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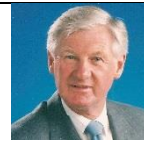
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# LPC NEWS MARCH 2015

## LPC NEWS

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Welcome to the Littlebourne Parish Council's quarterly newsletter. The aim is to let you know what your council is doing on your behalf and make you aware of various initiatives that might be of interest. Please remember to visit our website:

[www.littlebourne-parish-council.co.uk](http://www.littlebourne-parish-council.co.uk)

### Village Diary

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for;

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Littlebourne Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting, Littlebourne Village Hall

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 10am-12noon – Ladybirds Table top sale, Littlebourne Village Hall



**Youth Cricket Training** Any children welcome whatever their ability. Sessions will be as follows; 2pm – 3pm Under 11s (years 5 & 6 and anyone younger who feels that they would like to play hardball cricket this year) 3pm – 4pm Under 13s & U15s (year 7 & upward) Venue – Kent College Sports Hall Cost - £3 each Dates – Sundays 1<sup>st</sup> - to 22<sup>nd</sup> March (inclusive), 3<sup>rd</sup> April & 10<sup>th</sup> April Other Info – Please ensure your child is at the venue in plenty of time (at least 5 minutes before start time) and has a drink with them. Parents are not allowed to remain in the Sports Hall due to Health and Safety reasons. There is a very small viewing gallery however this does not fit many people. Further details from Paul Spratt Tel. 07885756061

### Recycle Bring sites

Canterbury City Council are to remove all glass and paper recycling units from the district. This includes the ones in Littlebourne, they are due to be removed by the end of March.

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### Wassailing Turners Orchard

This year's Wassailing was held in Turners Orchard on 17th January and a great time was had by all that came along! The tradition of **wassailing** falls into two distinct categories: The House-Visiting wassail and the Orchard-Visiting wassail. The Orchard-Visiting wassail refers to the ancient custom of visiting orchards in cider-producing regions of England, reciting incantations and singing to the trees to promote a good harvest for the coming year. Traditionally celebrated on Twelfth Night but not insist it is carried out on 'Old Twelvey night' which is 17<sup>th</sup> January as this would have been the correct night before the introduction of the Gregorian Calender in 1752.

**COURT & LIST MEADOWS, LITTLEBOURNE – ARE YOU ON THE LIST?** Will anyone in housing need now or in the near future, that is interested in Court or List Meadows please register your interest with LPC and CCC even if you do not fully meet the 10 years qualifying criteria. This will enable any future vacancies arising in these properties which cannot be filled by anyone meeting the full qualifying criteria to be offered to the applicant with the longest residence in Littlebourne. This will ensure vacancies can be filled quickly and fairly. Please contact the clerk on 01227 721500 or [clerk@littlebournepc.org](mailto:clerk@littlebournepc.org) for a local connection form.



Littlebourne Youth Group at Littlebourne Hall. Open 1<sup>st</sup> and third Monday of each month excluding School and Bank Holidays 7 – 9pm £1.50 registration to complete forms with parent/guardian and 50p per visit. Age 9 – 18 Lots going on do join us . Further information Tel. Laura 07914607145.

All Residents are invited to the  
Littlebourne Annual Parish meeting

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at the Littlebourne War Memorial  
Hall.

Refreshments from 7pm  
for a 7.30 pm start

Our Guest speaker will be Ray Evison Chairman of The  
Kent Association of Local Councils Canterbury Area  
Committee, who will talk about the role of Parish  
Councils.

