to be a ritualistic landscape. The largest of these discoveries, which is 30m in diameter and formed by a pair of ring ditches, has been called 'a henge-type monument' - but it is this labelling that has created a bit of a stir and controversy amongst fellow archaeologists.

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## Iwade Rock 2014

Sittingbourne.me recently named Iwade Rock 2014 as the new premier music festival in Swale. With a total sellout of 2000 tickets and many Iwadians clamouring

on Facebook for last minute tickets, Iwade Rock was a brilliant family music festival held in the grounds of Iwade School. This year Iwade Rock raised £2617.32 with the proceeds being split between Iwade School, Iwade Village Hall and Iwade Herons F.C. The public response has been hugely positive, and already the question on everybody's lips is when will it be back, and when can we buy tickets?

Well done to the Iwade Rock team!



## Iwade Herons Football Club by Graham Young

Hope you all had a good summer and are raring to go! It's going to be a busy year for all involved with the club.

This year Herons will start with 11 squads and around 150 players, and around 20 players will join our new Under 5s and train on Sundays 08:30-09:30 at Iwade School.

News of our squads:

Under 6s are now up to 18 players. The Under 7s (Herons & Colts) start their first year of league football playing non-competitive 5 v. 5 matches as part of the Medway Messenger Youth League (MMYL). Our Under 8s Herons team switch leagues to the MMYL whilst the U8s Colts play their second year in the Maidstone Invicta Primary League. The Under 9s have reformed and under new management have an exciting future ahead. The Under 10s play their second season of 7 v. 7 in their league. The Under 11s also make the switch to the MMYL and step up to 9 v. 9 and the offside rule! Our Under 15s have started pre-season training already and will be playing in the MMYL. Lastly, our Under 18s, who won promotion last season, will be in new territory and with brand new management as well.

The club is relishing the challenge that 2014/15 presents and we are sure that that with the efforts of all the players and coaches/managers we will have a great year!

New Under 5s Training Squads

Thanks to everyone that has put their names down to start in September, there are still some places available so be quick! Contact Tris Whittingham – Under 5s Manager at: triswhitt@hotmail.co.uk for details.

Last seasons Herons Presentation Event : 29th June 2014

Our 2013/14 season presentation event was held on Sunday 29th in The Woolpack. A very enjoyable afternoon of fun and awards was had by all. Thanks again to all those involved. Very well done to all the Herons players for another great season of footballing fun.

Thanks to our Sponsors & Supporters!

A special thanks to Iwade Parish Council for their continued support of the Club. We have also had sterling support from a number of businesses: Swale Heating, McDonalds, Axis Security, Ingall Flooring, Triumph Flat Roofing, & Essen-K Planning to name but a few. Without all their assistance the Herons would not be here!

If you're a local business that would like to assist us and benefit from the good will that supporting Iwade Herons FC can offer, then please contact Graham Young - Club Development Officer at graham.young1978@hotmail.co.uk for details.

**Here's to another Great Season, enjoy the Summer Herons!**



## Local Schoolgirl Becomes British Champion

Molly Killick became the Year 4 British Girls Olympic Weight Lifting Champion at a competition held in Ripley, Derbyshire at the weekend.

This was only Molly's second competition and she achieved 11 points from a possible 12 in the Snatch and a maximum 24 from 24 in the Clean and Jerk, lifting a combined total of 70 kilos. At the tender age of 9, Molly refused to be intimidated by the location or the competition and produced a near faultless display of lifting.

Molly has been training twice a week for less than a year at Paul Schafner's Foundations Gym in Sittingbourne and Paul's coaching skills were



complimented by judges and coaches alike as Molly put his training into effect.

Paul's approach is to focus almost entirely on technique in the formative years, building up to lifting heavier weights as the individual develops physically. This minimises the risk of injury whilst still enabling club members to compete nationally. Molly is now the third British Champion in Paul's "stable" following the footsteps of Matt Kennedy and her older brother, Josh. Killick.

