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 10th June, 15th July, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.

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We do carry one vacancy; anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the clerk or Chairman for further details.

LPC NEWS JUNE 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

Village Diary

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for;

6th June – Cream Tea Afternoon WMH 2pm (held by Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion)

21st June – Summer Solstice BBQ Turners Orchard
 4.30-8.30pm



'Freeman of Littlebourne'

Chairman Cllr Viv Spratt presenting Cllr Betty Jeffries with a scroll giving her freedom of Littlebourne on her retirement after serving on The Parish Council for 45 years. Betty was previously chair of the parish council and was part of the team who started the community shop. She has a lifelong collection of village history that is now being collated into a collection and will be available at a later date to view through the heritage group. Betty has a great interest in the environment and has been greatly involved in our local nature reserve.

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Wimille Twinning Walk

In April Littlebourne hosted a group of visitors from our Twin Town of Wimille in France. They all enjoyed lunch at the Fitzwalter Arms then an afternoon walk, finishing off with tea and cake in the WMH.

Defibrillator installed on WMH



LPC have now installed a Defibrillator to the rear of the hall. A RAMP funding grant from Canterbury City Council and a grant from the 4VPO assisted with the purchase of this life saving equipment.

This equipment can be used by anyone and is designed not to shock the patient unless a shock is required. This cabinet can be accessed with a 6 digit code, which is displayed on the unit and will also be given upon dialling 999.

LPC now have the go ahead to remove the London Plane Tree outside the shop, the root structure of this tree is already causing hazards where it is raising the paved areas around it. There are also concerns for the proximity to the hall and shop. A more suitable tree will be planted in its place.

Proposed Developments in Littlebourne: Where we go next

On Wednesday 13 May the new Parish Council met for the first time and we had the pleasure of welcoming our three new Councillors as well as our new City Councillor, Stuart Walker. Stuart represents a larger area than previously since Adisham has now been added to Little Stour so he has more problems and opportunities to be addressed.

LPC took the opportunity to indicate our feelings about the proposed developments in our Village. We briefly summarised our Parishioners' views about the Rydon Outline proposal to build 87 houses and a Surgery on The List. We told him that in 2012 survey of Villagers 75% recorded their wish to reject the development and that this site was not included in the Draft Local Plan. Rydon then went ahead very late last year with an outline plan submission and 92 comments were sent from the Villagers to Canterbury City Council of which 89 recommended rejection.

We also mentioned the revision to the original Surgery application for Court Hill submitted by Messrs Cardy. The original plan was agreed by CCC sometime ago but needed to be modified to incorporate additional housing to make up for the lack of NHS funding. We pointed out that both Dr Jones and his colleagues and the Parish Council supported this application. Both of these schemes are currently waiting for a decision from the new City Council. Stuart is now fully briefed.



Stuart can be contacted on 01304 841068 or 07889 249507

Millennium Award Winners 2015

Congratulations to David & Jean Smith who won this year's 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. Their names will be added to the Millennium Board inside the hall.

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

LPC was pleased to see the install of these new items onto the Recreation ground in May. It is hoped they will be as well used as the other items. Thanks to Canterbury City Council for their grant towards the cost of these new items.



The team swing and springer's are ready for action!



Speedwatch in Littlebourne

Littlebourne has a small pool of volunteers that carry out Speedwatch sessions along the A257. They use our Speed Monitor at various points in the Village to record speeds and car details. This information is then passed on to the Police and warning letters are issued to repeat offenders and those driving at excessive speeds. In the Kent statistics for 2014 Littlebourne ranked second behind East Farleigh as 11.8% of speeding vehicles were 'High-end' (50+% offenders). If you would like to become part of the Speedwatch team please contact Cllr Cate Reid on 01227 721831.

Farewell

A fond farewell was said to Viv Spratt, Betty Jeffries, Geof Welch and Geoffrey Barrett who all stood down from the Parish Council at this election. They deserve a huge thank you for all their time and hard work put into making Littlebourne a great place to live. Viv Spratt will now be replaced at the helm by Cllr Mike Gallagher who was elected as Chairman on 13th May.

A hard act to follow.....

Viv(ienne) Spratt MBE retired from the Parish Council last Wednesday after 13 years as a Councillor, of which ten were as Chairman. That record of service would be great as it is without all of the other tasks that she undertook during that time as well. She

restarted the Youth Group, helped to get the Children's Centre located in a new building next to the School and then, when that closed, fought to get the Ladybirds Group relocated into that building. She set great store in the appearance of the Village and was responsible for guiding the planting of trees and flowers along the High Street side of the Recreation Ground and around the War Memorial Hall, as well as the planters on the kerb extensions down The Hill. She also started the popular Village hanging basket competition. Viv actively supported many groups in the Village and, when funds were more plentiful, helped to steer them towards better financial futures.

She also believed fervently in the need to reach out to the outside world and was instrumental in creating our Twinning Link with Wimille. This work meant many hours spent in and out of the Hall, on the Recreation Ground and around the Village planning, organising and finally carrying through the events around the visits of our French friends to Littlebourne as well as our visits to France.

Whatever Viv set her hand to worked and did so for the benefit of the Villagers and the Village. That was her aim as Chairman and that will also be my aim, but as it says at the top – she will be a hard act to follow! Thank you Viv, we are very much in your debt.

Cllr Mike Gallagher

Wimille Twinning – what does it mean?

Antoine Logié, Maire of Wimille, said at one of our earlier gatherings that it is important for us to give our children and young people the opportunity to visit each other's countries so that we can begin to understand each other's point of view.

If we can begin to do that we will see the fear that all countries have of the foreigner begin to disappear. That will mean that there is less chance of misunderstanding people's actions and eventually will reduce the chance of conflict between us. It is interesting, how similar our sense of humour can be at times and laughing at something funny together helps us to form a bond between peoples.

Older people find that more difficult because they are used to looking at the world through different eyes, but seeing small children playing or making something together quite often without understanding a word that each is saying is a truly revealing experience.

We are going to carry on organising exchanges and providing opportunities for ordinary folk to meet and experience showing off our own Village and our way of life

and in turn seeing and feeling a slice of French life. Both places and countries will be better off for it.



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