Followed by short reports from the Parish Cllrs and your  
local organisations

#### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015

The following have declared their interest to stand for  
election;

**Cllr Mick Giles, current Vice Chairman** – I am actively  
involved in Flood prevention and the founder of the Lesser  
Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group involving 11  
Villages, all agencies and local authorities, we cover road &  
land drainage, sewerage as well as management of the  
river and the watercourses and other related issues. Also  
involved with Traffic and Road Safety, Village Charity  
Trustee, War Memorial Hall developments, Village  
Emergency Plan committee member, Village Hall, Car Park  
and Recreation Ground Security. An original Court  
Meadows & List Meadows steering group member and  
continually involved in monitoring the strict eligibility  
criteria to ensure that Court Meadows & List Meadows are  
only available to those applicants meeting a very strict  
Local Connection Criteria. Currently Chairman of  
Littlebourne Parish Council Community Fund, supporting  
fellow Councillors` in their work whenever I can. If re-  
elected I will use my efforts and experience to serve the  
residents of Littlebourne.

**Cllr Pamela Evans** - I have served as a Parish Councillor for  
the past four years with responsibility for the Barn and  
Heritage, Footpaths, Environment, Littlebourne Nature  
Reserves and Planning. I am also Chairman of the  
Littlebourne Nature Reserves, attend meetings of the  
Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group and  
I am involved with the committee that organises village  
events in Turner's Orchard. Currently I am part of a small  
group who are supporting Betty Jeffries in preparing her  
Littlebourne Heritage materials to make them more  
accessible for a wider audience. If elected I am happy to  
stand as a Parish Councillor for another four years.

**Brian Hurlow** – I have lived in the village since 1982, both  
of my children attended Littlebourne School via the  
playgroup and with the latter I was involved in setting up  
the new building in its early years. I also became a school  
governor. I am now a retired teacher, having taught at  
Simon Langton Boys Grammar School for 36 years, being  
Head of Department, School Union representative and in

the last 3 years a staff governor. I am a member of Polo  
farm sports club and play hockey regularly for one of the  
men's teams. I have a keen interest in village affairs.

**Cllr Mike Gallagher** - I have been privileged to serve on  
Littlebourne Parish Council since election in May 2010.  
Since then the Parish Council has fought to protect our  
Village from the worst effects of the financial cuts whilst  
trying to help improvements wherever possible. I have  
been a member of the Finance and Highways sub-  
committees and represented the Village in rigorous  
debates with both the District and County Councils. We  
have been able to secure concessions from both to meet  
the needs of Littlebourne. I represent the Village at KALC.  
Littlebourne was instrumental in setting up the A257  
Group which represents the views of us and our  
neighbouring villages with District and County Councillors  
and our two local MPs. The Parish Council has spent a lot  
of time on the application by Rydon Homes to build on The  
List and my involvement would continue if re-elected. On  
a pleasanter note I have been part of our Wimille Twinning  
Committee which gives opportunities for our Villagers,  
especially our Children, to get to appreciate both the  
differences and similarities between our two communities.  
This is important work for our future. I found in 2010 that  
there was a steep learning curve in order to represent the  
Village and fellow Parishioners effectively. I am offering  
myself for re-election to help continue the work of the last  
five years and ensure that Littlebourne's interests are best  
served.

**Cllr Cate Reid** - Having been brought up in London, my  
parents and I used to visit Whitstable every weekend, so I  
have always felt that I belonged to this part of Kent. I  
worked in London for many years in Insurance broking,  
then as PA to the Chairman of an international company,  
and later I worked for an American University in London,  
as Vice Chairman - Finance. When I moved to Kent in  
1988, I ran a restaurant for 12 years, followed by a News  
Agents for 8 years, moving to Littlebourne in 2006. I  
became involved with our War Memorial Hall when I took  
over as Bookings Secretary, which I still do, as well as being  
Chairman. Later, I became a Parish Councillor, and I have  
got to know many people here, which in turn means that I  
get people's views on village issues. I think it is so  
important to have this feedback. I feel strongly about  
keeping Littlebourne a village and NOT an extension or  
suburb of Canterbury. We have a great community spirit  
here, which is a really important part of living here. I hope  
to continue to serve the people in our lovely village.