Parents of any youngster wishing to try this growing sport can contact Paul on 07704075936.

## Iwade @ The Barn By Nicola McKenzie

The Iwade @ The Barn Project Group has been quietly, but busily, moving the Barn project on. Swale Borough Council are busy preparing the lease to Iwade @ The Barn. The Iwade @ The Barn charity constitution has been signed by the five charity trustees (pictured left to right: James Hunt, Les Mitchell, Graeme Horner, Louise Wade and Nicola McKenzie). The bank account is set up, insurance quotes have been sourced and Ward Homes are set to complete the work they need to do in the Autumn when they are able to source the elm they require. Watch this space!



## Iwade Does Walking By Rynn Kemp

Chetney Marshes Walk - about 4.5 to 5 miles - easy, flat terrain.

A lovely walk especially on a fine day, with abundant birdlife, great views of the hulks in Bedlams Bottom and 'Giraffes' visible on the Isle of Grain.

Start: Village Centre

Head north along The Street and at the junction with Sanderling Drive continue straight across the junction onto Sheppey Way, and shortly turn left in Old Ferry Road. Almost immediately you will come across a footpath marker to your left in the hedge. Take this footpath across the fields (the footpath is not clear on the ground here!) and head north-west towards Raspberry Hill Lane where there is another footpath marker post. Carefully cross Raspberry Hill Lane here and take the footpath marked on the opposite side of the road. The path skirts the edge of a field with great views over the estuary and towards the Isle of Grain, and to your right the graceful arch of the Sheppey Bridge. Follow the path



down the slope with Bedlams Bottom to your left and look out for the many old hulks stranded here, you may also see Herons and Egrets.

Continuing, you will come to a natural right-angled turn to the right in the path where the shallow waters around Chetney Hill force you to turn in a north-easterly direction towards some farm buildings just a few hundred yards ahead, beyond them an old wind vane. A good resting place and views across to Sheppey here.

From here there is a clear route to take following a farm track (now heading south-easterly) which will, after about 1.5 miles, take you past horses grazing and abundant birdlife, past Chetney Cottages and Willow Cottages to the junction with Raspberry Hill Lane where you can either return across the fields, or turn left along the lane and then right at the junction with Old Ferry Road leading you back to Iwade. Enjoy your walk and the beautiful countryside in which we live.



## Iwade Reading Group

September's Book of the Month-

The Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn chosen by Lynn Lowthian

Who are you? What have we done to each other? These are the questions Nick Dunne finds himself asking on the morning of his fifth wedding anniversary, when his wife Amy suddenly disappears. The police suspect Nick. Amy's friends reveal that she was afraid of him, that she kept secrets from him. He swears it isn't true. A police examination of his computer shows strange searches. He says they weren't made by him. And then there are the persistent calls on his mobile phone. So what really did happen to Nick's beautiful wife?

Join us at the next meeting of the Iwade Reading Group at 10.30 on Tuesday 23 September when, among other things, we'll be discussing what we thought of this month's book. Alternatively you can join us on our Facebook page as part of the Iwade Does Facebook group. For more information please telephone Hilary on 01795 474656.



## Tinkerbells Early Years. by Claire Stock

Last term at Tinkerbells was as usual a very busy term for everyone. Our leavers day out and our Graduation assembly were a great success and our end of term party was both enjoyable and emotional for all involved. For many of the children it was their last day at nursery and we would like to take this opportunity to wish those children lots of luck and happiness for the future at their new schools and we are going to miss them all very much.

As the new term begins, we would like to welcome all our new children and their families to the nursery and we look forward to getting to know you all.

This term at Tinkerbells our topic is 'all about me'. Lots of fun activities will be taking place throughout the term providing the children with opportunities to learn all about themselves, their interests and their families and friends.

At present, all our sessions at Tinkerbells in Iwade are full, but would like to remind any parents/carers that are requiring nursery spaces for their children that we do still have spaces available at Tinkerbells at the Clocktower in Adisham Green, Kemsley. Please feel free to contact Donna via email at [enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tinkerbellspreschool.co.uk) or by telephoning 07966 762239.

## Ickle Pickles by Hannah Williams

Phew! What a very busy time we have had at Ickle Pickles since our last Observer article ... We had a fantastic graduation ceremony for our Class of 2014 leavers on the 1st of August in the village hall. Parents and children enjoyed watching the children collecting their personalised presents and certificates in their gowns and hats. There were tears aplenty when the children beautifully sung a song from Frozen. We wish all of our much loved Ickle Pickles all the very best at their various schools - and hope they come back for cuddles and to show us their uniforms.

We also had a brilliant day at Kent Life in July for the Pre-school outing. The weather was glorious and the children enjoyed a tractor ride and seeing all the animals.

We also celebrated our 8th birthday at Ickle

Pickles with '99' ice creams all round for all the children and staff, followed by a visit from the 'Love Pasties' van on our beach party themed day. The children dressed up and we had some superb outfits. The picture is Oliver and Dexter - our Baywatch boys!



The summer break will bring more sessions with Dave, our Music man, which the children really enjoy as well as a Disney character themed party at the end of August. Updates to follow next month!!

Happy summer holidays from Ickle Pickles  
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## Iwade's very own children's author By Rynn Kemp

Katie Saunders, an Iwade resident, and highly regarded illustrator of children's books has decided to 'grasp the nettle' and write and illustrate her own books. Olive Marshmallow marks her debut as an author /illustrator and is

now out to buy in the shops and online. It's a very special book as it's about Katie's two children Archie and Olive, who both attend Iwade School. After 12 years as an illustrator Katie became frustrated with the books she was illustrating for other writers, so

decided to make the big jump into writing her own and has never looked back. Olive Marshmallow is now being sold all around the world and has been translated into many different languages. A second book 'Olive the Alien' has already been signed by publishers Five Mile Press, and features Archie's cousins William and Ned who also attend Iwade School. Hope the children won't be too embarrassed seeing themselves in print!

Olive Marshmallow is available to buy via your usual supplier.



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According to Dr Wilkinson, the archaeological evidence suggests that the outer ditch may have originated in the Neolithic and been later transformed in the Bronze Age into a funerary monument, with the addition of the inner ring. From circa 3000 BC some areas that were ritually important in earlier times did gain added significance and there is evidence for this with smaller and more specialised ceremonial sites such as henges appearing all across ancient Britain at this time. However, Dr John Hammond, who also teaches archaeology at the University of Kent and a specialist in prehistory at the Canterbury Archaeological Trust was able to give his opinion based on the photographs released by SWAT. Dr Hammond was the lead on the discovery of The Bronze Age henge find at the Meads in Sonora Fields last year, which was the first of its kind to be confirmed and excavated in Swale. He said he had his doubts that the larger monument is indeed a henge and believes that Simon Mason the Supervising KCC archaeologist is also unsure about the designation. Dr Paul Wilkinson, according to Dr Hammond, 'has a record of crying wolf in this regard. A couple of years ago he claimed to have found a henge near Hollingbourne. But later analysis of the pottery found in the ditch fills was late Bronze Age. Early Iron Age in date. So around 1500 years later than the period during which henges were built.'

Dr Hammond's suggestion is that the discovery is 'a nice example of

## Allotment Association Picnic

By Rynn Kemp

After a postponement the previous weekend the picnic finally happened on Sunday 20th July. After such unreliable weather the previous week a good crowd of allotment holders enjoyed some summer sun on the newly laid 'shed base', as the freshly laid lawn was not yet sufficiently bedded in to picnic on! The base is to support a new allotment community shed in due course. The picnic was part of a scarecrow competition in which 12 allotment holders mustered a motley collection of weird and wonderful characters including a Usain Bolt lookalike who thought the weather was rubbish. The absence of crows testified to their effectiveness, and the scarecrows were judged by some of the children who were present.