**Sylvia Wilson** - I have lived in Littlebourne for many years,  
and now retired, wish to become more involved in the  
preservation and development of local amenities. I am  
married with 3 grown up children, 2 of whom attended  
the local Primary School. I have been involved in Primary  
Education as a Headteacher of 3 Kent schools and  
employed as a Local Education officer. This has given me  
experience in managing budgets and personnel. I have  
always strived to achieve the best outcomes for young  
children, but also feel that the housebound and elderly  
need our special attention. In this context, I have 2 dogs,  
one is a therapy dog that works with young children and

those suffering with dementia. Since my retirement, my  
aim has to become more involved with the community  
and now attend exercise classes in the hall, the local  
singing group and a book group. As a family we are  
interested in conservation and wildlife: and help with  
working parties and events in Turners' Orchard. I have also  
supported Littlebourne's twinning with Wimille. I would  
now like the opportunity to give time to work with the  
local councillors to preserve what makes Littlebourne such  
a special place to live.

**Melanie Moore** - Born and raised in the Cotswolds, one  
fateful evening I met my husband in The Anchor. It  
seemed inevitable that I would decide to move into  
Littlebourne with my daughter 7 years ago - the village is,  
and has been, home to a number of my extended family.  
The draw to this beautiful area must be in the blood as my  
husband's 9x great grandparents were married in St  
Vincent's in the 1600's! I run my own recruitment business  
in Canterbury and lecture at schools, colleges and  
universities; teaching skills in CV writing and interview  
techniques. I am passionate about helping young people  
find employment. I am the Chair of the East Kent CIPD  
Group (a professional organisation for HR professionals)  
and used to be Co-Chair of the PTFA at Wingham Primary  
School. Wherever I have lived I have always been  
involved in my community - believing in the strength of  
community and community spirit. I would relish the  
opportunity to work together to ensure that the spirit of  
Littlebourne continues and it remains a safe, clean and  
pleasant village to live in. **However it is still not too late to  
put yourself forward as a councillor, nomination forms  
will be available in April.**

#### Ladybirds table top sale

Ladybirds Pre-school are holding a table top sale in  
Littlebourne village hall on the 10th May 10am-12.  
We would love as many local people to come and  
support our event as well as grab yourself a bargain  
or two! As well as tables to buy from we will also be  
selling hot and cold drinks and sausage or bacon  
rolls! If you would like to rent a table to sell your  
own bits please contact Laura on 07817966547. All  
money raised will go to ladybirds Pre-school. We  
look forward to seeing you there!



We also have some places still available for more  
details contact Ladybirds on 722955.

#### Millennium Award 2015

Since 2000 the council has sought to recognise that special  
someone who goes the extra mile, or who cares for the  
people and the environment, or who has made a  
difference to the community through a project or work  
undertaken. Congratulations to the following who have  
been nominated by residents and parish Cllrs to receive  
the Millennium Award for 2015. They would all be worthy  
recipients, and are in no particular order:

**Mrs Evelyn Clayson** – she has great pride in her work in all  
weathers, she not only looks after the environment but  
also people who need a little TLC.

**David and Jean Smith** – for a shared award for all they do  
for the older people of the village, David for his NHW work  
and Jean for her efforts towards village activities.  
**Paul Spratt** – for everything he does for the cricket club,  
both seniors & juniors, all the funding sought to improve  
facilities and creating a better social aspect to the club.  
**Peter Terrill** – for his long term support and management  
chairing the 4 Villages Community Shop for many years.

The winner will be announced at our APM on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

#### Future of Littlebourne Barn

The future of The Barn is uncertain at present, CCC  
approached LPC to take over ownership and  
management, however this is not something the PC  
is willing to take on. We will keep you updated...

#### Church Flower Arrangers



Many Church Flower Arrangers are aware that a  
majority of the Foliage plants that have been planted  
in the copse are for their benefit. You are most  
welcome to use whatever you need, but please  
follow Flower Arrangers Code in caring for the plants  
you cut. The later additions will need some time to  
mature before cutting. We hope this beautiful  
display of foliage, will serve not only to enhance the  
village but the Church as well. Cllr. Viv Spratt MBE

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