The picnic was a great opportunity to meet with other allotment holders and exchange cultivation tips.



a fairly standard - albeit large - double-ditched Bronze Age barrow. These are fairly common and there are probably hundreds of circular monuments of this type in Kent and thousands across the UK and most of Western Europe.'

A huge variety of Bronze Age round barrows did begin to proliferate after 2500 BC as communal burial probably helped to unite communities in thinly-populated landscapes.

Indeed the second smaller monument which lies close to the larger rings has been named a secondary barrow dating to the Bronze Age by Dr Wilkinson. The only problem with both monuments being barrows is that no evidence of any cremations or human remains has been found.

So are both monuments barrows, or is the larger indeed a henge? We shouldn't have too long a wait to find out. According to SWAT the investigation of the monuments is almost complete and the numerous finds and all records of the investigation will be analysed to try and answer the mystery about the prehistoric monuments and the surrounding landscape.

'Once experts have had the chance to examine SWAT's evidence,' University of Kent's Dr Hammond commented, 'we will be in a position to determine if this is a henge. But for the time being the jury is out.'

**So Iwadians - watch this proverbial space!**

## Fun and Wargames

Our local war games club, the Milton Hundred Wargames Club, would very much like to invite the people of Iwade to pop along to their open day on Saturday 27th of September. They are based at the Iwade Village Hall and meet on every second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month from 6:30pm to 10 pm. Each year they run a very large wargames show in Sittingbourne but also hold a smaller club open day at the village hall too. If you're interested perhaps go along on the 27th from 10am until 4pm and have a coffee and chat to the members and see what they do as a club.

There will be several games on display all using the members own carefully researched and hand painted models. A local company from Sheerness which sells all sorts of wargame equipment and sundries will be there and also a special guest club appearance from somewhere in Kent.

## SITTINGBOURNE SPEEDWAY MEMORIAL MEETING

by Paul Heller

For the second year The Ivor Thomas Memorial Meeting was held on 6th July at Raspberry Hill Lane, Iwade to remember the man who built and founded Iwade Speedway.

Early morning rain gave way to a glorious afternoon and a large crowd enjoyed the sight, sound and smell of vintage Rudge, Douglas and JAP machines and a 1970's 2 valve Jawa.

The meeting which will now become an annual event gave the Club the opportunity to raise funds for its chosen charity Parkinson's Disease.

## Iwade Remembers World War 1

By Rynn Kemp



As we sit enjoying the summer sun it is sobering to think of the events about to 'kick off' in Europe 100 years ago as, what historians were eventually to call the July Crisis began to unfold after the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand at the end of June. The crisis deepened as many of Europe's political leaders were enjoying holidays in the fine weather that summer and after much political posturing and ultimatums Britain declared war on Germany on the 4th August 1914. Reaction to the news of war among the European populace was strangely enthusiastic, far more so than expected and somehow Europe tumbled into a conflict that was, by general agreement, likely to be over by Christmas, but was to last for four more horrific years.

Iwade, like almost everywhere, was not to remain untouched. Remembered at All Saint's Church, Iwade either on the War Memorial Tablet or buried there are the names of those men who lost their lives during the 1914 - 1918 war. They are, Percy Edward Taylor, his brother George Thomas Taylor, William Thomas Kingsnorth, Ernest Arthur Ransley, Walter George Colchin, George Thomas Hopkins, William John Barnes and T. Clements.

Walter George Colchin and T. (Tom) Clements are buried in the churchyard with their distinctive Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstones. This is the brief story of these two.

Tom Clements hailed from St Helens in Lancashire, being born in 1877, and had worked as a grocer's assistant, and a cotton weaver in Burnley before falling upon hard times. By 1911 he was an 'inmate' in the Salvation Army Home, along with 55 others, in Chorlton-upon-Medlock (an inner city area of Manchester) possibly as a result of the run down of the cotton industry. Tom signed up, less than 3 weeks after war was declared, with 6th Battalion, The



Kings Royal Rifle Corps probably on 21st or 22nd August 1914. At the then age of 37 he wasn't exactly an 'ideological young man' up for a fight, but perhaps this was his way out of institutionalised living. However the 6th Battalion was mobilised to serve with the Thames and Medway Garrison at Queenborough, on Sheppey, helping to protect those vital river estuaries from invasion. Tom sadly died an 'accidental death' on 14th June 1915 and was buried in Iwade on 19th June.

Walter George Colchin was a local lad, born in 1884 in Borden, his parents Herbert and Elizabeth had run the Plough and Harrow at Borden, and sometime before 1891 moved to run The Woolpack in Iwade. Walter initially joined the

836th Company of the then Army Service Corps, which formed in January 1917, as a driver. The 836th remained on home service throughout the war. Walter then transferred, probably in spring 1918, to The Labour Corps of The 572nd Agricultural Company, who were headquartered in Maidstone. Often men with reduced medical category were transferred to the Labour Corps so perhaps Walter had suffered some injury or illness. Walter died at the 2nd General Hospital in Aldrington, Hove near Brighton on 23rd December 1918, being then interred at Iwade on the 30th.

**We remember all these men as the centenary of the start of World War I is marked across the country.**

We hope to bring you further information on those men commemorated on the Church's Memorial Tablet next month. In the meantime if you can add anything further to the above, or the story of any of the other men mentioned, if you are a relative, or indeed have any records, photos, etc we would love to see a copy to further our knowledge of their war service. Email us at: [theiwade.observer@gmail.com](mailto:theiwade.observer@gmail.com)

## World War I Commemoration Service by Stephen Plumb

On Sunday 3rd August All Saints Church, held a Commemoration Service for the beginning of World War I. Villagers were invited to bring items which linked their families with this historic and tragic conflict. Items displayed were photographs of service personnel, war medal certificates, service records and personal family tributes. The names of those men from the village who died during the 1914-18 conflict, and are recorded on a plaque in the church, or who are buried in the churchyard, were read out and remembered during the service. Graeme Horner has researched the personal history of those men from Iwade who 'gave their lives' during the Great War and this research was displayed on a memorial table. Many thanks to Christine Freshwater who created a number of floral tributes. A packet of poppy seeds was given to each household that attended the service, to plant in their own gardens, as an enduring act of remembrance.



## MANSFIELD DRIVE WEED SCREEN & BRIDGE REMOVAL

Following the winter weather, the Mansfield Drive weed screen proved to be a valuable asset in protecting Iwade from flooding. The Environment Agency (EA) regularly attended the site removing large blockages to maintain the stream's capacity. Currently the screen and bridge is an H & S risk to EA operatives and to the public.

So, not to increase the flood risk, Swale Borough Council (SBC) has made available to the EA, funding obtained from a previous planning agreement. This will allow the EA to reuse the existing screen and install a new gantry further upstream, allowing the re-sited screen to be cleared in a much safer, more effective way. While this is going on suitable plant will be onsite to remove the existing bridge. This will be done by the EA on behalf of SBC and the Parish Council and should start in October 2014.

The new structure will be owned by SBC but maintained by the EA using permissive powers. As future funding cannot be guaranteed, the decision has been made in agreement with local councils not to make the new gantry a crossing point of the stream. This is because that without funding the new structure would again become an H & S risk and we could not expose users to this.

If you have any enquiries, please contact: Graeme Tuff - Swale Borough Council T: 01795 417127 E: [graemetuff@swale.gov.uk](mailto:graemetuff@swale.gov.uk) - Ben Conway - Environment Agency T: 01732 223151 E: [ben.conway@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:ben.conway@environment-agency.gov.uk)

## IWADE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Wednesday 11th June 2014

### Visitors/Public Time

•Visitors – The Chair advised that the Parish Council has been working with Persimmon; he believed Andrew Shankster, the Managing Director of Persimmon, is attending tonight's meeting and residents will be given the opportunity to raise questions.

•Community Warden (Nick Mayatt)/PCSO – Nick's report has been circulated to Members and contents noted. He has informed Swale Borough Council that the new burial ground is being used as a football ground. He has also spoken to Southern Water about the water in Grovehurst Road, near to the gateway entrance. The PCSO did not attend.

### Matters Arising from the Minutes

•Twinning – Cllr. Hyde suggested this is something the Parish Council can look at instigating in the next five years. Clerk to look at guidelines and report back; Graeme Horner kindly agreed to look into links with WW1.

•Persimmon Development – The Chairman welcomed Andrew Shankster, Persimmon's Managing Director, to the meeting and asked him if he wanted to give an update.

Mr. Shankster has now had a meeting with Swale's Enforcement Officer to discuss progression.

He referred to the drawings received at the last Parish Council meeting relating to Planning Conditions. They have met a number of the conditions and are in discussion with the Council regarding those outstanding; but SBC has been slow coming back to the company. He has asked Swale to discharge the conditions and reminded them that they have a period of time to either reject or confirm the details put before them. SBC have assured that they will but Mr. Shankster will keep on to them. He commented that SBC is aware of how the Parish Council feels about the issue and Persimmon want to get this resolved.

He mentioned the application as regards the sports facilities and SBC have asked them not to do this as they want to run through it before submission. The meeting with the Planning Officer has now taken place; he has resolved the plans for the pitches and the application is to be submitted. Mr. Shankster stated that he will work with the Parish Council to try and deliver what is needed as regards the football pitches. He confirmed that he will not object to the Village Hall being placed on the amenity area next to the Medical Centre, but added that Persimmon cannot provide this.

A resident referred to the playing field and asked when the facilities were going to be made available for the youths? Mr. Shankster stated that 30/35 houses are now occupied. He also referred to the complex drainage system beneath the field, which has had to be done because of flooding issues. By trying to keep traffic movements to a minimum

this has reduced the amount of earth being removed from the site; once the new road is in this will speed up things. Once completed, the new field will need about six weeks to settle before the local community can use it. He will try and put something together for the newsletter and will attempt to include some timescales.

He referred to the fencing problems in Springvale and headlights shining in peoples' gardens; he will set up a site meeting with the Parish Council to discuss this.

The Clerk referred to an e-mail received from a resident regarding work taking place outside of agreed hours; she will forward this to Mr. Shankster. Mr. Shankster advised that a special 'green netting' can be used to 'muffle' noise but this is not being erected because it can create noise in windy conditions, so instead of this he will have a permanent fence erected. A resident commented that the noise is 'unbelievable'. Mr. Shankster commented that he cannot change what has happened in the past but can try and change things now he is here. He agreed to have a look at properties affected in Springvale.

A gentleman mentioned the football pitches and their close proximity to houses; what size fencing will be put around them? Mr. Shankster replied that they layout of the field will be exactly the same as before and the planning consent will stipulate the size of the fences – this decision will be taken by SBC. He added that the public can gain access to the Planning Application and make an observation on it.

The Chair thanked him for his input and Mr. Shankster left the meeting.

### Countrystyle

Cllr. Mitchell and Borough Cllr. Stokes visited Countrystyle two weeks ago. Along the perimeter fence are perfume sprays which are supposed to be on 24 hours, 7 days a week, but this morning they were not on! Cllr. Mitchell will make periodic checks on this. They have fluid waste bunkers which do cause quite a lot of odour, but have now installed aerating machines in the bottom to stop the material becoming stagnant. 20% of the material is recycled as fertiliser, which will smell. The company is putting things in to improve and stop odours escaping from the site. Cllr. Mitchell asked if a strong smell comes from the site can they make a visit to see where it is coming from and the company agreed. The company will also inform the Parish Council when muck is being spread.

### White Van Complaints

Several reports have been received of a couple going through the village in a white van and stopping and going through people's rubbish. If this happens members of the public should report it to the PCSO.

**To see the minutes in full please go to [iwadevillage.co.uk](http://iwadevillage.co.uk)**